

**Monday Morning Report**  
**Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route**  
**The Yorktown Campaign**

**December 6, 2004**

**We Need Your Help.**

**There Is One Task Remaining From the Original Legislation: (PL 106-473).  
Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Heritage Act of 2000**

Good Morning, Bonjour All,

Thank goodness the elections are finally over. Now Congress is getting serious about 225<sup>th</sup> legislation and rebuilding bridges. Halleluiah. HR 2237 was folded into the Omnibus bill and has been passed. See page 2.

This newly passed legislation gives W3R-USA some added credibility as we go about our little projects but does not throw any money in our direction or change our tasks. We remain the same emerging nonprofit as always and our major task this week relates to an earlier piece of legislation, The Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Heritage Act of 2000 (PL 106-473).

W3R-USA members MUST respond BEFORE CHRISTMAS to the request from NPS for our choice of Proposed Management Alternatives. This public input is a required step that NPS must go through to polish off the Special Resource Study that was authorized by the older piece of legislation, The Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Heritage Act of 2000 (PL 106-473).

You can read the complete verbiage for these proposed management alternatives NPS Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route Newsletter dated Summer 2004. Check your files for "the pink newsletter" handed out at the New England Regional Meeting at Wethersfield or received by mail from NPS. Also check out [www.nps.gov/boso/w-r](http://www.nps.gov/boso/w-r).

Please e-mail Kim, Vicki Sandstead and/or Larry Gall your choice this week. NPS would like to complete the public input period no later than Christmas.

The gist of these management alternatives are: (1)NPS should do nothing at all about the Washington-Rochambeau effort.(2) The Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route would be established by Congress as a national historic trail within the national trails system. Between Boston and Yorktown, the trail would serve interpretive, educational, commemorative, and re-tracement purposes through recreational, driving and water-based routes. NPS would participate in a shared management scheme that would incorporate W3R-USA and other interested groups. The NPS would develop the management plan. (3) The Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route would be designated by Congress as a heritage project intended to link the sites thematically but not necessarily as a historic trail or auto route. This would not be managed by NPS but by a management entity that would

probably include W3R-USA, representatives from each of the states, and DC. with some technical assistance provided by NPS.

Kim is currently polling the W3R-USA executive committee for their input. At the moment Management Alternative Number 2 is the lead preference of the executive committee members who have responded. Not all executive committee voices have been heard from as of this writing. (December 6, 2004). All W3R members and interested others are invited to respond. Please e-mail her at [KimRburdick@aol.com](mailto:KimRburdick@aol.com) with your preference. Please include your contact information with your response.

The NPS schedule for completing the Special Resource Study has the draft complete and going through the Park Services internal review during the next few months, with a final draft returned with comments by their Washington office in March. Sometime in the late spring (May/June), the draft will be made available to the public, with a 60-day comment period running into July. The draft will include the NPS preferred management alternative. The final report and EIS will not be available to the public until January or February of 2006. There will be fora developed for public comments after the release of the draft - an opportunity for the W3R state committees to be involved in the process providing input and disseminating and helping to collect additional public input.

Please keep sending us your updates and calendar events.  
As always, we look forward to hearing from you.

Jacques Bossiere, Chairman

Kim Burdick, Vice Chairman and Project Coordinator

**From: Vicki Sandstead/Boston/NPS**  
12/03/2004 11:48 AM

Voila Madame,

Jim Johnson just sent this to Larry. It is from Hilary Clinton's office and can go into your report as such. It is not connected to our study for the W3R trail or heritage concept, but could certainly enhance Rev War commemorative efforts of all kinds and a Washington-Rochambeau trail or concept if one happens.

Bonne fin de semaine, amie!

**News Flash!!!**

**225th Anniversary of the American Revolution Commemoration Act Passed!  
HR 2237 Part of the Omnibus Appropriations Bill.**

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[For the full text of the bill as provided by the Government Printing Office's website,](#)

see <http://www.hudsonrivervalley.net/themes/225themes/HR2237.pdf>.

On November 20, 2004, the 225th Anniversary of the American Revolution Commemoration Act introduced by U.S. Representative Maurice Hinchey (D-NY-22) passed both houses of Congress as a part of the omnibus appropriations bill.

This bipartisan legislation paves the way for an historic program to commemorate 225th anniversary of the American Revolution. HR 2237 passed as part of the omnibus appropriations bill that authorizes \$500,000 in annual appropriations for the Secretary of the Interior to establish the 225th Anniversary of the American Revolution Commemoration program to promote the celebration of the 225th anniversary of the American Revolution. Representatives Sherwood Boehlert (R-24-NY), Jo Ann Davis (R-01-VA), Michael McNulty (D-21-NY) Richard Neal (D-02-MA), and Sue Kelly (R-19-NY) are also cosponsors of House bill HT 2237. Twenty-two co-sponsors joined Congressman Hinchey in his efforts in the House of Representatives. Senators Hillary Rodham Clinton (D-NY) and John W. Warner (R-VA) previously introduced identical legislation (SB 108) in the Senate that passed last spring.

Congressman Hinchey's bill directs the Secretary of the Interior to establish a national program within the Park Service authorizing the additional resources and partnerships necessary to improve their stewardship of Revolutionary War sites and treasures through improved interpretation, education, outreach and protection. The \$500,000 in annual appropriation that the bill authorizes will provide much needed funding to link historic structures and sites, routes, activities, community projects, exhibits and multimedia materials; improve and update educational programs and connections with local and regional educators; and expand the research base for Revolutionary War interpretation and education by seeking out and enhancing partnerships with scholars and educators. In announcing the passage of the bill, Congressman Hinchey pointed out that "Every generation of American citizens should have an opportunity to understand and appreciate the continuing legacy of the American Revolution. The 225th anniversary is an opportunity to educate a new generation who may not be aware of the significance of the American Revolution and the Park Service's role as steward of this history. Enactment of this legislation will help provide additional resources to Revolutionary War sites in the Hudson Valley and throughout New York, and ensure that the 225th anniversary of the American Revolution receives the recognition and resources it deserves." To read more about the bill and Congressman Hinchey's role in its passage, go to [http://www.house.gov/apps/list/press/ny22\\_hinchey/morenews/112004amrev2.html](http://www.house.gov/apps/list/press/ny22_hinchey/morenews/112004amrev2.html).

W3R-NY Chairman Colonel Jim Johnson is also Director of The Hudson River Valley Institute. (HRVI) has been working with Congressman Hinchey and Legislative Director Paul Brotherton since 2002 to pass legislation to establish a program in the National Park Service to promote the celebration of the 225th anniversary of the American Revolution. With the help of Governor George Pataki, New York has led the campaign since 2000 to remember and to celebrate our Revolutionary heritage.

For Governor Pataki's 225th Anniversary Proclamation, go to <http://www.hudsonrivervalley.net/presscenter/newsClippings/Governor.php>. Under Congressman Hinchey's leadership, the American Revolution has been a critical theme of the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area as well. When Jim Johnson testified before the Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands, United States House of Representatives on September 14, 2004, he argued that "the 225th Anniversary of the

American Revolution Commemoration Act provides the means to fulfill our responsibilities as citizens to preserve the past so that we may better understand the challenges of the present and future."

Now that Congress has given the celebration its official seal of approval and made provisions for funding, the National Park Service can develop an educational program to help Americans understand the continuing legacy of the American Revolution. We await the President's signature to make this law.

The Commemoration Program would involve the participation of all National Park Service units and programs relevant to the American Revolution as well as other governmental and nongovernmental sites and facilities that are documented to be directly related to the American Revolution.

The bill would allow NPS to link historic structures and sites, routes, activities, community projects, exhibits and multimedia materials; improve and update educational programs and connections with local and regional educators and expand the research base for Revolutionary War interpretation and education by seeking out and enhancing partnerships with scholars and educators.

Specifically, the bill would require the Secretary of the Interior to: Produce and distribute educational materials relating to the anniversary; Enter into agreements to provide technical assistance to other Federal agencies, States, local governments, related private entities and partner with the governments of the United Kingdom, France, the Netherlands, Spain, and Canada; Assist in the protection of resources associated with the American Revolution; Enhance communications, connections, and collaboration among the National Park Service units and programs relating to the American Revolution; Expand the research base for interpretation of and education on the American Revolution; and Adopt an official symbol or device for the theme "Lighting Freedom's Flame: American Revolution, 225th Anniversary."

The National Park Service administers battlefields, historical parks, and programs related to the Revolutionary War. However, due to a lack of resources, NPS faces many challenges administering these sites and programs. The legislation will authorize \$500,000 a year through fiscal year 2009 to assist NPS in improving their stewardship of Revolutionary War sites and treasures through improved interpretation, education, outreach and protection.

### **SAR Comments on This Legislation**

Compatriots:

I am pleased to announce that the Senate and House versions of legislation to provide funding and guidance for the National Park Service relevant to observing the remaining 225th Anniversaries of American Revolution battles, skirmishes and events, has passed both houses and awaits only the President's signature. You will recall that this is legislation that surfaced after the SAR approved a resolution at our annual Congress in Chicago, calling on the U.S. Congress to approve such legislation. Senator Hillary Clinton of New York and Senator John Warner of Virginia co-sponsored the bill. Congressman Maurice Hinchey of New York introduced identical legislation in the House with Congresswoman Jo Ann Davis of Virginia signing on as the principle Republican co-sponsor. It was passage of the SAR resolution on this subject that led to President General Ray Musgrave's establishment of the American Revolution (225<sup>th</sup> Anniversary) Committee.

Just how much influence the SAR had with passage the Senate and House legislation is anyone's guess, but our effort has been genuinely appreciated by Senator Clinton and her staff. The Bill was attached to the Omnibus Budget bill which passed the House over the weekend, and a member of Senator Clinton's Office called me at home to share the good news and to thank the SAR for all the calls, letters, and emails sent in support of the legislation. Now, it's time for us to once again send an email ... this time to Josh Albert, principle member of Senator Hillary Clinton's staff who monitored this initiative and kept me informed of its progress throughout the 108<sup>th</sup> Congress. You can reach him at: [josh\\_albert@clinton.senate.gov](mailto:josh_albert@clinton.senate.gov) (the space between josh and albert is an underline \_ mark.)

Funding made available after the President signs the bill will permit all NPS Revolutionary War Parks to upgrade their information programs. The timing is especially helpful to the following which will celebrate 225<sup>th</sup> anniversaries between now and October 2006:

- NPS Morristown - Wintering Over at Jockey Hollow 1779-80
- Kings Mountain - October 1780
- Cowpens - January 1781
- Guilford Courthouse - March 1781
- Yorktown - October 1781

Semper Fi ,  
Bob Bowen, Chairman  
American Revolution (225th Anniversary) Committee

**So—The 225<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Legislation Passed.  
What Does That Mean For W3R-USA?  
DO NOT STOP WHAT YOU ARE DOING.**

Please keep building your statewides and keep on pushing for your Selig Report funding, interpretive signs and kiosks, and festivities. Our work is not done. If you have a National Park with a Revolutionary War theme in your neighborhood, that's nice but it is not a big deal at the moment. Please be aware that in order to pull off the 206 celebration w3R-USA must keep up a nice steady pace in each state. NPS will not be able to do anything much before 2006 so our grass roots level work remains just as important as before.

**W3R-USA's Capacity Building Research Continues**

Looking ahead to New Years' Resolutions? Please make your Selig research and a functioning W3R statewide your top priorities. Our major goal with a deadline requires that each of the 9-states will have their research funding locked in place no later than July 1.

## New England Massachusetts

The MASSAR had a delightful, successful and well-attended ceremony at encampment #54 ceremony at the Rochambeau encampment memorial in Dedham, Mass. On Dec. 5 at 11 AM. The French troops camped there from Dec. 2-5, 1782. Support was given by the Town of Dedham Selectmen and the Historical Society. A Proclamation from the Selectmen was read and the local press was in attendance. The MASSAR laid a wreath at the monument. More information and pictures will follow.

Best Regards,  
Ken Molloy, MASSAR

To Ken Molloy From Serge Gabriel, W3R-CT:

I am the President, New England committee, of the American Society of "*Le Souvenir Français, Inc*" and I just read your November 30th message about Sunday ceremony in Dedham. I would have very much like to have attended but unfortunately I cannot be there.

All participants are to be highly commended for commemorating the passage of the French troops in Dec.2-5, 1782 on the way back from the joint US-French victory at Yorktown. Perhaps, you may want to consider having somehow a similar event and join, with the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route (W3R) association, in the various 225th anniversary celebrations of the French Army March from Newport, RI to Yorktown, VA.

In the name of *Le Souvenir Français* President, Mathieu Petitjean and in my own, we send you our best wishes for a memorable ceremony.

Serge G. GABRIEL, Col (Ret) President, New England committee, the American Society of "Le Souvenir Français, Inc" Connecticut State chair, Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route (W3R).  
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W3R-CT Publications

We are all very excited about W3R-Connecticut's recent publications, *En Avant*, a heritage tourism travel guide with 60 illustrations, maps etc, 150 pages long. This is, we hope, the first of nine such books that will be produced by the W3R states. To order this travel guide, please send \$15.00 plus \$1.00 S&H from the State Historic Preservation Office, 59 South Prospect Street, Hartford, CT 06106. (20% discount of 10 or more books, 25 cents postage for each additional book).

*En Avant* covers French participation in the American Revolutionary War, French aid to the colonies, and the treaties of 1778, Rochambeau and the *expédition particulière*, Old World

Meets New: The French in Rhode Island, July 1780 - June 1781, Order and Organization of the March through Connecticut, June 18 - July 3, 1781, the *volontaires étrangers de Lauzun*, the Washington-Rochambeau Conference in Hartford, the Washington-Rochambeau Conference in Wethersfield, with description of related sites, memorials and markers.

The other great W3R-CT book is a 150 page history of Lauzun's legion, primarily in CT, illustrated, based almost exclusively on primary research (309 footnotes), and much more than what the title suggests. It deals with desertion, discipline problems, supplies and consumption based on research in the Wadsworth Papers etc. To order a copy please send a check for \$15.00 (including shipping and handling) made out to Lebanon Historical Society and mail it to Lebanon Historical Society, P.O. Box 151, Lebanon, CT 06249-0151.

Rhode Island

Kim,

I spoke with David Wagner - he just got out of the hospital - he'll be going for open heart surgery prior to Christmas. He would like to continue with plans, but will obviously be held back for quite sometime. Please let all states know, so they will not be disappointed with the backlog of paintings. Please get word out that David will need some financial support to continue with the project. He could really use some help finding potential sponsors for the paintings (to keep the collection together by state) and to continue with the project. Is the Society of the Cincinnati interested or the DAR or SAR willing to be sponsors? Please put the word out - David could really use our help and support - he's been great for us and without his visual support - who would have taken notice?

I have a lot of great news from RI, but I won't share until it's a definite. The General Assembly begins in January and that's the official go ahead - even when everything has been going on.

July 8 - 10 will be quite nice and I hope all W3R-USA and France members are planning on attending.

Roseanna

### **New York State**

Kim:

I want Management Alternative 2 as I want the NPS responsible for a National Historic Trail. I know that without strong Congressional support we may have to settle for 3.

Jim

### **New Jersey**

Must be the word is getting out that the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route is real. We were astounded to receive an irate e-mail from a Mr. Glenn Urbanas who wanted

to ride his bicycle on the W3R through New Jersey and could not find any auto route markers or bicycle maps. Since preliminary work has only begun in New Jersey within the past few weeks and the federal legislation had not yet been passed, this angry e-mail seemed sort of astounding, amazing, a little annoying, and also an exciting portent of future use of the W3R. We passed on the request to our colleagues at East Coast Greenway headquarters who sponsored the long-distance bicyclists riding from Maine to Florida this fall. How fortuitous that the W3R and the East Coast Greenway overlap so well! All ECGA members may receive cue sheets (and maps, in some areas) of the ECG route. Should anyone else get a similar request please steer those requests to Eric Weis, East Coast Greenway Alliance 135 Main Street, Wakefield, RI 02879. Phone/fax 401.789.4625, <http://www.greenway.org>

Bob Selig is has now been working with W3R-New Jersey for almost one month. In NJ Damage Claims submitted to the State legislature for damages done by troops are extremely valuable primary documents. These have allowed us to trace the route of both the Continental Army and the British. Interestingly enough Bob has not found a single claim for damages done by the French forces! One of the richest treasure troves Bob has been tapping into in every state along the way are the Public Service Claims. These valuable primary documents are available under different names in the archives of all the states along the route. Bob has used them for our reports where pertinent. Unfortunately, but not surprisingly, they vary greatly in their usefulness - in Delaware they are great, in NJ they add very little information.

## **Pennsylvania**

### W3R-PA Update

I am pleased to report that we met our deadline with one day to spare. Yesterday Phil Anders and I met with our attorney, Susan Garrison. We completed our 501(c)(3) application as well as the form necessary to apply for recognition as a charity. Susan fedexed them yesterday afternoon.

I also met with our grant writer yesterday. We made a few adjustments to our PHMC grant application and submitted it electronically and received acknowledgement of its arrival

While we met our time deadline it is too soon to know how good a job we did. I can tell you that we worked very hard to do a good job. I do feel, however, that the weight of the world has been lifted from my shoulders. It has been a wild five week period.

We have a w3R-PA board meeting on the 22nd. We will have a lot to review.

Thank you all for your cooperation.

Win

## Delaware

Peg Tighe has approximately 18 tall ships lined up so far for late September, 2006.. Peg's new email address is: [saildelaware@comcast.net](mailto:saildelaware@comcast.net)

W3R-DE Sign Guys Task Force and Delaware's East Coast Greenway Trustee will meet later this month with Julie Bell, of Rivers & Trails, NPS Philadelphia to develop a project work plan / agreement for the "Northern New Castle County Historic Transportation Corridor. Julie has started to develop some of the boilerplate contents for this agreement and will pass it along to Kim and Bobbi.

Bobbi Britton, W3R-DE board member and Delaware Trustee of East Coast Greenway, is working on setting up a Mid-Atlantic Regional meeting to look at the mid Atlantic section of the trail/historic corridor that includes the East Coast Greenway and the W3R. Julie Bell at NPS is working on this as well and has suggested that the MPOs host the meeting. DVRPC and WILMAPCO have agreed. Don suggested that in addition to all the ECG and W3R players. We invite Ed Grusheski. We thought that was a great idea and thought you may have some other contacts that you feel we should add. We're specifically looking for tourism contacts, but welcome any other ideas you have.

## Maryland

To Ms. Kendra M. Green

Just a quick note to let you know that my regular e-mail address is: [duanetressler@yahoo.com](mailto:duanetressler@yahoo.com) for normal correspondence. Apparently this one was mistakenly entered sometime ago as I used netzero as my dial-up phone service for internet access. So please excuse that I only check this box once in a while.

Hope to meet you soon and chat and exchange info. I am a good friend and work with Robert Reyes - was hoping to meet you last week with him in Washington at Postal Service headquarters. Maybe another time? Chat or e-mail with you later.

If possible, please send me your home address and phone so I can enter & update my directory and maybe we could call and get acquainted by phone sometime?.

I am very intrigued by your work in the political arena as I am very interested in all that myself for years.

Glad to hear from you although belatedly.

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## Virginia

From Scott Arnold:

As you know Kim Burdick recently organized a W3R meeting that was held at my department's office. There seems to be interest in the route in Virginia, yet to date no one has come forward to spearhead the efforts in Virginia. Hopefully someone or an organization will be found.

Thank you for providing me a copy of the book that Bob Selig, Mary Donohue, and others wrote on the route in Connecticut. I received it yesterday and enjoyed reviewing it. I will make sure to share it with Bob Carter, the department's Community Service Director, who has been speaking with Kim Burdick about W3R and the department's potential role.

From Durf (Albert) McJoynt

Some of you might not know of events last 20 Nov in France and might be interested in the following page and links from it:<http://xenophongroup.com/mcjoynt/metz60.htm>

From Karen Rehm:

Here is yet another NPS site to add to your list of Virginia contacts: Prince William Forest Park, as part of the w3R route goes through the park. Here is the contact information: Prince William Forest Park P.O. Box 209 Triangle, VA 22172 703-221-7181

**Forwarded by Allan Montgomery, National Geologic Survey**

### **New Park Service Head Braces For Hectic Reign**

With at least two major events coming up, Colonial National Historical Park will be very busy.

BY APRIL TAYLOR  
223-5685

December 1 2004

The new superintendent for Colonial National Historical Park realizes he's taking over at a

critical time.

P. Daniel Smith, a veteran of the National Park Service and the U.S. Department of the Interior, replaces longstanding head Alec Gould, who retired in June. Sandy Rives, Virginia director for NPS and Jamestown 400 project director, has been the interim superintendent. The change in leadership comes as the park service prepares for major events in the next few years: Yorktown celebrates its 225th anniversary in 2006, and Jamestown celebrates the 400th anniversary of its founding in 2007.

"We have a tremendous amount of construction under way that has to meet deadlines for 2006 and 2007 events," said Smith. "I am very concerned that we meet the expectations of not only Virginians but the American public as well."

All in all, officials expect to spend \$60 million at Historic Jamestown (formerly Jamestown Island) in preparation for 2007 and beyond, including a \$7.6 million visitor center.

Last year, flood damage from Hurricane Isabel wrecked the former visitor center and forced the site to close for weeks.

"The hurricane was obviously a very devastating thing all over the Peninsula," said Smith. "But I hope that people in 2005 realize that we are fully operational, and we have a program running that is representative of what the park system should be."

Smith, who currently serves as special assistant to the director of NPS, will oversee operations at Historic Jamestown, Yorktown Battlefield and the Colonial Parkway in Virginia.

Smith brings an "outstanding record" of "forging public-private partnerships" throughout the federal government, said NPS Northeast Regional Director Marie Rust.

"With preparations for the 225th anniversary of Yorktown in 2006 and the 400th anniversary of the founding of Jamestown in 2007, Dan Smith is the right person to lead Colonial National Historical Park now," Rust said.

Smith has served in a number of management positions with the U.S. Department of Interior, including deputy assistant secretary of the Interior for Fish Wildlife and Parks (1984-86) and assistant director of NPS Legislative and Congressional Affairs (1982-84).

Smith coordinated joint planning between the NPS and the state of North Carolina for the Centennial of Flight celebration at Wright Brothers National Memorial in December 2003.

As a staff member of the House Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands (1997-98), he also oversaw the passage of legislation for such sites as the Oklahoma City Memorial and the Jimmy Carter National Historic Site in Georgia.

Smith was born in Portland, Maine. He has a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science and a Master of Science in recreation administration from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Smith also served in Vietnam in the U.S. Army.

Smith takes over officially at NHP on Dec. 12. He and his wife, Karen, plan to live in Yorktown.

## **Re-enactors Corner**

### **Forwarded by Glenn Williams, Center of Military History, US Army**

November 15, 2004

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Historical Entertainment, LLC a leading provider of professional historical extras and living historians for quality television and film is honored to announce that we are currently recruiting for "Father of His Country". A Piedmont Film production produced and directed by Ron Maxwell for the new Mount Vernon Orientation Center, scheduled to open summer 2006.

Why should YOU participate in this film? This 20 minute film is being produced for Mount Vernon, the most popular historic estate in America. You could be part of a film that will be shown to millions of visitors

and future historians for generations about the real life of George Washington. Two new unobtrusive theatres are currently under construction at Mount Vernon to accommodate this film. We are currently calling reenactors for two core groups of soldiers to include impressions for the 1776 Battle of Trenton and 1755 Braddock's Defeat. The specific impressions we are searching are the following: Revolutionary War are Hessian, British and Continental soldiers, French Regulars, and Civilians. For French and Indian War we are searching for French Regulars, Virginia Militia, British Regulars, French Canadians, and Native American Warriors. Filming is currently slated to run from early February into the middle of February occurring in Yorktown, Virginia and Fauquier County, Virginia. Further filming will continue in the Spring with dates to be announced. Large contingent filming is planned to take place during the weekends to maximize attendance and allow for all to participate that desire to do so. Please note that these are paid positions, accommodations and meals will be provided.

For current information about the film and to register to be a historical extra, please go to [www.FatherofHisCountry.com](http://www.FatherofHisCountry.com).

Please send headshots and resumes to the following address: Piedmont Films Attn: Russell Richards - Historical Entertainment 508 Kendrick Lane Front Royal, Virginia 22630

Respectfully yours, Russell E Richards

CEO

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### **From Jack Gardner, Delaware**

Some of you got this in separate messages from Living History Foundation. I've tried to put it together into one message. I thought all of you might be interested for a variety of reasons.

Grand British Ball at Charleston, Friday, May 13, 2005

Old Exchange Building - Charleston, SC Time: 7:15pm - Midnight.

For more information, go to: <http://www.charlestonball.org/>

Please join us for an authentic 1780 Grand British Ball at Charleston's Old Exchange Building as we celebrate the fall of Charleston to the British Crown Forces and toast King George III as part of the 225th Anniversary of the Siege & Fall of Charleston. Participants must be in period correct clothing for the 1780 time period in either British military dress or civilian attire. No Continental army uniforms.

Music: Provided by the Charleston Chamber Orchestra.

Dance Caller: John Millar of Colonial Williamsburg.

Food: Professionally catered Hors d'oeuvre & finger foods and non-alcoholic drinks. Ticket Cost: \$35 per person (All net proceeds going towards educational programs on the American Revolution). Number of Tickets Available: Tickets limited to 180 total. Ticket sales are first come, first serve.

### **About the Location**

In 1767 the South Carolina General Assembly had scandalized backcountry malcontents when it voted the exorbitant sum of 60,000 pounds to build "an Exchange for the Merchants, and a Ball-Room for the Ladies of Charlestown." During 1771-72, the Exchange building, Palladian in its symmetrical design, went up at the foot of Broad Street. The Horlbeck brothers imported shiploads of cut, dressed, and beveled Portland stone for the Exchange's facade. In design and construction materials it was unique. Only two notable colonial American buildings preceded it, Philadelphia's Town Hall and Boston's Faneuil Hall. Yet neither of these structures matched the architectural distinction of Charles Town's new Customs House, or Exchange. In 1791, President George Washington visited Charleston, South Carolina as he toured each of the 13 states in America. On Wednesday, May 4th, 1791 the city gave Washington a splendid ball at the Exchange. After Wednesday evening's entertainment, Charleston's ladies and gentlemen probably felt that the taxpayers had received their money's worth. When Washington first entered the ballroom, he went to his place of honor and regally sat there for several minutes. Then he rose, went around the room, and bowed to each lady present. His gesture delighted everyone, for even guests in the far corners of the ballroom got their chance to see him at close range. Dancing assemblies were among Washington's favorite pastimes, and he sometimes took part in the cotillions and minuets. So not only will you be dancing in an original Revolutionary War era Ballroom, but one that President George Washington himself danced in following the Revolution. For more information on Charleston's Old Exchange Building and its history, please visit their web site located at [www.oldexchange.com](http://www.oldexchange.com) If you have any further enquiries, you may contact us for more information at [CharlestonBall@aol.com](mailto:CharlestonBall@aol.com)

he Minuet

Barbarini's Tambourine

The Brandywine Childgrove

The De'il Amang the Taylers

Dick's Maggot

The Dressed Ship

Easter Thursday

Elverton Grove

Haste to the Wedding

Holborn March  
Irish Lamentation

Jack's Health  
Lord Anson Forever  
Portsmouth  
Prince William  
The Queen's Jig  
The Rakes of Rochester  
Sun Assembly  
The Wakefield Hunt  
Well Hall  
Dear Friends,

In the *Southern Campaigns of the American Revolution* newsletter, Vol. 1, No 3 (November 2004), p. 2. Editor Charles B. Baxley writes the following, which may interest you.

As the British renewed their initiatives in the Southern Department in December 1778, Southern Campaigns fans will be treated to many 225th anniversary events in the next two years. Reenactments, memorial services, scholarly conclaves, and tours are now being planned and scheduled. We will attempt to keep you informed with a list of events and contacts for which I need your help. Please submit your scheduled events and contact information. Charleston SC May 2005, Lancaster County, SC for the Waxhaws (May 2005), Beckhamville, SC (June 2005), Ramseur's Mill (July 2005), Camden, SC (August 2005) and Kings Mountain, SC (October 2005) are already planning major 225th anniversary events next year.

On page 29, further information is given on a few very varied events.

March 11-12, 2005 Santee, SC - Francis Marion/Swamp Fox Symposium III - A symposium featuring Generals Greene and Cornwallis. <http://web.ftc-i.net/-gcsommers/fmarionsymposium.html>

April 8-9-10, 2005 Camden, SC - You editor again co-hosts a symposium featuring South Carolina militia Gen. Thomas Sumter with extensive field trips to Gen. Sumter's battlegrounds; symposium details to be announced. <http://www.southerncampaign.org/>

May 13-15, 2005 Charleston, SC - Siege of Charleston: Revolutionary War Days at Drayton Hall, Middleton and Magnolia Plantations <http://www.revwarcharleston.com/>

June 4-5, 2005 Beckhamville (Great Falls), SC - 225th Anniversary of the Skirmish at Alexander's Old Field. <http://www.battleofbeckhamville.com/reenactment.html>

Nancy and I had a great time at this year's Camden symposium, which was very well planned. It, like the newsletter, was exceptional! The three newsletters so far have included

very useful and thoroughly researched materials on a great variety of subjects. A highlight for me in the current issue is Samuel K. Fore's list of manuscript collections dealing with the Revolution in the wonderful (Yes, I have done research there!) South Carolinian Library in Columbia (pages 23-29).

Jack Gardner

### **Misc. Educational Resources**

Are you aware of the cartoon series on TV currently called "Liberty's Kids"? It airs Sunday mornings from 11:00 AM to noon. The series is produced by DIC Kids' Network and video is available over the internet at <http://tv.yahooligans.com>.

It features two young boys, two budding journalists working in Ben Franklin's print shop -- including a French immigrant kid, Henri - who are witnesses to, and in some cases participants in, some of the great historic events of the Revolutionary War.

Last Sunday they featured state delegates attempting to resolve differences in order to pass the Articles of Confederation, and the solidification of the Franco-American alliance. Walter Cronkite provides the voice for General George Washington. It's a hoot, from a kid's-eye view, and generally pretty accurate, if you discount the historically non-existent characters that are thrown in every now and then!

Julie Bell