

Washington-Rochambeau

Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail



July 2015 Highlights



Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route NHT Banner on Second Street in Philadelphia

A Fond Adieu to the Hermione

The Hermione sailed up the eastern seaboard after its June 5, 2015 arrival in Yorktown. Many came to view and board her and participate in a range of pier-side activities cultural events, exhibitions, and educational programs that celebrate the trip. The National Parks, especially those with a revolutionary story, provided support and joined in the portside activities. We reached many new audiences and told them about our National Parks and Programs, the NPS Centennial, the NHT and the many outstanding natural and cultural resources along the way. We appreciate the great job done by the NPS staff that came out and helped visitors “Find Your Park” and learn about the NHT. Click on the following links **in bold** to see local news clips.

JUNE

June 5, 6, 7-Yorktown, VA

June 10, 11, 12-Alexandria, VA (city dock)

June 16, 17-Annapolis, MD (city dock)

June 19, 20, 21-Baltimore, MD

June 25, 26, 27, 28-Philadelphia, PA (with Tall Ships America/
Independence Seaport)

JULY

**July 1, 2, 3, 4-New York, NY (with educational ships from
U.S. east coast)**

July 6, 7-Greenport, NY (with Tall Ships America)

**July 8, 9-Newport, RI (with Oliver Hazard Perry
– Fort Adams)**

July 11, 12-Boston, MA – (Rowe’s Wharf)

July 14, 15-Castine, ME

July 18-Lunenburg, Nova Scotia



Joan Furnari, NPS ranger and French Interpreter, Acadia NP and Jessica Dumas, NPS ranger and interpreter from St Croix Island IHS greeting people at the Hermione's July 15 in Castine Maine

The NPS, W3R-US and Friends of the Hermione are partners

The National Park Service (NPS) and the Washington Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail Association (W3R-US) have joined the Friends of the Hermione-Lafayette in America, Inc. (FOHLA) as supporting partners. The Hermione has completed its historic North American voyage and we are now looking at lasting aspect of the ship's educational mission and the partnership between Friends of Hermione-Lafayette in America and the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route. Ursula Reed was elected Chair of the board of W3R-US in 2013 and to a second two-year term on June 25, 2015 at the group's Annual Meeting in Philadelphia. See this interview with Ursula, who was joined by Dr. Robert A. Selig at <http://hermione2015.com/blog/a-talk-with-ursula-reed-chair-washington-rochambeau-revolutionary-route-and-dr-robert-selig-historian-w3r-us/>

The Logo is Official

The official NHT logo appeared in the federal register on Tuesday July 14, 2015. Here's an article about it and a great video about Yorktown: <http://www.examiner.com/article/nps-trail-news-insignia-official-council-members-sought>



New York Outdoor Wayside Exhibits

The outdoor wayside exhibits for fifteen sites in New York selected as destinations for the Washington-Rochambeau NHT are in fabrication. **Our contractor will be shipping on August 20th and you should receive yours by August 27th!** Our Harpers Ferry Center is providing us with technical assistance and managing this project for us. We are also making arrangements to have a New York brochure focusing on the Washington- Rochambeau NHT and the fifteen destinations in New York. This partnership project in New York will be a prototype for wayside exhibits along the entire Washington-Rochambeau NHT.

National Park Service Awards \$1.19 Million in Battlefield Planning Grants

\$1.19 million in fiscal year 2015 American Battlefield Protection grants to research, document, or interpret dozens of significant American battlefields were awarded. Awards were given to projects in 16 states entailing archeology, mapping, cultural resource survey work, documentation, planning, education, and interpretation. Revolutionary projects related to the NHT include Fort Lee, New Jersey, New York Revolutionary War battle sites, Chester County, Pennsylvania, British ships sunk off Yorktown and Gloucester Point Virginia and the Battle of Rhode Island. More information about the American Battlefield Protection Program Battlefield Planning Grants is available online at: <http://www.nps.gov/abpp/grants/planninggrants.htm>

Bridgewater Township, N.J. Begins Project to Mark the NHT

New Jersey has a rich history based on the Revolutionary War and is known as the Crossroads of the American Revolution. Bridgewater Township is doing their part to make this rich history more widely known to their residents. On August 30, 1781, French General comte de Rochambeau led 5,500 French troops from Bullion's Tavern in Liberty Corner, N.J. through Bridgewater to the Somerset Courthouse in Millstone, NJ. Life Scout, Christopher Solan of Boy Scout Troop 84 in Somerville NJ, has begun a project to mark the route that Rochambeau and his men took through Bridgewater on their way to the Battle of Yorktown. The project has been commissioned by the Township of Bridgewater, with chief sponsor, Mr. Chip Mills, of the Bridgewater Township Engineering Department. Stay tuned for a follow up!

Maryland Trails Coordination

On July 23, Robert Reyes of W3R-US and MD, convened a group to discuss the future of Revolutionary Trails in MD in Baltimore. David A. Lange, Chief of the NPS Northeast Region Rivers, Trails & Conservation Assistance Program, facilitated the discussion. We will soon prepare a summary and follow up on the discussions.

Biking Connecticut

On Sunday, August 16th, Stephen Shaw (Sons of the American Revolution/Society of the Cincinnati) and Sal Lilienthal (Director/Owner, Bicycle Tour Company) are cycling W3R across Connecticut from Sterling to Ridgefield, 118 miles to promote the Washington-Rochambeau National Historic Trail.

Treaty of Paris Festival in Annapolis, MD

The 2015 National Treaty of Paris Festival will take place on Friday and Saturday, September 11-12, with the theme, “Alexander Hamilton: George Washington’s Indispensable Partner.” Join us for morning, afternoon and evening events at the Maryland Inn, the Maryland State House, the Chase-Lloyd House, the John Callahan House, the Brice House, St. John’s College and the Annapolis Collection Gallery. For more information on all of our activities, please go to: www.treatyofpariscenter.org

7th Annual W3R® Celebration and Free Ice Cream Social Marcus Hook, PA

Marcus Hook Preservation Society and the Washington – Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail Association cordially invite you to the 7th Annual W3R® Celebration and Free Ice Cream Social Saturday, September 5, 2015. Festivities begin at the Historic Plank House at 12:30PM, 221 Market Street, Marcus Hook, Pennsylvania . Mr. B. David Emerson will present “Washington’s interactions with Rochambeau” followed by a FREE ice cream social.

Read the Revolution

The Museum of the American Revolution issues Read the Revolution, a biweekly newsletter to inspire learning about the history of the American Revolution and its ongoing relevance. In the summer of 1781, General George Washington faced a crossroads. The Continental Army’s resources were depleted; its soldiers disheartened. Two options lay before Washington: attempt to reclaim New York, or head south to defeat a British stronghold in Yorktown. Jack Kelly’s book *Band of Giants* describes the circumstances surrounding Washington’s important decision to march his troops to Virginia. The successful Siege of Yorktown would break Britain’s will to continue the war, although it would be two more years until the final peace treaty was signed. To subscribe to Read the Revolution, visit <http://amrevmuseum.org/read-the-revolution>. To learn more about the Museum’s progress and plans for a national museum in Philadelphia that will tell the complete story of the Revolution, visit <https://www.amrevmuseum.org/>.

Have a great idea for a project and need some matching funds?

The **application period** for the FY 2016 NPS Conservation and Outdoor Recreation Challenge Cost Share program is **July 1, 2015 through August 31, 2015**. Challenge Cost Share projects are as diverse as our national parks. This year we are looking for projects that serve parks and promote bold innovation in one or more of three thematic categories ; Urban Outreach, Youth Engagement and Connecting People to the Outdoors. Applications are submitted by NPS staff in collaboration with project partners. NPS staff will submit the online application and the NPS partner will receive the funds for the proposed project. NPS administered areas including National Parks, National Trails, and Wild and Scenic Rivers are ineligible. The online application and additional information is available at: <http://www.nps.gov/nrcr/programs/ccsp/>.

Find Your Park (or your Trail, River, Heritage Area...)

In advance of next year's National Park Service Centennial, the Park Service (<http://www.nps.gov/index.htm>) and the National Park Foundation (<http://www.nationalparks.org/>) kicked off a nationwide campaign to encourage people to learn about and connect with the 407 national parks by launching a one-of-a-kind interactive installation that invites them to share their stories about their favorite parks and discover new parks and public lands they might want to visit. This marks the beginning of the Find Your Park campaign to educate people about and connect them to their national parks in preparation for next year's National Park Service Centennial celebration. See more here: <http://www.findyourpark.com/>.

About the National Park Service

More than 20,000 National Park Service employees help care for America's National Parks, Heritage Areas, Trails, Wild & Scenic Rivers, and other affiliated, related areas and programs. They work with communities across the nation to preserve natural resources and our shared cultural heritage and to create close-to-home recreational and educational opportunities. Visit us at www.nps.gov, on Facebook www.facebook.com/nationalparkservice, Twitter www.twitter.com/natlparkservice, and YouTube www.youtube.com/nationalparkservice



Superintendent Joe DiBello and Jennifer Flynn, Acting Superintendent of Colonial National Historical Park, standing beside the new wayside dedicated on June 5th on the Yorktown, Virginia waterfront.