

**Washington-Rochambeau Monday Morning Report**  
**The Yorktown Campaign**  
**November 8, 2004**

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**Good Morning. Bonjour, All,**

2005 calendars in every shape, size, color and design are now spilling over the shelves of every bookstore, drugstore, dollar store and department store, and tumbling out of mailboxes. We hope that among the first dates you will enter in your shiny new 2005 calendar are the following W3R events:

**April 22-24, 2005 National W3R-US meeting Wilmington, Delaware**  
**July 8-10, 2005 225<sup>th</sup> Kickoff Celebration, Newport, Rhode Island**  
**October 2-3, 2005 225<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Weekend, Lebanon, CT**

Note: Dates for 2005 Regional Meetings will be determined at the April meeting.

If your new calendar has 2006 pages, be sure to circle **October 19-22, 2006**, the Grand Finale of the 225th Anniversary at Yorktown, Virginia.

As you begin to think about New Year's Resolutions we ask that you keep W3R's major goals in mind.

- ℞• HR2237
- ℞• To have a date for each state's 225<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration on or before Easter, 2005 locked in place and posted on the reenactors' calendars.
- ℞• To have all 9 state's Selig reports completed no later than Dec 31, 2005.
- ℞• To have each of the 9 states get their section of the W3R shown on an official state or county land use map by April 15, 2005.
- ℞• To have a coordinated set of interpretive panels and auto route markers developed by each state along the route and installed by that individual state no later than April 15, 2006.
- ℞• To focus on public outreach to families of k-12 students and scouts, with a particular emphasis on 4<sup>th</sup> graders, as our target market.
- ℞• To exist as a sustainable and well-respected organization long after October 2006.

We so much enjoy meeting with you, hearing the excitement and anticipation in your voices, and learning about your local projects. We feel great pride in you as each state's baby steps turn into steady strides towards these overarching goals.

Please do keep sending us your calendar events and progress reports, queries and comments. Maintaining steady contact helps each statewide learn and grow and ultimately succeed. Our next Monday Morning Report is slated for Monday, November 22.

For your information. Our W3R-USA treasurer's report shows a balance of \$1,205 total.

One For All and All For One.

E Pluribus Unum.

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Kim Burdick

### **A Note From Dr. Bossiere**

Bravo again, dear Kim, for the last Monday Morning Report, a gold mine!

We (I include J.de Trentinian who gets it) send the most interesting news from the Monday Morning Reports to members of our French National Committee.

I was prevented to go back to you right away. First, your White Paper is well written. (See attachment) It could serve for general use, especially to hand out to people who do not have a computer.

*(See attachment to this Monday Morning Report)*

I hope the new contacts with the head of the Center of Military History and the Naval Historical Center will bear fruit. I guess you must be terribly excited! Admiral Lunney may know Michael J. Crawford.

I expect to land in the States on December 3, staying until Jan. 3. It would be good to meet at one point or another.

Bien amicalement.

JPB

### **A Message From Crabby Appleton**

#### **Eight Weeks To Count Down- 2004 Goal-Nine W3R -Statewides**

If your state is one of the three slacker states, please, take a risk. Stick out your neck. Invite some people for coffee at Mickey D's today. You all know the W3R goals and their deadlines! (See Page 1) and you each know at least a few local community leaders. A viable W3R-statewide task force, including a representative from your SHPO's office, tourism bureau, and local movers & shakers, needs to be established in each state no later than December 31, 2004.

Quit being so polite. It doesn't matter WHO calls this meeting. Just do it. TODAY. We trust you to grab the W3R bull by the horns. Nobody will feel sorry for you if your state misses the 225<sup>th</sup>.

Kim is not your mother and she will *not* do this for you. She will supply you with the contact info we have for people in your state and related materials. Begin as a small group, appoint an Interim Chairman and committee from the most obviously competent and enthusiastic people who show up at your statewide meeting. Based on the recommendations of those who attend your initial meeting add more members at the next meeting.

Quit whining. Pick a date and make some phone calls. You will be amazed what will happen and how much fun you will have--if you just call your dream team to help you.

Love From,  
Crabby Appleton

### **U.S. Army & Navy Join W3R -US Team**

Dear Kim,

Glenn Williams and I will be working on the WR3 commemorative issues for Center of Military History. We are working to publish Bob Selig's booklet. That decision was made because it will have a distinctly operational flavor useful for the professional development of serving officers as it will discuss how two commanders overcame logistical and operational challenges to produce a decisive victory. That is our basic mandate from DoD.

Please feel free to contact me in the future. We look forward to shepherding the WR3 booklet to completion!

Sincerely,

LTC Mark Reardon  
U.S. Army Center of Military History  
Fort McNair, DC

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Dear Mrs. Burdick:

Thank you for the information you sent me about plans to commemorate the 225th anniversary of the Yorktown campaign. I am pleased to learn that there is such a dynamic group of people working on the preparations to mark the anniversary of that landmark event in our nation's history. I would be happy to talk with you and explore any suggestions you might have for an appropriate participation of the Naval Historical Center in that commemoration.

It would certainly be proper for the commemoration to acknowledge the roles of the Continental and State navies, as well as those of France and her allies, in the securing of American independence.

In terms of possible collaboration, I believe that the Early History Branch of the Naval Historical Center would be able to provide some text relating to the naval aspects of the American Revolution in general and to the Yorktown campaign in particular, or at least to review any such text for historical accuracy and balance, for the proposed traveling exhibit and brochure, and perhaps suggest artwork and artifacts for illustrations. The Center would not be able to offer any funding support.

Sincerely,

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## News From the States

### Rhode Island

Roseanna has updated the information for the W3R-US website and will send the update to webmaster Dominique de Roquefeuil. Helen Allen is reaching out for help to reprint the Rice/Brown Rochambeau map volumes. [roseannagorham@cox.net](mailto:roseannagorham@cox.net), and [Slater1930@aol.com](mailto:Slater1930@aol.com)

### Massachusetts

All are invited to attend the Dec 5<sup>th</sup>, 11:00am, Memorial Ceremony at the monument commemorating the 54<sup>th</sup> camp site of the Rochambeau troops in Dedham, Massachusetts on Dec 2-5, 1782.

### Connecticut

*En Avant*, The Connecticut W3R Guide book and the *Lanzun in Lebanon* book will be dedicated on Saturday November 20, 2004 at 4:00 pm-6:00 pm at the Lebanon, CT Historical Society. All are invited. Contact Serge Gabriel at [sergegg@juno.com](mailto:sergegg@juno.com)

### New York

No Report

### New Jersey

Bob Selig begins his research on the Historical and Architectural Site Survey and Resource Inventory of the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route in New Jersey today. Contact Carl Nittinger, W3R-NJ at [cnittinger@DCA.state.nj.us](mailto:cnittinger@DCA.state.nj.us)

### Pennsylvania

Lee Patrick Anderson invites everyone to the 18<sup>th</sup> Century 12<sup>th</sup> Night Festival at Fort Mifflin. Contact Lee at [lee\\_anderson@juno.com](mailto:lee_anderson@juno.com)

### Delaware

#### Open Note To Reenactors:

**Please Put Delaware On Your Calendars For September 29-October 1, 2006. Thanks!**

W3R-Delaware held their second annual statewide board meeting Friday November 5. The following statewide board members were elected for a second term, Ray Hester, Evelyn Swensson, David Menser and Bayard Marin. Bobbi Britton was elected to fill out unexpired term of Mary Fooks Davis. Budget proposals for each task force are due no later than December 31, 2004.

It was decided to focus on an enlarged "Hike the Pike" September 28-October 1, 2006, rather than do one in fall 2005. The Sign Guys Task Force has marked the New Castle County map with the locations for our W3R interpretive panels, kiosks and auto route markers and also has prepared a written site list. Ralph Nelson has begun composing suggested text for each panel. Task Force Chairman, Frank Ianni has secured permission from Russ McCabe to attach small W3R logos to poles of existing state historic markers to eliminate sign clutter. Bobbi Britton has been working

on coordinating some of the funding. Deb Martin is checking on land ownership of the pilot project sign location near the Grand Opera House.

Getting the *Billy Lee's George Washington* musical funded and publicized will be our major focus for fiscal year 2004-2005. Saundra Chapman, of the Delaware DAR will join this task force.

## Maryland

Kim:

When listing W3R happenings in Maryland for your Monday Morning Reports, please always mention that the "Marching to Victory W3R Guide" is available through Typestyles. I will ask Beth Daniels to send you the cover and the current price for the Guide so people out there are aware.

Robert Reyes, Maryland

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Kim,

Per Robert Reyes' request, attached is a JPG, small version of the "Marching to Victory" guide cover. It is available for purchase by contacting:

TYPEStyles  
410-465-7878  
info@typestylesdp.com

Thanks.

Beth Daniel, Maryland

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Dear Friends:

I read this article in the Lawrence Eagle-Tribune yesterday, Sun.,10/31/04 about a Revolutionary War re-enactor Robert Allegretto and thought you may be interested in checking it out and reading it also. Lawrence is 25 miles northwest of Boston, Mass. where I have been visiting a friend for the last week. Article is at: [http://www.eagletribune.com/news/stories/20041031/LN\\_002.htm](http://www.eagletribune.com/news/stories/20041031/LN_002.htm)

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## Virginia

I was over at the Virginia Historical Society earlier this week and I found a 10 page report from 1972 documenting what the Virginia Independence Bicentennial Commission proposed to do for the Bicentennial. I made a photocopy and did not know if you or anyone else would want a copy.

It is just a proposal, so many of the things listed may have never been accomplished, but does list the

people and organizations involved with the project. The final report and the papers associated with the commission are at the Library of Virginia, which we both knew already.

Scott

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## Re-enactors Corner



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September 16, 2004

Dear W3R Colleagues:

When I attended the founding meeting of the Washington Rochambeau Revolutionary Route in Newburgh, New York back in 1999 I did so with recollections of the past and a vision for the future. I was a member of the *Brigade of the American Revolution* during the American Bicentennial and traveled up and down the east coast of the United States and Canada participating in scores of living history functions. Little did I know then that today I would be representing the *Brigade* in the W3R.

The *Brigade* is a non-for-profit living history association dedicated to recreating the life and times of the common soldiers of the American War for Independence. It's nearly 3000 members are organized into over 130 groups and represent elements of all the armies then involved: Continental, British, French, German, Spanish and Native American forces plus civilians. Since 1962 the *Brigade* is unsurpassed in the production of quality educational living history programs. It has participated in hundreds of pageants, commemorations and recreations. Just as it had the premier role during America's bicentennial, the *Brigade* is deeply involved in the current 225th anniversary of the American Revolution, having to date conducted over 25 major celebratory functions. As the *Brigade* continues to plan its calendar of events for the next several years we wish to include in our calendar activities that honor and bring to life the armies of Washington and Rochambeau in that great, final campaign of the American Revolution.

The *Brigade* is now planning its 2005 through 2007 calendars and it is proposing to conduct at least one event in each state encompassing the W3R during those years including the kick off and finale celebrations. As a member of the W3R, I serve as your point of contact to the *Brigade* and I am eager to field your proposals and to secure commitments for *Brigade* participation at your functions. Time

is of the essence. We foresee the living history community to be in high demand in these next few years and advance scheduling will be key in making successful events.

Please feel free to contact me to begin the process of securing *Brigade* participation in your programs. The *Brigade* will work with you in planning your activities, drawing upon its 42 years of experience as the nation's premier Revolutionary War living history association.

Sincerely,  
Paul Ackermann, BAR Past Commander  
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### **Open Note To Reenactors:**

**Reenactors, Please Put Delaware On Your Calendars For September 29-October 1, 2006.  
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### **Connecticut Re-enactment Planned For Fall 2005**

**October 1-2, 2005  
LEBANON, CT  
REVOLUTIONARY WAR ENCAMPMENT  
On the  
HISTORIC LEBANON GREEN**

Over 400++ Living History Reenactors expected from all over the Colonies!

Special events will include: special tributes and commemorations to the French Troops that camped in Lebanon in 1780-1781, military and cavalry drills, staged tacticals, cannon demonstrations, colonial music, historical vignettes including the buzz about Benedict Arnold's treason and Major Andre's hanging, Period Fashion show, Historic House Museum Tours, and much-much more!

A KEY feature of this event will be a specially designated area that will feature towns on the Washington-Rochambeau Heritage Trail. Displays will be set up about their historic sites and special events in 2006!

~The event is being sponsored by The 6<sup>th</sup> Connecticut Regiment of the Continental Line with support from the CCMA, The Town of Lebanon, The Society of the Cincinnati. Lebanon Historical Society and the CT Washington-Rochambeau Heritage Trail Commission~

Contact: Luise Craige, Encampment Coordinator  
[laundress6CR@aol.com](mailto:laundress6CR@aol.com), or phone 860-961-9669

A Preview School Children Program will be conducted on Friday 9/30-reserve your space now!  
~Pre-registration required of all reenactment units~

### **Threatened Sites Report**

**Option to raze the Rochambeau rankles some**  
by Edward Gunts, forwarded by Duane Tressler, Maryland

October 18, 2004

For the sake of preserving history, is a property owner ever justified in destroying history?

That question comes up with increasing frequency in preservation circles, as cities evolve and experts struggle to assign value to successive layers of the built environment.

The Archdiocese Of Baltimore is the latest local building owner to raise the issue, as it attempts to decide whether to demolish a 98-year-old apartment building as part of a larger effort to restore the nearby Basilica of the Assumption.

The Rochambeau, a seven-story building at 1 W. Franklin St., is the endangered structure. Named after Jean B. de Rochambeau, a French commander whose troops camped on the site during the Revolutionary War, the Renaissance Revival building was designed in 1905 by the noted architect Edward Hughes Glidden and opened a year later. Its fate has become a source of concern to local preservationists, who say it should be saved at all costs.

Former state Sen. Julian L. Lapidés, the president of Baltimore Heritage, the city's oldest preservation advocacy group, said his organization will convene a summit of federal, state and local experts to explore ways to preserve the building.

"We think it's a great building, and we think it's economically viable" to preserve, he said. "It would be a travesty to tear it down."

"It doesn't make sense to say that the Rochambeau couldn't be successfully rehabilitated, when so many similar Baltimore buildings have been," said John Maclay, a past president of Baltimore Heritage.

Representatives for the archdiocese, which owns the 54-unit apartment building through a subsidiary, said demolishing the building is one of several options under study, and that its leaders are open to suggestions.

As part of the decision-making process, they are meeting with community groups, including Baltimore Heritage, and have asked two respected developers to look at the building and make recommendations.

Leasing is on hold, and the building will be vacant by the end of this month and will remain so until its fate is determined.

The Rochambeau is "somewhat of a discordant element in the vision that we have in our minds" for redeveloping the area around the basilica, said Robert Minutoli, an executive vice president of the Rouse Co. and chairman of the archdiocese's building committee. At this point, "we don't believe it's economically feasible to do anything with it. Between what we have in it and what we would have to put into it, it wouldn't be workable."

At the same time, "we don't have a particular desire to spend a couple million dollars to take the building down, either," Minutoli said. "If there is a way we can keep the building in use for some time, we'll try to make it work."

One West Franklin LLC acquired the Rochambeau in 2001 for \$3.5 million in conjunction with the plan to restore and modernize the basilica and improve the area around it.

The basilica will be closed from Nov. 22 to fall 2006 so reconstruction work can proceed there. A separate group, the Basilica of the Assumption Historic Trust, is guiding that effort.

Besides restoring the basilica, the archdiocese and historical trust are developing a long-range master plan for improving the rest of the area bounded by Cathedral, Mulberry, Charles and Franklin streets. Ideas include a pilgrimage center, a museum of American Catholicism and underground parking for up to 600 cars.

The archdiocese has not released plans for the additions, but planners acknowledge that they most likely would be constructed along the south side of Franklin Street, between Cathedral and Charles streets, in place of the buildings there now.

Besides the Rochambeau, the Franklin Street buildings include several structures occupied by Associated Catholic Charities, including Our Daily Bread soup kitchen. The archdiocese acquired the Rochambeau when it did, Minutoli said, because church leaders wanted control of the entire block.

The archdiocese and the historic trust first publicly discussed the idea of razing the Rochambeau in 2002. At that time, representatives indicated that the apartment house might be torn down to open up views of the basilica from the north. Preservationists complained, and the archdiocese never sought permission to demolish the building. To the contrary, One West Franklin LLC contracted with a local management firm to lease and maintain the building - a sign that demolition wasn't imminent.

The issue came up again this fall because the leasing efforts did not go as smoothly as the owners expected.

According to Minutoli, the building began to appear on the police docket as a site of criminal activity. In addition, the managers failed to pay real estate taxes on time one year, and the building was included in the city's annual tax-lien sale. After that, city inspectors toured the building and ordered improvements to the interior and exterior that could cost hundreds of thousands of dollars.

In light of those developments, Minutoli said, the archdiocese parted company with the management firm and decided to clear out the building until it decides whether to fix it up and lease it again, "mothball" it, or tear it down.

He said the archdiocese might be willing to lease the building on a long-term basis to a third party, which might then fix it up and fill it with tenants. He said the two firms that have asked to look at the building so far are Southern Management and Struever Bros. Eccles & Rouse, and that he is waiting to hear back from them.

Preservation advocates point out that many other older buildings downtown have been renovated for residential use, including the Standard, the Munsey and the Stafford, a 12-story building at 716 N. Charles St. where low-income tenants this year were replaced by Johns Hopkins University students.

If the archdiocese argues that saving the Rochambeau is economically infeasible, Maclay said, "preservationists are prepared to demonstrate the reverse, based on the many recent successful renovations of comparable buildings" nearby.

Minutoli said he's "agnostic" when it comes to preservation matters. But for the good of the archdiocese, he said, any proposal that involves keeping the Rochambeau standing must be coupled with a sound financial plan. "What we would want to hear someone say is 'we'll make it economically feasible,'" he said. "Money talks. Everything else is philosophical."

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