

National Washington Rochambeau Revolutionary Route Association
Monday Morning Report
January 3, 2005

Dear All:

Bonne et heureuse annee a toute le monde. Plein de bonne choses pour vous tout.

As the New Year opens, we give thanks and praise to all of our statewide organizations, their leaders, and their members who are working so hard to make this vision a reality in a remarkably short time. The dots are beginning to connect everywhere and a solid picture of a 9-state W3R-USA organization comes into focus.

A special note to Serge, Mary, Jim, Tema, Roseanna, Nick, Roger, Carl, Caroline, Win, Ursula, Kim, Ralph, Jim, Kendra, Bob, B.J., Rhonda, Scott, and Durf, Dominique and all of your colleagues, and to the National Park Service staff, most especially, Larry, Vicki, Brian in Boston, Gary Scott in DC, and Julie Bell, Phil Sheridan and Mary Bomar in Philadelphia..

Your constant support, brilliant thinking, excellent brainstorming, great teamwork, networking and plain old hard work have really paid off. It is a constant joy to us to watch W3R-USA develop and grow under your cooperative leadership.

We especially wish to praise and encourage Kendra Green, Robert Reyes, Duane Tressler, Michael Jackson, MaryAnn Lisanti, David Whitaker, Glenn Williams, Fred Allen and all the other folks in Maryland as they work together towards the development of a W3R-Maryland Statewide organization. We applaud Scott Arnold, Bob Carter, Carol Howerton, Durf McJoynt, Jim Rees and Philander Chase of Virginia and Ken Malloy of Massachusetts for their continued efforts to establish statewide W3R organizations.

We think W3R-USA is the most amazing volunteer group ever invented. Here is a quotation Kim received from her the Delaware Press Association membership that applies exceedingly well to W3R.

The fundamentals of human nature and of human relationships remain the same: love and devotion and curiosity and creativity and honesty and integrity and courtesy and the willingness to admit that you do not understand something but wish to. These are among the eternal verities which survive the clutter and confusion of everyday activities. These are the elements that give meaning to our existence.

Source: James A. Van Allen, University of Iowa rocket scientist and discoverer of the Van Allen radiation belt, from a 1994 talk to teachers, students and parents

2005 W3R-USA NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

- ℞• A development committee will be formed and design a work plan prior to April 22 national meeting.
- ℞• Every W3R State Will Have a W3R Statewide Non-Profit Organization Up and Running Before the National Board Meeting on Friday April 22, 2005 and Saturday April 23.
- ℞• Every W3R State will develop a draft proposal specifying locations for their interpretive panels, kiosks and auto route markers and will have realistic, written ideas about how to fund the signs in their state. Each state will present a 3 Minute Oral and Written Presentation of their sign plan at the workshop on Friday, April 22.
- ℞• Everyone will attend the national W3R meeting will be held Friday April 22 and Saturday April 23 in Wilmington, Delaware and have a marvelous time sharing and learning together..
- ℞• Funding for office support staff and a massive publicity campaign will be locked in place no later than July 1, 2005.
- ℞• Delegates from each W3R Statewide will attend the 225th Kick-Off Celebration in Newport Rhode Island on July 8,9,10
- ℞• All Selig Research will be completed in all 9 states no later than December 1, 2005

Bien a vous!
Jacques Bossiere, Chairman

Kim Burdick, Vice Chairman

Letters to the Editor

Dear Kim ~ Just wanted to wish YOU a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy 2005!!
ALSO.....to thank you *immensely* for your time & effort to put out your Monday Morning Report(W3R). The 12/20/04 edition is superb! There are so many "tidbits" in there that will interest my Virginia DAR members ~ so, I appreciate you and your research as a wonderful resource for my group!
Thanks, again

Carol Howerton
Virginia DAR; State Rep. to the W3R

Dear Kim, I hope your group will Please consider W3R tapes and/or CDs for tourists as you develop interpretation and educational materials for this route. Those of us living near W3R may wish to own the tapes. Tourists could 'rent' the tapes at any National Park Service or East Coast Greenway office. The purchase price could be refund minus a user fee (\$20

purchase - \$5 user fee?). One model is in-car tapes for visiting the New Mexico National Wildlife Refuge, Bosque del Apache. Interpretive signs contain basic information plus a number keyed to a tape or CD which provides more depth and detail. (Julie, I'll bet you can find out how they developed this). One voice to put on a W3R recording is last year's speaker who had interpreted the French and German documents from the American Revolution. It would be wonderful to look at and visit a local site while listening to his explanation of what took place there.

Beverly Barnett
Arden, Delaware
(302) 529 0271

Notes & News From the W3R-USA Executive Committee

Some members of the W3R-USA Leadership Team finished out the old year in grand style with a regional leadership luncheon on December 28 hosted by Interim Honorary Chairman BJ Gerber and her husband George at City Tavern in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. (See related info on The American Revolution Center at Valley Forge under W3R-PA)

Kim has drafted a general information brochure about W3R and Dr Bossiere will translate it into French. If you can open Microsoft 2000, contact Kim at KimRburdick@aol.com and she will e-mail it to you. We hope to have a small quantity printed in time for distribution at the April National Board meeting.

Discussions with staff at the National Endowment for the Humanities continue about possible grant applications. Three projects are of specific interest: W3R-RI is planning a unique program where re-enactors and professional historians will mentor children and youth who are interested in the American Revolution; the traveling exhibition is under discussion, and the web-based 9-state virtual visitors center that the Mid-Atlantic Group first discussed with Talisman Interactive at the MidAtlantic regional meeting in Philadelphia last spring seems to have captured attention.

Please Mark Your Calendars Now For the Annual National W3R Leadership Meeting on Friday April 22 when we will focus on developing a comprehensive signage package and Saturday April 23, when a second very serious-minded strategic planning session focusing on W3R-USA organizational growth and fundraising will begin at 9:00 am, followed by lunch and our always popular "dog & pony shows." A gala dinner (\$50 each) will be held at Grenville Country Club Friday night. The meeting will end on Saturday at 4:00 pm. W3R-DE is happy to arrange for you to visit our segment of the W3R on Sunday, April 24.

A Few Important W3R-USA Housekeeping Details

Please watch your mail for W3R-USA dues notices that Treasurer Carl Nittinger will be sending out later this month. All contributions gratefully accepted.

Tom Reed, Esq. filed the final pieces of our non-profit legal work in December and asks that members of the Board of Managers send him the Conflict of Interest statement that was e-mailed over the holidays. Tom says, "The conflict of interest policy resolution applies

only to officers and directors. A member of W3R or an interested person who takes on a project who has no voting rights as an officer or director is not an interested party (unless, of course, that person is the spouse or child of a director or officer). You can compensate him or her for a project either as an employee or as an independent contractor. The agreement should be in writing and approved by the Board, but it is not a conflict of interest to retain him or her and pay for said person's services. If you are on the W3R-USA Managing Board but accidentally deleted (or did not receive) the Conflict of Interest statement, please contact Tom at tjr0001@mail.widener.edu.

Please begin submitting your suggestions for new board members to Nominating Committee Chairman, Caroline Lareuse. The first class of members is renewable but officially expires April 2005. We are interested in building up a good stable of prospective candidates. Please do NOT ask your nominee to serve as an immediate slot for your state may or may not be available. We will keep all names on file and nominees will be asked to serve on a task force before being appointed to the board.

For a note on a new publication for your reading pleasure see Bob Selig's forward to a terrific new book about Yorktown at <http://www.savasbeatie.com/Yorktown.html>

Signs of the Times: Part One

Linking 9 States and D.C. Through Signs and Interpretive Materials W3R Workshops and Joint Decision-Making Are The Key to Our Continued Success.

We are planning ahead for W3R's April 22 & 23 National Leadership Meeting.. Please mark your calendar today . Excellent Progress is being made on plans for this national leadership meeting that will be held in Wilmington, Delaware on April 22 and 23.. Please mark your 2005 calendar and plan to attend one or both day's events. There are many hotels and motels in a variety of price ranges, on Route 202, Concord Pike, conveniently located to I-95 and the meeting site. If you look at a map you will see that this stretch is just below the Pennsylvania border and just north of the City of Wilmington. (The area is sometimes referred to as Talleyville. We call it urban sprawl.)

A strategic planning session and workshop focusing on a comprehensive signage strategy , led by NPS Rivers & Trails staff will be held in Wilmington, Delaware on Friday April 22. We will be focusing very intently on developing a comprehensive and well-coordinated sign package along the route.

Come to Delaware For the W3R-USA Annual Meeting Plan On Attending Friday, April 22 Sign Workshop and Strategic Planning Session

A number of people, including our very own long-distance pedestrian Lee Patrick Anderson, are already walking and biking the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route.. Super Highways, I-95, Greenways, bicycle networks, iffy neighborhoods, sidewalks, local, state and national parks, and canoe trails are all part of this route and all need to be indicated. We have a responsibility to help W3R enthusiasts to use the Revolutionary Route system safely and reassure them that they will get to their destination.

As we move closer to our goal of becoming a National Historic Trail, and in order to take advantage of multiple economies of scale it is very important that the signage we put in place is compatible with National Park Service's future needs.

Some W3R members think we are moving a little slowly, others haven't begun to yet daydream about signs.. The goal is to have all W3R-related signs up by June 2006. The content, appearance and quality will be heavily monitored as "branding" the W3R with a quality look that is easily recognizable from Rhode Island to Yorktown is the top priority. The national board meeting is slated for April 22 & 23 and we will spend a lot of time focusing on W3R signs between now and the end of the National meeting.

If you haven't begun plans to mark the route in your state, now is the time to begin to think your needs through carefully and reach out to funding agencies in your state for money. To date, basic work plans/proposals for marking the route are in hand from Connecticut, Rhode Island and Delaware. At this preliminary stage, these basic work plans are not polished but focus instead on the process of getting from Point A to Point B. All nine W3R states and D.C. need to have at least a rough draft concept plan in hand by the national April 22 meeting.

Although each W3R state will be responsible for the signs along their segment of the W3R, raising their own money and doing their own "thing," these signs must have a consistent appearance, use standard NPS typefaces, and other elements based on NPS Uniguide standards. We will focus very seriously as a group on developing a comprehensive, 9 state sign plan at the April meeting. With the help of NPS Rivers & Trails staff, we will develop a mutually agreed upon general look for these signs with the goal of having each state go home and begin making phone calls Monday April 23.

Signs of the Times: Part Two

You Have Homework!

Due Friday April 22

10, 9, 8,7,6,5,4,3,2,1 Yorktown Days October 19-22, 2006 will be upon us very shortly.

Tips For Completing Your W3R-USA Homework Assignment
Reminder: This is Due on Friday April 22

If you haven't already done so, Designate an official W3R Statewide "Sign Guys" task force. Select a date for a statewide taskforce meeting and call your sign guys task force members together. We will announce the statewide sign guys meeting dates in the next Monday Morning Report, slated for 17.

With your Sign Guys Task Force, roughly trace your state's segment of the W3R route on a road map showing names of streets and roads. Where does W3R enter and exit your state? Probably you will want a three panel, 6-sided kiosk at those points. Who owns that land? Is it feasible to put a kiosk there? Maybe you can partner with the neighboring state's W3R?

Plot on your map the historic sites along your segment of the route. Who runs or owns these sites? Is there already a historic marker there?

Now count the sites you have marked on the map. Do you want an interpretive panel placed there? A kiosk? Does this site have a website? Are there regular hours or events there? Who is the site manager?

If you have ants in your pants, go ahead and begin drafting some simple text and figuring out what pictures and maps you would like to include. The Library of Congress has given us permission to use their digital images of the original Rochambeau maps and you will enjoy looking at their website.

Discussion Question: Where will you find the state agency interest and intergovernmental cooperation? What other organizations think they have "ownership" of this route? Is it part of East Coast Greenway or a local bike path? Cost-benefit " Which signs will have the most user exposure and cost the least to implement? Which signs connect missing gaps in the trail network without requiring significant improvements?

BONUS POINTS: Find out what local greenways, bike paths, historic districts, etc. are included in, run parallel to or cross the W3R segment in your state. Network with the planners, volunteers and project coordinators of these efforts. Get all this junk on one official state or county map and shop it around to state and local planning agencies and potential funders.

A Word To The Wise: No matter how talented you think you are, don't let your ego get in the way. These preliminary concept plan drawings will need to be sent to a professional graphic designer and approved by a graphic design review panel before they will be allowed to carry the official W3R-USA logo.

Signs of the Time: Part Three

Looking Ahead to the Workshop and Strategic Planning Session

"The best tacticians are never impulsive; the best leaders are never arrogant."

The basic requirements for planning and developing a signage program:

- ℞• Funding for planning and design, implementation, and maintenance
- ℞• Professional design consultant
- ℞• Preferred trail route
- ℞• Project sponsor/applicant (not necessarily the same as project manager)

- ℞• Trail owning/managing entity(ies) “ acquisition or easements

What would a comprehensive W3R-USA signage program look like?

- ℞• “Branding” the Revolutionary Route to create a recognizable and attractive image for the public “ broader public awareness of the unique but often hidden resources of the area
- ℞• Getting something on the ground to make the trail “real” with capital investment that is relatively modest compared to other improvements such as acquiring right-of-way or developing off-road trail segment
- ℞• Establishing standardized and consistent links among destinations and with regional trails network in an area of overlapping trails and jurisdictions “ let people know what to expect when they use the trail system
- ℞• Getting people to follow the W3R.
- ℞• Helping them find their way around the area and warn of upcoming dangers (bridge out; original route under I-95, road floods, bridge freezes, road under construction, etc.)
- ℞• Helping people find destinations from all travel modes (train, bus, ferry, walking, biking, etc.)
- ℞• Distance markings in time and mileage so people can determine where they are and how long it may take to get to their destination
- ℞• Works well in tandem with education program because motorists are warned that bicyclists and pedestrians may be using the roadway, and trail users are aware of appropriate uses for trail and rules of the road
- ℞• Planning for signage will help target limited funding to specific priority routes “ preferred short-term temporary route as well as long-term route

The key is that everyone agrees to use the NPS standards and that there is some framework in which to utilize them. We need to identify what are the critical components of the signage plan that need to come out of the April meeting - Purpose / function of signs, interpretive framework/themes, range of sign types needed, agreement on common elements (which elements

Rhode Island

Wishes for a very happy holiday and a wonderful New Year.
Roseanna

Gentlepersons,

Here is the W3R news from Rhode Island:

Roseanne Gorham has formed a non-profit corporation, "Rhode Island in the Revolution," to advance and sustain our historic efforts. This will allow the fine ideas and accomplishments of the W3R-RI to better acquire funding and to sustain activities beyond

the initial frenzy. The focus will also be broadened to include all of Rhode Island in the American Revolution (the Gaspee, the Battle of Rhode Island, the nautical treasures at the bottom of the bay, etc.).

Our historical illustrator, David Wagner, will be having heart-valve replacement surgery in January. We all pray for his speedy recovery and offer best holiday wishes to him and his wife, Angie. Most of his French Army illustrations can be seen on his website: <http://www.davidrwagner.com/> It is also possible to purchase professionally produced prints of some of his work.

The planned re-enactment of the arrival and encampment of Rochambeau's Army to Newport is well underway. Fort Adams will be hosting the encampment on Saturday and Sunday, July 9 & 10; invitations to re-enactor units will soon be in the mail. For further information on this, contact me (Richard Sheryka) or the 'Military Coordinator' Colonel Geoff Gardner. Other events may soon be planned for Newport.

Now that the elections are over, the State of Rhode Island should become more involved. Some of these activities will be under the guidance of the Rhode Island State Commission for the Rochambeau 225th Celebration, Roger Begin, Chairman.

Helen Allen has been striving to have "The American Campaigns of Rochambeau's Army, 1780-1783" (the journals of Clermont-DuRoi, Vergerand Berthier and scores of the maps and illustration of Rochambeau's French Army engineers, translated by Howard Rice and Anne Brown in 1972) reprinted and, perhaps, edited to just the "North American Campaigns" to reduce its size and make it more affordable. This is, perhaps, the finest primary source of Rochambeau's march; there are about a half dozen copies available in a few Rhode Island libraries' reserved book sections. At first it seemed that Mrs. Allen had funding, but that source dried-up. So this wonderful project awaits further patronage.

Contact Richard Sheryka, W3R-RI Military Committee at

A Note From RI's SHPO

Edward F. Sanderson, Executive Director
RI Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission
The Old State House
150 Benefit Street
Providence, RI 02903
Tel 401-222-4130 Fax 401-222-2968

esanderson@preservation.ri.gov
www.preservation.ri.gov

Kim,

Thank you for your message. RI certainly wants to participate in every aspect; we feel a justified pride in the fact that the march to Yorktown began in Newport, RI, and many Revolutionary era places have been preserved in Newport and along the line of march in RI. Unfortunately I am not able to join you in North Wilmington, Delaware on April 22 and 23. I'll look forward to hearing all about it.

Ted Sanderson

Connecticut

WE HAVE GOOD NEWS! We are now the first state to have a full time route coordinator. We will be hiring someone to work from January 15th 2005 to June 30 2005 full time on the route events and markers. I'm working on the job ad now so I will email it to you tomorrow. I would like to have them start by January 20.

Mary

New Jersey

Carl Nittinger: Treasurer of the W3R-USA and Chair of W3R-NJ. New Jersey W3R is currently creating a driving brochure based on Dr. Selig's historic resources study. Carl is Director of New Jersey Historic Trust.

Pennsylvania

On December 28, 2004 11:30 AM to 3:00 PM, W3R-USA's interim Honorary Chairman, Betty Jane Gerber and her husband George Gerber, hosted a small W3R-USA leadership luncheon at City Tavern, 2nd & Walnut, Philadelphia, PA 19106. BJ's guests included, Phil Sheridan: Public Affairs Officer for Independence National Historical Park, Julie Bell: Planner with the Rivers, Trails & Conservation Assistance Program of the National Park Service. Julie is stationed in the Philadelphia office and has projects covering six states. Projects have ranged from trail planning and development to river conservation to historic preservation. Currently assisting W3R-DE in a pilot project to coordinate marketing and promotion of W3R and East Coast Greenway and develop an interpretive and way-finding framework for a Northern New Castle Co Historic Corridor, with W3R sites and stories as the foundation. Thomas Daly, CEO & President of National Center for the American Revolution was a particular guest of honor. Mr. Daly is a former US naval officer and has experience in the private sector running his own business. He managed the Greater Buffalo Convention and Visitors Bureau.

The National Center for the American Revolution (NCAR) at Valley Forge National Historical Park will commemorate the founding of the United States, from 1760 and the ascendance of George III to England's throne to 1789 and the inauguration of President George Washington. Heretofore there has been no educational venue to tell the story of the nation's founding in its entirety. A.M. Stern's world-class architecture to house the artifacts and exhibits. The American Revolution is NOT over – the development of the United States as a democracy continues. NCAR will tell the "unknown" story and focus on the ongoing development of democracy. There are plenty of potential opportunities for W3R-USA connections to The National Center for the American Revolution (NCAR) at Valley Forge National Historical Park. The NCAR will become a world classroom for the legacy of democracy. The NCAR contains the world's largest collection of artifacts associated with the American Revolution, including General George Washington's tent, where he wrote the famous letter of December 23, 1777 requesting provisions from the Continental Congress. International attention has been focused on NCAR – Duke of Edinburgh's visit. International conference on the state of

democracy could possibly become an annual event. The historian David McCullough founded the scholarsâ€™™ board with some of the most well-known and respected historians from around the U.S. Valley Forge is a MidAtlantic interpretive hub for NPS in terms of the American Revolution. We are interested in web site linkages for events and programs.

Daley suggested the name of a marketing agency, Burson-Marsteller, in NYC that BJ Gerber has also worked with in the past. The W3R-USA executive committee will plan to meet with representatives of this group this as soon as possible â€œ January preferred.

For other Pennsylvania Revolutionary War related discussions see also W3R Calendar Notes & News below.

Delaware

The W3R concept is really catching hold in Delaware as more and more people realize the value of having a nationally visible project in their neighborhood. Kim has been invited to be a featured speaker on Thursday March 13 at 7:00 pm in Claymont, Delaware and other similar opportunities are beginning to present themselves.

W3R-DE is working on plans for both a February 11 meeting that will help bring together Mid-Atlantic East Coast Greenway and Washington-Rochambeau leadership and the National W3R Leadership Meeting on Friday April 22 and 23.

The W3R-DE Sign Guys were very pleased to meet with Julie Bell of NPS Rivers & Trails at a recent informal holiday luncheon and are putting the finishing touches on their draft work plan. We are excited about hosting the Friday April 22 W3R-USA signage workshop and strategic planning session.

Tonight: January 3, 2005 (Monday) Bear Library, 7:00 p.m. Presentation by Nancy Willing, Friends of Historic Glasgow President's Announcement Update on Tour of Premcor Bear Library 101 Governors Place Bear, DE 19701-3096 302-838-3300 As fast as we work, we have heard that a developer (Stephen J. Nichols in Glasgow, DE, of Nichols Landscaping & Excavation) has currently offered the Barczewski family \$14,250,000, and the family will sign a contract of sale with Nichols soon if the county and state (and Feds if necessary) do not jointly or singularly make a competitive counter offer ASAP. W3R-DE will continue to make noises about this situation. For more information see: <http://www.7and40alliance.org/> 7 & 40 Alliance General Membership Meeting

The Bear Library is located at the Corner of US Rt. 40 and Del. Rt. 7. It is located in the Governor's Square shopping center immediately adjacent to Del. Rt. 7.

Maryland

Dear All,

Happy Holidays!! The MD-W3R Yorktown Campaign Group seems to be coming right along. Thank you all for your tremendous help! Along with myself, Bob Reyes, Michael Jackson, Duane Tressler, Mary Ann Lisanti and David Whitaker, Manager of Transportation Planning, Maryland Department of Planning, and Glenn Williams have offered to help..

We have been breaking up the different projects and each person is taking a lead on a different one. MaryAnn is putting a letter together to send to MD Legislators asking for them to support W3R and add money to the budget for the project. Robert Reye is working on a Brochure and Michael Jackson is working mapping the route on a current day map. David Whitaker (Dwhitaker@mdp.state.md.us) is checking on availability of a conference room for a meeting later this winter or early spring where representatives from Maryland's various historical sites, SHPO's office, and hereditary groups can meet together to discuss and coordinate plans for a W3R statewide effort. Glenn has been very good about sending us potential W3R Maryland contact names.

These are just the first phases of a continuing project. Such as once the first phase of Michael's project is done, the route will need to be walked, photos taken, and information gathered. This can then be worked into making an overall presentation with Robert Reyes's brochure. Then this presentation can be made to the MD Legislators who have responded to our letter, or who we follow up to speak with individually.

I think we should first try for \$100,000. This money would be earmarked for several purposes one of those being for the Researcher Bob Selig to do an overall study for the state of MD. Secondly, finance the cost of making and putting up markers along the trail. Thirdly, for an Executive Administrator to help with basic office duties, fundraising, communicating with the state board and national board, helping organize logistics for events already being done by local re-enactors, communities, genealogical groups, etc., organizing other events, and creating a monthly W3R-MD newsletter.

These items would need to be solvent for at least the next two years and then re-evaluated after the celebration. Everyone I look forward to hearing your additional comments and statements. I hope everyone has a safe and happy Holiday season.

Kendra

A Little Note From Maryland's Mount Clare Museum House

I am happy to add my voice to the W3R-Maryland Chorus! We know that the man who lived here at Mount Clare, Charles Carroll, Barrister provided funds to Lafayette in the spring of 1781 for supplies, and we are investigating whether the later encampment at what is now Camden Yards was on property owned by Carroll. Thanks for your assistance and information!

Michael Connolly, Assistant Director, Mount Clare Museum House
410-837-3262 phone), 410-837-0251 (fax), <http://www.mountclare.org/>

D.C.
NCPH/OAH Call for Papers Deadline Approaching

From: David G. Vanderstel [<mailto:ncph@IUPUI.EDU>] A quick reminder that the deadline for the Call for Papers for the 2006 Joint Annual Meeting of the National Council on Public History and the Organization of American Historians is rapidly approaching. Proposals must be submitted online by 15 January 2005. In order to access the call for papers, visit the NCPH web page at: www.ncph.org/calls.html and click on "OAH/NCPH 2006 Joint Annual Meeting Call for Papers". Over the holiday break, I encourage all public historians to be thinking about possible papers, sessions, roundtables, and workshops that could be included in this joint annual meeting in Washington, DC. Since this is a joint meeting of the two organizations, we would very much like to have a strong public history presence on the program.

David G. Vanderstel, Executive Director, NCPH
H-PUBLIC Moderator

Virginia

Dear Kim,

I am pleased to announce the placement just outside of the gates of Historic Mount Vernon of a new "Washington-Rochambeau Route to Victory" display.

This particular sign reinforces [actually introduces in most cases] the casual public's awareness of the important French military contribution to the American cause. It has a valuable and unique purpose in educating the public on an important aspect of the war, and in placing Mount Vernon on the map in this significant event in the American Revolution.

The new display replaces the one erected by the French-American Bicentennial Committee in 1976. Not only had the earlier display succumbed irreparably to the ravages of time, but today's technology allows for more vibrant graphics as well as more efficient maintenance. Though planning for this project officially began a couple of years ago, it should be recognized as supporting the basic W3R program that has been defined since then.

We are particularly enthusiastic about this display and its unique placement, where it is exposed to the many tourists who visit Mount Vernon year around. The display provides a fine summary of the epic 1781 strategic march to Yorktown, drafted by Albert D. McJoynt, and commemorates the most prominent military-related event at Mount Vernon during the American Revolution, when Washington hosted General Rochambeau at his home as the two allied commanders proceeded to the Yorktown siege. The occasion was Washington's first return to Mount Vernon since assuming command of the American Army.

Funding for the new display was supported by a generous grant from the Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution. We are now planning some simple landscaping improvements

and assessing an appropriate time and theme which would best serve as "an official" unveiling of the display. While such a ceremony may be some months in the future, when the weather is more cooperative, the display is up and being recognized by much larger numbers than noticed the previous sign.

For further information on the display, one can inspect an ExpÃ©dition ParticuliÃ¨re Commemorative Cantonment Society webpage that shows images of the new sign. The URL is: <http://xenophongroup.com/mcjoynt/newsign.htm>

That page links to a page that gives the background to this initiative. Another webpage, <http://xenophongroup.com/mcjoynt/display.htm> , shows a full jpg image of the display design, and links to an on-line, larger pdf file of the image.

Best wishes,
Jim

Rochambeau Maps at the Library of Congress

For assistance and information about original Rochambeau maps of your area Library of Congress staffers, Diane Schug-O'Neill, Digital Conversion Specialist, and Pam Van Ee at the Library of Congress are available to help. The Library of Congress is in the process of developing a Rochambeau maps website and W3R hopes to produce a traveling exhibit for public libraries using this rich treasure trove as a base.

New Year's Greetings From Bob Selig

Kim,

Just in time for the new year here's the quote that should warm the heart of every Francophile. It is from a letter by Dr. James Tilton to Captain Thomas Rodney written on 16 December 1781:

"It must be mortifying to our poor fellows to observe the comfortable and happy life of French soldiers. They appear on parade every day like fine gentlemen, as neat as their officers, and hardly to be distinguished from them. They are paid once a week, and by their happy countenance appear to want nothing. A sentinel is not allowed to stand upon duty without a warm watch coat in addition to his other clothing. The officers treat the soldiers with attention, humanity and respect, and appear to employ all the means necessary to inspire them with sentiments of honor. Except some horse jockeying and plundering at the reduction of York, I have heard of no stealing among them. Theft is said to be a crime held in universal abhorrence by them. I have not seen or heard of any instance yet of a French soldier being whipped. Their desertions, I believe, have been rare, and their sickness but little. When will our army bear the comparison? ... Not only the body, but the mind of the soldier should also be trained in subserviency to health. The influence of the mind upon the body is astonishing. A sense of honor and reputation should, therefore, be cultivated, in every soldier, by all possible means. The French armies furnish a notable example of this measure. During the winter succeeding the campaign of 1781, I was quartered in the French garrison, to superintend the American hospital at Williamsburg. I remember that the maxim

with the French soldier was, first the king and then the soldier; that a French soldier despised all menial services; that waiters & soldiers were very different characters and were badged by different uniforms; that a French officer buying anything in market would not ask a soldier to carry it home for him; that drunkenness was regarded as equally disgraceful as stealing, so that I never saw a French soldier drunk."

The original is in the DE Public Archives; it is quoted as printed in Francis Theodore Tilton, *Dr. James Tilton of Delaware 1745-1822. A Patriot in two Wars with Britain* typed ms, Rg 9200702000 Small Manuscript Collection, Tilton Papers, Delaware Public Archives, Dover., vol. 4, pp. 428-29.

Reenactors Corner

The below was on several 18th century reenactors lists. It was contributed by T W Moran, tinsmith, aka Livonia Smithery, and sent on by John White of First Maryland and Avalon Forge.

The parson said that having such a perilous job I should be thinking about the hereafter. I told him I think of the hereafter all the time. No matter where I am - not just at the Meeting House, but on detail, pushing on after the Redcoats, cooking provisions, or g'in ta the tavern, I constantly ask myself, "Now jus what am I hereafter?"

A Connecticut rifleman once counseled his son that if he wanted to live a long life, the secret was to sprinkle a little gunpowder on his wheat mash every morning. The son did this religiously, and he lived to the ripe old age of 98. When he died, he left 14 children, 29 grandchildren, 38 great-grandchildren, and a 15 foot crater where they cremated him.

A Grenadier walked into a tavern, ordered two pints of ale and sat by the fire drinking a sip out of each one in turn. When he finished them, he ordered two more. The inn keeper approached and told him, "You know, ale goes flat when it sits. It would taste better if you bought one at a time." The Grenadier replied, "Well, , I have a brother who has gone off to fight Redcoats in the south. When we parted, we vowed that we'd drink this way to remember the days when we drank together. So I drinks one for him and one for me self." The Grenadier became a regular in the tavern, and always drank the same way: He ordered two pints and drank them in turn by the fire. One day, he came in and ordered just one pint and sat in the corner of the room. All the other Continentals took notice and fell silent. When he ordered the next pint, the inn keeper said, " I want to offer my condolences on your great loss." The Grenadier looked bewildered for a moment, then a light dawned in his eye and he laughed. "Oh, no. My brother is fine," He explained, "It's just that I asked for the hand of the Puritan's daughter and he made me promise to forsake my drinking ways."

Revolutionary Calendar Notes & News

Tuesday 18 January 2005 12:00-1:00 on Where: Education Center of the United States Navy Museum, Bldg 76, Washington Navy Yard

Colleagues: Please join us for a special presentation. Lieutenant Commander Thomas J. Cutler, USN (Ret.) and Deborah Cutler, coauthors of the *Dictionary of Naval Terms* and *Dictionary of Naval Abbreviations*, will discuss "**The Navy's Unique Argot.**" We all know that the Navy communicates in a truly unique fashion--a mixture of ancient and traditional terminology with an acronym-laden modern language steeped in space-age technology. The authors will discuss this unusual "language" and will share some of the challenges encountered when trying to collect it into dictionaries. LCDR Cutler is also the author the *Blue Jackets Manual* and the recent U.S. Naval Institute-Naval Historical Center publication, *A Sailor's History of the U.S. Navy*.

January 15-16, 2005 The 224th Anniversary Living History weekend Chesnee,SC.

will be held on Saturday and Sunday, January 15th & 16th, 2005. All activities will take place at the visitor center located on SC Hwy.11, three miles east of Chesnee,SC.

Assisting park staff members will be reenactors from the two Carolinas and Georgia, Sons of the American Revolution and Daughters of the American Revolution chapters and park volunteers. The Cherokee County Red Cross Chapter will have food and hot drinks for sale. All activities will take place, weather permitting! From: John Robertson <jr1@jrshelby.com> Full program listing may be found at <http://www.nps.gov/cowp/events.htm>

**Friday February 11, 2005 Mid-Atlantic Regional Coordination Meeting
Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route and East Coast Greenway**

Under the terms of a technical assistance grant that W3R-DE and East Coast Greenway-DE have received from NPS Rivers & Trails, a preliminary Mid-Atlantic regional coordination meeting will be sponsored by Wilmapco and the Delaware Valley Regional Planning commission for the W3R and the East Coast Greenway trustees is planned for February 10 in Wilmington, DE. Representatives from four states, including Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey are invited. Southern and New England state delegates are may attend if they wish. Kim Burdick from W3R USA will say a few words about what is happening at the national and local levels. DVRPC and WILMAPCO are hosting the meeting. The agenda hasn't been finalized yet but as I understand it, the intention is to look at projects along the I-95/Amtrak corridor from Princeton, NJ to Perryville, MD (the jurisdiction of both MPO's). The two national projects in that corridor are the East Coast Greenway and the W3R; representatives from both organizations will be invited. National Parks Service will speak about the overlap of the national projects and the potential to do some coordination between them. I think the discussion will also include how to promote the other recreation areas/trails and historic and cultural attractions the intersect with or connect to the corridor.

For more information on technical assistance grants contact:

Julie Bell, NPS Northeast Region, Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program/200 Chestnut Street/Philadelphia, PA 19106

The McNeil Center, Philadelphia Friday Afternoon Seminar Series

The McNeil Center invites graduate students, faculty members, independent scholars, and

all other Early Americanists in the Mid-Atlantic region to its Friday afternoon seminar series. Meetings are held at various locations and convene at 3:00 PM on Friday afternoons. A social hour follows at 5:00 pm. Papers are circulated in advance and should be read by those planning to attend. To obtain copies via listserv, or for more information, e-mail abaxter@sas.upenn.edu or phone 215-898-9251.

21 January: Kyle Farley, University of Pennsylvania and 2003-2004 MCEAS Fellow "A Duty Due to Posterity™: Remembering Colonial Pennsylvania in the Early Republic" McNeil Center Great Room, 3619 Locust Walk, University of Pennsylvania

4 February: Sarah Rivett, University of Chicago and MCEAS Barra Dissertation Fellow "Empirical Desire: Conversion, Ethnography, and the New Science of the Praying Indian" Free Quaker Meeting House, 5th and Arch Streets, Philadelphia

18 February: Peter Leavenworth, University of New Hampshire and 2004-2005 MCEAS Fellow "Confrontations of Taste: American and European Standards of Music Aesthetics in the Early Republic, 1770-1825" Faculty Lounge, 9th Floor, Gladfelter Hall, Temple University

4 March: Patrick Michael Erben, Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture "Music, Mysticism, and Translation in Eighteenth-Century Pennsylvania" German Society of Pennsylvania, 611 Spring Garden Street, Philadelphia

18 March: Sharon Ann Murphy, PEAES Resident Postdoctoral Fellow "Creating Markets: The Adaptation, Innovation, and Diffusion of the Life Insurance Industry in the Early Republic" Joint Seminar with the Program in Early American Economy and Society The Library Company of Philadelphia, 1314 Locust Street

6 April: Julie Kim, Duke University and MCEAS Barra Dissertation Fellow "Perishable Foods, Durable Coin: John Locke and the American Roots of Commerce" Location T.B.A.

15 April: Philip Morgan, The Johns Hopkins University "The Early Caribbean and the Atlantic World" Joint session with the Washington Area Early American History Seminar Maryland Historical Society, 201 West Monument Street, Baltimore

22 April: Denver Brunsman, Wayne State University and 2003-2004 MCEAS Fellow "Admiral Charles Knowles and the Atlantic Spectrum of Impressment Riots in the Mid-Eighteenth Century" Location T.B.A.

6 May: Tara Durst, Northern Illinois University, Allan Kulikoff, University of Georgia "Was Dr. Benjamin Church Really a Traitor? A New Way to Find Out" Location T.B.A.

20 May: John Lauritz Larson, Purdue University and MCEAS Barra Postdoctoral Fellow "Commodifying Nature, Naturalizing Greed: An Environmental Look at the Rise of Capitalism" Franklin Hall, American Philosophical Society, 427 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia The Center's annual end-of-the-year picnic and celebration will follow in the garden of the A.P.S., 104 S. Fifth Street, Philadelphia RSVP to mceas@ccat.sas.upenn.edu

Four Grant Opportunities with Approaching Deadlines!!

2005 National Scenic Byways Program "Jan. 31, 2005 Application Deadline"

Under this program, the Secretary of Transportation may make grants to States to implement projects on roads designated as National Scenic Byways or All-American Roads,

or as State scenic byways. The Secretary may also make grants to States to plan, design, and develop a State scenic byway program. Eligible projects must be from one of the eight eligible activities: State Programs, Corridor Management Plans, Safety Improvements, Byway Facilities, Access to Recreation, Resource Protection, Interpretive Information, or Marketing. Priority is given to projects that demonstrate the relationship of the project to the byway, benefit the byway traveler, and leverage funds from multiple funding sources. The Federal share of the byway project grant is generally 80 percent.

Nonprofit organizations may apply to this program, but must coordinate their applications with their State Departments of Transportation (DOT). The formal applications to FHWA are submitted by the State DOTs, and the projects are generally managed by the cognizant State DOT.

For More Information:

<http://www.fedgrants.gov/Applicants/DOT/FHA/HAAM/FHWA-2005-HEP/listing.html>

We the People Challenge Grants from NEH – Feb. 1, 2005 Application Deadline

As part of its We the People initiative, NEH invites proposals for challenge grants designed to help institutions and organizations secure long-term improvements in and support for humanities activities focused on exploring significant themes and events in American history. NEH is particularly interested in projects that advance knowledge of the founding principles of the United States in their full historical and institutional context.

Grants may be used to support long-term costs such as construction and renovation, purchase of equipment, acquisitions, and conservation of collections. Grants may also be used to establish or enhance endowments that generate expendable earnings for program activities.

The federal portions of NEH We the People challenge grants will likely range between \$300,000 and \$1,000,000.

For More Information:

<http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/wtpchallenge.html>

NEH Implementation Grants for Museums and Historical Organizations – Feb. 3, 2005 Application Deadline

These grants support interpretive museum exhibitions (both long-term and traveling) and the interpretation of historic sites, and include support for accompanying publications, websites, and public humanities programming. Public humanities programs support lifelong learning in history, literature, comparative religion, philosophy, and other fields of the humanities for broad public audiences.

Applicants for implementation grants should have already done most of the planning for their projects, including the identification of the key humanities themes, relevant scholarship, and program formats.

Awards of up to \$350,000 are usually made for a period of 24 to 36 months. Applicants may also request an additional \$150,000 for a smaller traveling version of the proposed exhibition for a maximum total request of \$500,000.

Implementation grants normally pay no more than 60% of a project's total cost.

For More Information:

<http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/implement-museums.html>

NEH Implementation Grants for Special Projects – Feb. 3, 2005 Application Deadline

Special Project grants support a variety of public humanities program formats, including public discussion forums, hands-on learning experiences, discussion series based on reading or film-viewing, multi-faceted conferences, or symposia. Small exhibitions or interpretive publications might serve as common texts for such programs. Living history or historical impersonations might also be appropriate if they are deeply grounded in scholarship.

Applicants for an implementation grant should have already identified their project's key humanities themes, relevant scholarship, and program formats. Most of the planning and consultation with scholars and programming advisors should already have taken place.

Awards of up to \$300,000 are usually made for a period of 24 to 36 months.

Implementation grants normally pay no more than 60% of a project's total cost.

For More Information:

<http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/implement-special.html>

National Trust for Historic Preservation

Northeast Office

7 Faneuil Hall Marketplace

Boston, MA 02109

<http://www.nationaltrust.org/>