

National Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route Association
The Yorktown Campaign
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Bonjour, Good Morning!

We welcome new board member from New Jersey, DR. Isabelle Darnis-Wilhelm, Honorary consul of France in Princeton, NJ 604 Princeton-Kingston Road Princeton, NJ 08540 (609) 430-9109. It is an honor and a pleasure to report that W3R now has all of the current Honorary French Consuls in the 600 mile Yorktown Campaign region on our board, as well as several of those who have retired.. It's a great omen for the New Year.

January is such a good month for reflection. Stores at the mall are taking inventory. Students are taking placement exams. Doctors are giving diagnostic tests. Accountants are closing out the old year. The President of the United States is preparing a State of the Union Address. W3R-USA is sending out evaluation forms.

Your thoughtful reflections, assessments and ideas are important building blocks that we need to complete this nine state project in a timely and organized fashion. If you received an evaluation form or background brief by e-mail on Friday, please take a few moments to respond to those questions and e-mail them back or fax them to Kim at (302) 477-1854. If you did not receive an evaluation form but would like to respond, the questions are attached

in Microsoft Word for your use. We want everyone from Board Chairman to the youngest and meekest volunteer to participate in this first annual evaluation.

We have accomplished a lot in 2004. Not bad for a nine state all-volunteer organization built almost completely from scratch in one year's time.

Now that W3R members have officially voiced supported Alternative #2, we have a very clear vision of what we want and where we are going. The National Washington-Rochambeau historic trail, connecting both thematically and physically all of the Revolutionary War sites and stories along the more than 600 mile stretch of the Yorktown Campaign Trail will become a reality much faster if we keep our eyes on the ball and continue to work as well-functioning team. We have already assembled most of the scholarly research needed and now have the W3R statewide groups communicating with each other and with their federal, state and local movers and shakers. Your hard work, joyous enthusiasm, and personal networks are making it happen.

Let's take a look at where W3R-USA is today, in this first month of 2005 then carefully read the Alternative #2 Vision Statement, below.

- Our top priority, passage of HR 22347 is now completed.
- The intrepid Lee Patrick Anderson of W3R-PA and W3R-NJ walked from Newport, Rhode Island to Claymont, Delaware, a modern scout on the Yorktown Campaign Trail. His intrepid back up driver Ralph Nelson has posted photos and journal entries on www.amrevandfrance.com
- Dominique de Roquefeuil has done a beautiful job of getting our own website www.W3R-US.org redesigned and updates it regularly.
- The individual W3R states are seeking funding to mark the Yorktown Campaign Trail with compatible interpretive panels and auto route markers in time for 2006 celebrations.
- We know that the signage must, and will, have a comprehensive style and design. We are working closely with Julie Bell of NPS Rivers & Trails to achieve this goal.
- Signage work plans and/or proposals in hand from Rhode Island, Connecticut and Delaware. The other 6 states and DC are developing their sign plans as we speak.
- We will be working together on a sign workshop facilitated by NPS at our national meeting on Friday April 22 in Wilmington, Delaware
- The individual states are funding and ensuring the completion of the Selig reports. All nine volumes should be completed by December 31, 2005.
- CT, NY and DE have completed their Selig reports and Bob is polishing up his New Jersey report and will soon be working in PA and RI.
- Connecticut has produced two useful volumes of Bob's work for the general public. Delaware is talking to Cedar Tree Books on Monday. New York has produced a beautiful brochure with map that is a role model for the other states.
- The 225th Anniversary kickoff celebration is this summer July 8,9,10, 2005 in Newport, Rhode Island.
- The statewides are getting their celebration date on the re-enactors calendars
- The Grand Finale of the 225th will be Yorktown Days October 19-22, 2006

- The path we are on is a lot of fun and gives every W3R volunteer a little platform to dance on.

As we begin our annual assessment process let's take a look at the language of Alternative #2 once again, keeping in mind that this is W3R's collective decision made this fall and duly reported to NPS.

“ The proposed Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route will be established by Congress as a national historic trail within the national trails system. Between Boston and Yorktown, the trail will serve interpretive, educational, commemorative and retracement purposes through recreational, driving and water0-based routes. The NPS may participate in a shared management scheme with a new nonprofit trail organization, as well as state and local agencies and other interest groups. A trail management plan may be developed by NPS. This plan would include guidance and standards on issues such as signage; certification of sites; interpretive and educational content for exhibits and promotional materials; and research and preservation. A trail advisory board, formed of an appointed group of representatives, would be established to advise the NPS on trail implementation issues.

The newly established nonprofit trail organization—which could incorporate constituencies currently constituting the W3R-USA together with other interested groups and agencies—would assist with some aspects of plan implementation, as well as undertaking other tasks such as advocacy, commemoration and fundraising. Limited federal financial assistance would be provided. It would be dedicated to trail management and administration and to supporting groups engaged in interpreting and preserving the trail and its resources. The federal government would not acquire land or resources associated with the trail.

Over time, the historic route would be marked as continuous segments on the ground or at water access points; in a few places, physical trail segments could be enhanced. Where feasible, modern road segments this follow the known routes would be marked for travel. In areas where development and related impacts have diminished or destroyed access to or along the historic routes, interpretive waysides or other informational means could be applied, as appropriate. Modern roads could be used as deviations from the original routes if deemed necessary to protect fragile historic resources, provide continuity, or protect public safety.”

Reflections and Ruminations

We have worked steadily since October 2003 to build W3R as a healthy, viable organization that can stand on its own feet and carry its own water long after the 2006 celebrations are over. By harnessing the collective efforts of accomplished individuals in the nine Yorktown Campaign Trail states, DC and France we have been able to advance the mission and build a solid platform to carry out our long-term goals. W3R-USA is designed to be both flexible and strategic. Our hallmark has been our ability to work pleasantly and cooperatively together towards a nine state and France goal. Our success to date has been the joint product of all of you, talented people brought together to apply your knowledge, networking abilities and experience to the major challenges facing our institution.

Thanks to the kind offer of Tom Daly of the American Revolution Center at Valley Forge our leadership committee has been given a unique opportunity to build on our assessments

and to use these evaluations, or diagnostic tools, to help us make a smooth transition from Phase 2 to Phase 3 of our organization's growth. Tom has arranged for our statewide chairmen and executive committee to meet with Libby Schnee of Burson-Marsteller in NYC for a focus group/strategic planning session.

This strategic planning session will give us a chance for the board to meet before the April 22 and 23 national meeting and will help integrate our new Interim Honorary Board Chairman, Betty Jane Gerber, into our ongoing organizational process. It will also give us an opportunity to determine what, if any, relationship we might like to develop with the not yet built American Revolution Center at Valley Forge. We will report the outcome back to you in the next Monday Morning Report slated for January 31.

It is important that trustees understand what our own CEO, our stakeholders and our faithful volunteers see as the critical issues. Please fill out and return the evaluation forms that were recently e-mailed to you. For those people who did not receive a form but would like to fill one out, I have attached it in Microsoft Word to this document. I will tabulate the answers into an easy to read format and we will share the overall response with you at the end of the month.

Phase 2 needs to be completed by April 23. An embryonic Phase 3 has already begun with discussions based on the need for both a funding plan and a marketing plan, tentative discussions about staffing needs, and programming.

Strategic Planning for Phase 3 will be the major focus of our April 23 session in Wilmington. You are all invited to that meeting. We will get the ideas on paper then and develop our plan for the future. Phase 3 will end October 31, 2006.

Many thanks for all you do. Your work, dedication, enthusiasm and energy have helped us complete almost every dream, goal and vision that was put forth by the membership at the October, 2003 organizational meeting. Keep on trucking. We look forward to receiving your evaluation sheets tonight or tomorrow by return e-mail or by fax to Kim at (302) 477-1854.

Jacques Bossiere, PhD, Chairman

Kim Burdick, Vice Chairman

The American Revolution Center at Valley Forge : A Potential New W3R Partner

The American Revolution Center at Valley Forge will connect the history and legacy of the birth of the American republic to the concerns of the Twenty-First century. Designed to showcase the landscape, the 106,000 square foot building will be 60 percent underground, so that only the sculptural roof will be seen from the hallowed ground where the Continental Army encamped. Facilities will include a 350-seat theater; a 175-seat auditorium; casual cafeteria and a fine dining restaurant; large retail store; terrace; and 5,000 square feet of temporary exhibit space in addition to the permanent exhibits.

A state-of-the-art educational exhibition will utilize the combined collection to tell the entire story of the American Revolution. A resource center for teachers and scholars providing access to the rare and previously unavailable manuscript and document collection. Visitor

orientation to provide all visitors with the menu of options available for touring the Park . Curatorial laboratory and storage facilities to preserve and protect the collection. Classrooms for students and community groups, an auditorium for public presentations, an exhibition gallery, food service and a gift shop.

A Board of Scholars founded by Pulitzer Prize-winning author David McCullough has defined the interpretive themes. In a state-of-the-art facility designed by the eminent architect Robert A.M. Stern, the Center will showcase the largest collection of Revolutionary artifacts, information and experiences ever assembled. At least as important, the Center will be situated on the hallowed ground of Valley Forge. The story of the American Revolution, with Valley Forge as its paradigm, provides a timeless example of what people can achieve when they unite in a common cause. The men and women of 1776 found such a cause in the world transforming words of the Declaration of Independence—the universal right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

The central theme of the Center will be the startling diversity of the 1776 Americans who struggled to win these inestimable rights—white, black and Native American soldiers; caring, sometimes daring women; Irish, German, Jewish, Polish and French volunteers—all sharing the vision of a land of liberty and equality.

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Educational Task Force Communications

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Dear Kim,

It is wonderful hearing from you and learning the latest on the Washington-Rochambeau project. I was also pleased that you had a chance to view our *Why America is Free Curriculum* DVD and that you liked what you saw. Thank you very much.

As to the Washington-Rochambeau project, we would very much like to be involved - we would consider it to be an honor. What you are doing is very important and a terrific opportunity to educate and excite people from all over the nation and the world.

I am sure the Yorktown Campaign/Washington-Rochambeau stories that Jack Warren and Jim Reese have helped to put together would be an excellent addition to our curriculum. Anything they have prepared is certain to be outstanding and this story is a very important aspect of our history that needs to be told. I do not know if I had mentioned this before, but one of our maps that we designed for our curriculum traces the Washington-Rochambeau route to Yorktown.

Providing your organization would want us to, we also would welcome the opportunity to work on the virtual visitor centers and av. components of the project. How information is presented is vital to its overall success when reaching the public. For this reason, creating

materials that are engaging, multi-sensory and user friendly are key elements to all we do. We love a challenge!

Thanks again for your kind words ~All the best!

Jan

Dear Kim,

Jan forwarded your email to me. We are delighted to learn of your response to our work and would be honored and excited to help in this wonderful and important project in the ways you have mentioned, if your organization decides they want us to. Over this Christmas break I carefully reviewed the materials and book you sent us; I cannot overstate how impressed we both are with what your organization has already created and what is yet coming. The project is very important and you are doing it marvelously. We have detailed ideas regarding the inclusion of this focus in our curriculum in several subject areas and would also love to apply ourselves to the av and virtual exhibits. Further, we would like to talk with you just a bit about another matter as well.

During or immediately after the meetings we had in Washington DC with the Society and at Mount Vernon with Mr. Rees in October, I discovered that either you or someone from your organization had called, and we look forward to meeting with you at some time in the near future if possible. Prior to that weekend I had asked Jack if it would be feasible to meet with you at Anderson House during that time, and he said no because of the numbers of people delegates and activities. Once there, we discovered he had actually understated the situation - the place was bursting, and the intense meetings and official functions ran from before breakfast into the wee hours every day. By the end of the visit, we were reeling with exhaustion, though elated with the results.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Donna

18th century Music and Dance

The web page for the Colonial Music Institute is <http://www.colonialmusic.org/>. The e-mail address of David Hildebrand is (davenging@aol.com). Try contacting him for 225th anniversary performances. I have all three of their CDs as well, and enjoy them very much. Their fee at that time was \$800.

Glenn Williams.

News From the Statewides

Rhode Island

(For related information see also Re-enactors Corner)

The French Encampment (at Fort Adams) is well under way. All French units know to me, the Brigade of the American Revolution (BAR) and the Continental Line (CL) are invited. We are anticipating their favorable reply. Roy Najecki, the BAR National Treasurer and lead-person for the Battle of Rhode Island in 2003 has been a strong local advocate. Colonel Geoff Gardner (Artillery Company of Newport) the 'military coordinator'

has extensive experience working with Fort Adams and local assets (an armory nearby and personnel at his disposal). In addition Captain Carl Becker (2nd Rhode Island Regiment), thought a little hard to get in touch with, has decades of leadership experience working with the BAR and CL and has been a close advisor. We are in very close touch with the local French unit, Le Regiment Bourbonnais (lead by Colonel Chubb Clement), and the largest French unit, Le Regiment Saintonge (lead by Steve Tashovics); and contacting the other French units scattered all over the US and Canada. Roy Najecki says that there may be as many as 100 BAR members, who will done French uniforms for the occasion – not just for our event but for the ‘whole series.’

Space at Fort Adams is limited to 600. So, after giving the French the fast track, it is first come first serve; so long as the highest safety standards are maintained. The BAR (and the CL) is encouraged to participate and add their expertise to the event. While we are not going to exclude British troops, the focus will definitely be on the French. Since this historic event did not have a battle, a battle reenactment is not planned, but there will be tactical exercises. With a limitation of 600, we may not have any British at all; or if we do, we will have to explain that their presence was not coincidental with the French. Rather than fret about having/not-having British, I am inclined to go with the flow and make the best out of what results. The Continental Line event conflicting with this weekend is in Canada, which is lovely but also distant and so will not draw all the participants.

So we have contacted the BAR national officers and will be happy to work with them to make a meaningful event, enjoyable for all. The BAR can have a prominent role. The only other concerns are the ‘focus on the French,’ the happiness of the CL units (should be not problem, the Battle of RI worked well), the interests of the Fort Adams Trust, and, above all, safety (for which the BAR has a high standard). If you and/or Mr. Ackermann have specific questions, concerns or suggestions, feel free to contact me directly.

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Massachusetts

Hello Kim,

As you and I know, Mass. is well behind in these endeavors. I (think) I know what is going on, and will try to recruit some help. If I continue to work pretty much alone, my priority will be to get funding for Selig Mass. Research. In discussions with Bob, the Mass. 501c3 may have to precede the final funding.

Can we expect any help from NPS in funding or in Mass. locations for panels, kiosks and auto route markers?

It probably is not realistic to have Mass. Selig research completed by Dec. 2005 and it may not be necessary based on the fact that final Mass. events may not be until Dec. 2007.

Best Regards,
Ken Molloy
MASSAR

Connecticut

Dear Friends of Rochambeau,

Monday, January 3rd, John Romeo Marquis, a great supporter of our W3R efforts in our state of Connecticut, passed away at the age of 86. A funeral service was held Friday January 7 at 1:30 p.m. at the Holmes Funeral Home, 400 Main Street, Manchester.

For years, long before my time, John supported the project first as a member of the Connecticut Advisory Commission on American and Francophone Cultural Affairs, then from the very beginning, by becoming one of the first members of the our W3R committee. His support manifested in many ways: by faithfully attending our meetings in the Governor's chamber, by contributing of his own money either through generous donations or by publishing historical documents and by letter writing to officials. His enthusiasm in the local history of the French contribution during the War of Independence was highly contagious. His historical knowledge of the French's presence in our state was unusual. One day, for hours he took me around to every W3R campsite and memorial plaque within the greater Hartford area, fully describing the story behind each one of them. John had become a very good friend of mine. W3R Connecticut will miss him greatly!

Please take the time to remember a faithful member of our committee by either coming to his funeral service and/or including him in your prayers.

SERGE

Dear Friends of Washington and Rochambeau,

As we turn the page into a new year I take this opportunity to wish to each and every one of our members happiness, health, prosperity and peace.

For W3R-CT, 2005 will become a banner year of many achievements as we get closer and closer to celebrating the 225th anniversary, starting in October with an encampment week-end in Lebanon and then full celebration along the Route in June-July of 2006. We need to have everything in place in 2005. I am asking everyone to pitch in, especially since much help is still needed to complete several of our interpretative markers, hopefully early this year, with contemplated installation in early summer.

Following our kick-off meeting on November 13, we are integrating our W3R efforts within the plan of the Commission on Culture and Tourism (CCT). As part of the agency's participation in the preservation and promotion of the route to in-state as well as out-of-state visitors, CT is developing a promotional program that includes (1) a guidebook to sites to visit along the length of the route in Connecticut (2) 10 large interpretive markers to be placed at participating museum locations (3) 60 small bronze plaques to be given to individual sites along the trail (4) rack cards with local events highlighted, one for 2005 and one for 2006, to be widely distributed and (5) a trifold brochure for each of the 10 sites that receives a large interpretative marker.

As part of this accelerated effort, the Commission (CCT) has approved the hiring of a consultant whose primary responsibility will be the management of the publications, plaques, markers and events along the route under the direction of Mary M. Donohue, survey and Grants director of the Commission on Culture and Tourism.

For your information

You can now follow the progress of the W3R Project on a National level at:

http://www.ctssar.org/revroad/monday_report.htm

Luisa Craige (Coordinator-Lebanon Encampment) has created the following web site for the Lebanon encampment (scheduled for October 02-03, 2005):

<http://www.geocities.com/lcraigeweb/lebanon05>

It's all very exciting, I am looking forward to continue working this year with you on your individual projects.

SERGE

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New York

A Note Forwarded By Bob Selig:

While talking with Libby Browne, I found out that you are working on establishing Rochambeau - Washington's route to Yorktown. Years ago I was approached by Colonel Cestac of New York, who wanted me to locate camp sites of Rochambeau in and around Philadelphia. He too was working on the same project. Unfortunately Col. Cestac passed away tragically in an accident in Manhattan. I am not sure whether his widow, Françoise Cestac, could help you in your quest, but it is worth trying, if you are inclined to do so. I have no e-mail address of her. You can mention my name, of course, Pierre Lefebvre, president of the UFE of Philadelphia.

New Jersey

Kim,

Dr. Darnis-Wilhelm, the new Honorary Consul of France for NJ, is delighted to join our Board of Directors. Isabelle Darnis-Wilhelm, MD Honorary consul of France in Princeton, NJ 604 Princeton-Kingston Road Princeton, NJ 08540 (609) 430-9109

Caroline

Dear Kim Burdick:

Thank you for your interest and kind words. My Yorktown book is a follow up to Valley Forge: A Genesis for Command and Control, Continental Army Style, published by Thomas Publications in 2001. The title of the book, also to be published by Thomas, is not fixed. We are currently considering, The Brilliance of Yorktown: Command and Control in the 1781 Campaign. (Or some variation)

The earliest, I expect publication is June 2005, so we have no press release yet. The story is not about the siege, but people and the command and control process exercised to move from Rhode Island to Virginia, a really exciting story and the result of eight years research. I have had preliminary discussions with C-SPAN to feature the book in a review, but that will be some time in the future, perhaps I could mention the W3R project. Let me know your thoughts on this. C-SPAN was kind enough to review the Valley Forge book and it influenced a number of TV productions in a series of short stories. I have tried to make the characters in the Yorktown book compelling, which they were without any help from me, to encourage TV interest.

Let me know how you feel I can help with your project.

I serve on the Board of Directors and Scholars of the American Revolution Center (ARC-Tom Daly) and my wife and I are working with Mount Vernon (Jim Rees) on the Revolutionary War exhibit for their new Education Center. I have been invited to join the Mt Vernon Board of Advisors.

I appreciate your offer to use your many Washington-Rochambeau contacts. If you agree, I intend to inform Thomas Publications and request them to send you updated information as we progress.

I will try to attend the meeting in April. Please send further details as they develop.

If you think Dr. Selig would be interested I will speak with my editor when she returns from trip to Charleston, SC

Cheers,
Herman Benninghoff

HERMAN O. BENNINGHOFF, II is a retired businessman, independent researcher, author, lecturer, and student of the American War of Independence. He has published numerous articles and his first book: Valley Forge: A Genesis for Command and Control, Continental Army Style was published in 2001. His next book, The Brilliance of Yorktown, 1781 Command and Control, Continental Army Style, is due for publication in June 2005. He has two other books in progress

Herman is a member of the National Center of the American Revolution's Board of Directors and Scholars with Chairman David McCullough, Thomas Fleming, Don Higginbotham, Holly Mayer, Pauline Maier and Rick Beeman (See Website for The National Center of The American Revolution). Herman has been invited to join the Mount Vernon Board of Advisors and along with his wife Joan is assisting Mount Vernon in the construction of the Revolutionary War exhibit in the new Education Center

Recently Herman worked on a new TV series for Discoveries America and has appeared in the 2003 PBS series HISTORY DETECTIVES. He was a script advisor to Terra Nova Television for the Discovery Channel production on Valley Forge. His book was the basis for an interview on C-SPAN, July 6, 2002. The book was a source for the History Channel's Save Our History: Valley Forge aired on February 18, 2002 in which Mr. Benninghoff appeared as a narrator, author, and historian. In 1995 he was a script writer and appeared as an arms historian in the A&E TV Series: THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.

Pennsylvania

Great news from our attorney -- Susan Garrison. Our application for a 501(c)(3) has been approved by the IRS. We are now "for real".

Win

Runaway Franklin

Come and hear Temple University Professor and American Historian, David Waldstreicher discuss his latest book, Runaway America: Benjamin Franklin, Slavery, and the American Revolution. In his book, Dr. Wadlstreicher, explores the role slavery played in Benjamin Franklin's life as an indentured servant, slave holder, and abolitionist. *The Library Journal* describes this book as "Well written and researched, this scholarly biography offers a balanced look at the practical Franklin, a man who often tried to be "all things to all people."

Date: January 19, 2005 **Time:** 6:30 – 8:00 PM **Location:** Free Quaker Meeting House, 500 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA **Fees:** Free for members, \$6 for non-members, and \$3 for students. For more information or to register please contact Christian Varquez at 215-928-1188 or christianv_inde@yahoo.com.

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Doctoral candidates from any PhD-granting institution who are in the research or writing stage of the dissertation are eligible to compete for these fellowships. Any project dealing with the histories and cultures of North America in the Atlantic world before 1850 will be considered. Proposals dependent on the use of Philadelphia-area archives and libraries are particularly welcome. Applications are encouraged from students of all relevant disciplines, including African American Studies, American Studies, Anthropology, Economics, Folklore, History, Law, Literature, Music, Political Science, Religion, Urban Studies, and Women's Studies.

Awards may be made in several categories, depending on the qualifications of the applicants: <http://www.mceas.org/dissertationfellowship.pdf> The postmark deadline for applications for the 2005-2006 academic year is 1 March 2005.

Delaware

W3R-DE is the delighted recipient of a check for \$5,000 from former Delaware residents Foster and Lynne Friess. This very welcome gift is earmarked as seed money for the W3R traveling musical, *Billy Lee's George Washington*. Kim and composer Evelyn Swensson visited the Delaware State Arts Council on Friday and feel confident that we will be able to leverage this gift.

As part of an evening focused on the Claymont Renaissance on Thursday January 13, Kim was a guest speaker at the Council of Civic Organizations of Brandywine Hundred and was able to explain the W3R-DE story to a diverse audience of civic activists.

Thanks to our W3R-DE Greenway Task Force Chairman, Bobbi Britton, W3R-DE and ECG-DE are cooperating on a technical assistance grant from the National Park Service's Rivers and Trails Division, Philadelphia. We are doubly blessed in that our assigned NPS technical support person is Delaware's very own Julie Bell who not only understands all the technical things we need to know, but also understands from personal experience the personalities and needs of the neighborhoods W3R-DE passes through. Julie met informally with W3R-DE's Sign Guys on December 28 and made a formal presentation on signage to W3R-DE and guests at our luncheon meeting on Friday January 14.

We will meet again with Julie and regional members of ECG and W3R at the Delaware Community Service Building at 10 am, February 11 to explore possibilities for cooperative programs.

The Delaware Department of Transportation has assigned Mark Glaze, a project planner in the Statewide and Regional Planning Section, to help our W3R-DE Sign Guys with the planning and implementation of signs and informational kiosks. Mr. Glaze was briefed on the project a few months back, is bringing himself up to speed on the effort, and is looking forward to starting.

Kim will be exploring heritage tourism and educational partnership opportunities with Winterthur Museum later this month. Lynn Davis-Trier, Director of Marketing and Tourism at Winterthur is in the process of coordinating a regional celebration for 2007 to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the birth of the Marquis de Lafayette and, as the author of a chapter on Delaware's heritage tourism sites in a popular travel guide (Fodor's *The Thirteen Colonies*), is interested in increasing visibility of the region's involvement in the Revolution.

WE have also received a generous offer of assistance from the Greater Wilmington Convention and Visitors Bureau. Director J. Harry Feldman very kindly proofread the draft W3R brochure Kim is developing and wrote:

Am back from a holiday break and am catching up on e-mail. Read yours about the upcoming April 22-23 WR3 meeting here. Let me know what you need from us to help with the planning, promoting attendance, etc. I assume you have reserved hotel and meeting space and have all that under control. If not, contact me or Mike Slivka, our meetings specialist. We can save you a lot of legwork.

As for promoting attendance, we can provide our Cultural Brochure and/or Visitor Guide (new one expected next week). We can give you a supply to mail out or we can mail if you give us the names and addresses (printed labels or Excel file). We hope Wilmington will

shine, of course, and want to encourage folks to arrive a day early and/or stay an extra day to explore our area.

I hope you had a good holiday and that '05 is off to a good start.

Best --

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Both land and historic preservation issues remain a top priority along Delaware's W3R route. As of January 10, 2005, in all matters pertaining to the Barczewski / La Grange / Dr. Samuel H. Black farm at 2467 Pulaski Highway, Glasgow, Delaware, Mrs. Joanne Barczewski Lewis is represented by: Daniel P. McCollom, Esquire, Morris, James, Hitchens & Williams LLP

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Delaware Greenways Director, Tim Plemmons writes: Some of Delaware's most important natural, historic and culturally significant lands are fast disappearing. A recent News Journal Article cited Delaware as the 8th fastest growing State in the Nation and the fastest growing in the mid-Atlantic region. Delaware is losing farmland at a rate five times the national average or about 10,000 acres per year!!! Indeed, Delaware is quickly becoming a last chance landscape, yet, New Castle County Council will reconsider an ordinance this Tuesday, January 11th that will divert \$10 million now dedicated to land preservation in the county to help pay for over \$17 million of storm water mitigation projects.

The question is, will Council also commit to fully reinstating funding for land preservation at this meeting and will Council support land preservation funding in next year's budget and for future years. The County is in a position to do so and to include new funding in next year's budget. State that land preservation must be part of the long-term strategy to deal with flooding. Ask Council to support the development of a land preservation plan to guide investment in and protection of New Castle County's best natural areas, greenways, farms and forest with high preservation and community value.

Sincerely,

Tim Plemmons, Executive Director, Delaware Greenways

Congratulations to General Frank Ianni, W3R-DE board member and chairman of the W3R-De Sign Guys. With the signing of the omnibus spending bill by President Bush late last year, the Air Service Hangar at Bellanca Airfield will be awarded a \$300,000 grant to match a DelDOT grant, completing the funding package for a projected \$600,000 project to restore the exterior of the historic hangar. These funds are through the Save America's Treasures Grant Program. The only projects thus far in the state to have been officially designated by this program include Gibraltar, the Smyrna Opera House, and various art conservation programs. But this is the first Delaware project to receive funding through this program. This announcement was made on Thursday Jan. 13th at 2PM at Bellanca Field by Senator Carper. For more information on the Save America's Treasures program including

the newest application information for projects, deadline Feb. 1st; go to:

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

More information on efforts to preserve the Field:

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

Maryland

A thought from Glenn Williams: I would suggest that Kendra, Bob or someone from your group attend the next SMA, they are usually in February in Ocean City, MD; and possibly have a table in the exhibit area. The web page, if you don't already have it, is <http://www.smallmuseum.org/>; and I believe the current president is Ken Hickman, who may be contacted at 410-539-1797 ext 446. Perhaps you could contact Annapolis Foundation, and see about doing something in conjunction with them., who could sponsor the event Last year's commemorated George Washington's resigning his commission to Congress. They were able to get the Hildebrands, Ensemble Galilee, Ensemble Gaudior and some other interpretations of eighteenth-century music PLUS the Army's Colonial Fife and Drum Corps of the Old Guard. They charged admission to some of the venues, others were free, but they had a huge crowd. Perhaps the festival and HAF could incorporate the W3R?.

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I received this e-mailed news article from the Lawrence Eagle-Tribune in Massachusetts on Mon., Jan. 3, 2005 about a rare Revolutionary War flag uncovered at the Peabody Historical Society. Am forwarding it on to possible interested parties in my contacts list. Link to it as follows http://www.eagletribune.com/news/stories/20050103/FP_005.htm

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Virginia

George Washington Remembers: Reflections on the French & Indian War

Forwarded by Glenn Williams. Carlyle House Premieres for the First Time in Virginia the Traveling Exhibit - March 22 - April 17, 2005

Two centuries after it was written, a document the public was never supposed to see reveals the personal thoughts of America's first President. In 1787, at Mount Vernon, George Washington penned eleven pages of personal reminiscences about the early years of his career, including a vivid account of his service as a young officer during the French and Indian War when he had four harrowing brushes with death. He called the document

simply, "Remarks." The understated title of the manuscript stands in stark contrast to its astonishing historical value. While Adams, Jefferson and Franklin told their stories in extensive and candid autobiographies, Washington left future Americans with virtually no insight into his own thoughts and emotions. Of the millions of words Washington set down on paper during his life, only the "Remarks" were given over to private reflection. And, according to Washington's own instructions, those words were never supposed to survive him.

But survive they did.

Closely held in private collections for over 200 years, the precious manuscript has finally re-emerged. Now, for the first time in Virginia since they were written two hundred and eighteen years ago, the public will have the opportunity to see this illuminating piece of American history.

From March 22 through April 17, George Washington's "Remarks" will be on view at Carlyle House as the centerpiece of *George Washington Remembers: Reflections on the French & Indian War* exhibit. This new traveling exhibit invites the visitor to meet the man behind the myth, and to discover the important role he played as an inexperienced young soldier in the French and Indian War, long before the famous battles of the American Revolution. The meticulously restored manuscript provides the public a very rare opportunity to see firsthand perhaps the only surviving document in which the first American president set down his thoughts "just as they occurred to my memory" as Washington himself puts it in the "Remarks."

The opening of *George Washington Remembers* at Carlyle House will kick off Virginia's commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the French and Indian War. Due to the extremely delicate nature of the manuscript, it will be on view only for a very limited time at our site.

"This most extraordinary document brings history to life," said Laura Fisher, director of French and Indian War 250, Inc., which is spearheading the national commemoration. "You can see how Washington's mind works as he was recollecting. He got so involved that he turns pages sideways and writes in the margins. It is a most vivid piece of writing."

The Manuscript: "Burn it or return it"

George Washington's "Remarks" stands out as a unique piece of autobiographical writing. While Washington's deeds in the American Revolution and the founding of the United States are familiar - very little is known about him as a person. His exploits as a young man on the frontier of Pennsylvania are also unfamiliar to most Americans, although it was a key period in his life that put him on the road to making history. While Washington kept extensive diaries and wrote numerous letters, memoranda, addresses, and other documents, he shied away from personal reflection, preferring to let official accounts tell the story of his life and achievements. However, in 1786, Washington agreed to allow his friend and aide Colonel David Humphreys to write his biography. A year or so later, during the winter of 1787 - 1788 Washington sat down at Mount Vernon to correct Humphreys' initial draft and entitled his edits "Remarks." But, in editing Humphreys' work, Washington was moved to tell the story of his adventures as a young man in his 20s, when he was restless in Virginia

and determined to distinguish himself as a military officer. In a compelling narrative in which he refers to himself as "G.W.", he tells of his experiences during the period 1754 - 1758 when he led the First Virginia Regiment in the French and Indian War.

Washington describes in detail his defeat in the battle of Fort Necessity, when a French force and their Indian allies outnumbered his regiment. "The enemy advanced with Shouts, & dismal Indian yells to our Intrenchments," he recalls, and his troops were overwhelmed. The French kept firing, "from every little rising - tree - Stump - Stone - and bush kept up a constant galding fire upon us." He had no choice, he explains, but to agree to terms of capitulation written in French that he would later learn assigned blame to him for the assassination of a French officer in an encounter that had occurred earlier in the spring. Washington also graphically describes the terrible defeat of General Braddock in 1755 near Fort Duquesne (which is today known as Fort Pitt), and his frustration that the British commanders were unwilling to modify their style of fighting to combat the French and Indian forces. "So prepossed were they in favr of *regularity & discipline* and in such absolute comtemp[t] *were these people held* that the admonition was suggested in vain," he explains with emphasis. The horrors of war are evident in his recollection of the subsequent British retreat. "The shocking Scenes which presented themselves in this Nights March are not to be described," he wrote. "The dead - the dying - the groans - lamentation - and crys along the Road of the wounded for help ... were enough to pierce the heart of adamant."

Washington did not write his "Remarks" for posterity. In the manuscript, he instructed Humphreys "the whole of what Is here contained may be returned to "G.W.," or committed to the flames." Fortunately for history, Humphreys did not comply with Washington's request.

The Exhibit: A Journey Into Washington's World

Visitors to the Carlyle House *George Washington Remembers* exhibit will be taken back to the 18th century, the Age of Reason, when Europe was enthralled by Neoclassicism and the New World was "a woods without end." A multi-media exhibit, featuring video, photos, paintings, and texts, *George Washington Remembers* provides visitors with historical context for the events Washington describes in the "Remarks" and concludes with the rare manuscript itself. The exhibit provides context on Washington's time at Mount Vernon, between the Revolutionary War and his inauguration as the first president of the United States. It was during this period that he wrote the "Remarks," and in this final installation, visitors will learn about the circumstances under which Washington wrote the document and its particular historical significance.

The Book and Film: A Scholarly Exploration of Washington's "Remarks"

The book and film were created to complement the exhibit. Both the book and film invite readers and viewers alike to meet the young George Washington and learn in vivid detail his role in starting what historians call "the first world war."

The book, *George Washington Remembers: Reflections on the French & Indian War*, edited by Fred Anderson, and published by Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, Inc., offers a reproduction of the entire manuscript "Remarks," as well as original essays by top Washington scholars, placing the work in the context of the French and Indian War and Washington's life.

The 9-minute film is narrated by Roger Mudd and was filmed on location in southwestern Pennsylvania and Virginia. The film brings to life George Washington's reflections on the French & Indian War. Both the book and film are for sale in the Carlyle House gift shop.

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March 23, 2005: "*The Watershed War: Why the Seven Years War Lasted for More Than a Decade.*" By Dr. Warren Hofstra of Shenandoah University. 7:30 pm at the Lyceum, free. Sponsored by the Alexandria Historical Society and Carlyle House. No reservations required. Call 703-549-2997 for more information.

Professor Warren Hofstra of Shenandoah University will kick off Alexandria's commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the Seven Years War (often called the French and Indian War) with a talk on that subject. The Seven Years War began with a North American struggle over the watershed of the upper Ohio Valley and spread thereafter across the continent and throughout the world. The war, however, also represented a watershed in early American history. Crossing it not only created the first British empire but also led to its destruction. The crossing destroyed the colonies of New France but strengthened the French empire. It moved the British colonies of North America closer to revolution and independence. And it moved the Native American peoples of the Ohio Valley closer to their removal from eastern North America and from American life. Dr. Hofstra's presentation will explore why all these crossings were important in a watershed war that lasted for more than a decade and forever changed the course of American and world history.

Dr. Hofstra is the Stewart Bell Professor of American History at Shenandoah University, where he has taught for 28 years. He holds a bachelor's degree from Washington University, a master's degree from Boston University, and his doctorate in American social history from the University of Virginia. In addition to teaching in the fields of American social and cultural history, he directs the Community History Project of Shenandoah University.

May 25, 2005: "*The Grand Idea: George Washington's Potomac and the Race to the West*" by Joel Achenbach of the Washington Post. 7:30 at the Lyceum, free. Sponsored by the Alexandria Historical Society and Carlyle House. No reservations required, call 703-549-2997 for more information.

Joel Achenbach will discuss his book, *The Grand Idea: George Washington's Potomac and the Race to the West*. Within a year of the end of the Revolutionary War, George Washington traveled across the Appalachian Mountains to the frontier, where he inspected his western property and tried to collect rent. This journey culminated in a scheme to transform the Potomac River into a commercial artery that would link the new West to the old East. Achenbach tracks Washington's river plan from the choosing of the site for the national capital to various grandiose plans for a canal that would run hundreds of miles. His book captures the uncertainties and conflicts of the new country, the passions of its ambitious people, and the seemingly endless beauty of the American landscape.

Joel Achenbach has been a reporter for *The Washington Post* for fourteen years and is the author of five previous books. For many years, he wrote a nationally syndicated column called "Why Things Are." He writes a monthly science column for *National Geographic* magazine and has been a commentator on National Public Radio's *Morning Edition*. He describes himself as an "explanatory journalist" - taking complex topics, ranging from science to history to current events, and explaining them for a broad audience.

Jim Bartlinski

Reenactors Corner

Hello, fellow re-enactors, planners, and stake-holders,

At a kick-off meeting of the W3R in Wethersfield Ct. this past November it was suggested that some form of event coordination take place for the upcoming 2005-2006 campaign. A sufficient amount of dates are now available to make the event planner meaningful. The reasons for the W3R planner are simple to understand but are more difficult to put into place. The issues at hand are that as we get closer to the Rochambeau March of 2006 the constraints and capacities of the several umbrella organizations will be taxed. Requests for participation will flood in during that time and the ability to attend any series of events will become daunting. This will especially be true of the needs of any unit that portrays the French units or units directly involved with the March. One of the many positive outcomes will be that units in the far Northeast will get a chance to attend big events that will now be rotating into the Southern campaign area and a long way from their homes. It is the hope of the NPS, the W3R committees, and the local historians that the schedule be made to include as many units as possible to actively engage the public and help in the success of the Route.

This month many units will be deciding the 2005 campaign calendar and will have more information on events. I suggest that each unit place the dates in their calendars for 2006 as well as bringing up the 2005 events so that the long range preparations can come to the surface.

I have the information available to e-mail to you as an excel spread sheet. Draft Schedule planner 2005-2006 for your planning needs. It is far from complete and will need to be updated as time moves forward. Some of the contact information needs updating as a great part of the information came from various e-mails forwarded to me. The heavy amount of info from Ct is my biased by my available information.

If you could all look over the sheet and add new information an/or reflect changes I will do my best to update it monthly. Should anyone wish to be added or deleted from the mailing list please note that in your return. Should anyone wish to manage the schedule or suggest an alternative device please do so in your return.

I sincerely thank you in advance for your cooperation,

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Please note that the Lebanon, CT encampment will be held Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 1-2, 2005 (not Oct. 2-3).

Alicia Wayland

Here is your chance, or say, the W3R's chance to vocalize the need and assistance from those of the secular historical community. The Continental Line will be having there Annual Meeting, January 22, 2005 in Annapolis, Maryland. It will give you the opportunity to meet face to face in person who manage historical parks, those involved with events pertaining to W.R./French Army sites, and people whom you might have spoken to over the phone. It will give you a good platform there.

Small info: To be held at
Sheraton Barcelo Annapolis, 173 Jennifer Road, Annapolis, MD 21401
(401)266-3131

Registration cost is \$30.00 per person. A continental breakfast & Buffet lunch will be served. Please bring gifts for the raffle table.

Hotel Rooms are available at a corporate rate. Make sure to mention you are attending the CL meeting. You can reserve a room on-line at <https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/cl> or call(401)266-3131

If you are interested let me know, I can give you the registration sheet.

-Jerry Jaquinto, W3R-NJ

Dear Serge and Kim,

I have created a web site for the Lebanon encampment and would appreciate it if you would pass along the link in any of your upcoming publications, notes, meetings, etc. etc.

I have already sent it to Albin Webber (5th CR) in charge of recruiting reenactors for CT. Kim: any help you can provide to get word out to the state contacts to let them know that they can register for exhibit space would be very helpful. thanks. here is link:

<http://www.geocities.com/lcraigeweb/lebanon05>

sincerely,
Luisa Craige

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NINE NEW MEMBERS FOR THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON THE HUMANITIES

The U.S. Senate has confirmed nine people nominated by President George W. Bush to the National Council on the Humanities. The scholars and leaders will serve a six-year term on the advisory board of twenty-six members for the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH). The board meets quarterly to review grants and advise the NEH chairman.

The nine council members include: Dr. Herman Belz is a professor of U.S. and Constitutional history at the University of Maryland in College Park. He has served as the Director of Graduate Studies in the Department of History and worked as a consultant for organizations, such as American Historical Association's Constitutional History in the Schools Project and the Carter Museum and Library. Belz wrote numerous monographs, articles, chapters in books, and essays. He also co-authored a textbook and edited other works. Belz won the Albert J. Beveridge Award from the American Historical Association and received several grants from groups, such as the John Simon Guggenheim Foundation and American Bar Foundation for Legal History. Craig Haffner works in the entertainment industry and helped found Greystone Television, an Emmy Award winning production company. He served as co-chairman of the National Trust for Historic Gettysburg and as a member on the board of the LAPD Historical Society. Dr. James Davison Hunter is the William R. Kenan, Jr. Professor of Sociology and Religious Studies at the University of Virginia. He also serves as the Department Chair and the Director of the Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture. Hunter wrote many books, essays, articles, and reviews about the meaning and moral order of American life. He received several awards, such as the Distinguished Book Award from the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion and the Gustavus Myers Award for the Study of Human Rights. Tamar Jacoby is a senior fellow at the Manhattan Institute and co-founder of the New Americans Project. She has worked as a writer and editor for Newsweek magazine and The New York Times. Jacoby appears in numerous publications and writes about immigration, citizenship, ethnicity, and race. In 1998, she received a fellowship from NEH for her book, *Someone Else's House America's Unfinished Struggle for Integration*. Dr. Harvey Klehr is the Andrew W. Mellon Professor of Politics and History at Emory University. His awards include the Emory Williams Teaching Award, Emory University Scholar-Teacher of the Year, and the Thomas Jefferson Award. He has written eight books and three were nominated for Pulitzer Prizes. Klehr has also led the NEH summer seminars. Dr. Thomas Lindsay is the executive vice president and provost of Seton Hall University. He has served as a professor, provost, vice president of academic affairs, dean of the graduate school, and director of the Institute of Philosophical

Studies at the University of Dallas. Lindsay wrote numerous articles for political science journals and his research examines the relationship between democracy and education. Dr. Iris Cornelia Love is an archeologist, professor, and editor. Love is published in many journals and serves as the editor-at-large for Architectural Digest and Parade Magazine. Dr. Thomas Mallon is an author and former professor of English at Vassar College. He wrote six novels, several non-fiction books, and two volumes of essays. His work still appears in publications, such as The New York Times Book Review and The Atlantic Monthly. Mallon received Rockefeller and Guggenheim fellowships. In 1998, he served as chairman of the fiction judges for the National Book Awards. Dr. Ricardo J. Quinones is a professor emeritus of comparative literature at Claremont McKenna College. He has served as president of the Association of Literary Scholars and Critics, chair of the MLA's executive committee on comparative literature, and member of the California Council for the Humanities. Quinones has written six books, published many articles and reviews, and has given numerous lectures.

New Division Director at the National Endowment for the Humanities: Beginning on 10 January 2005, Tom Mallon will serve as the Director of the Division of Preservation and Access for NEH. He has published numerous books, articles, and essays using humanities resources from archives and libraries. Mallon received his Ph.D. in English and American literature from Harvard University and taught for twelve years at Vassar College. Ralph Canevali, Acting Director of the division, will continue as Acting Deputy Division Director. Item #2 -- Web Link Correction: A correction from our last posting on the National Endowment for the Humanities summer seminar program targeted to school teachers. For the Humanities Summer Seminars and Institutes, please visit the NEH online at: <http://www.neh.gov/projects/si-university.html> .

National Archives Records Available Online: The National Archives and Records Administration has expanded the accessibility of their most frequently requested items and now allows records to be ordered online. Examples of records available include passenger arrival records, the Federal census, Eastern Cherokee applications, Federal military pension files, and military service files. The archive accepts orders online at: http://www.archives.gov/research_room/orderonline.html .

New Guidelines for History from the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority: The British government's exams watchdog, the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority (QCA), issued new guidelines focusing on a "chronological" understanding history. The group argues that children need a basic knowledge of the sequence of history and dates to understand the concepts and gain skills for further study. For more information, please visit: http://education.independent.co.uk/low_res/story.jsp?story=596125&host=16&dir=365 .

*Bonne annee,
On behalf of the team at the French Embassy's cultural services
I wish you all the best for the new year.
May 2005 bring you, your family and your friends happiness,*

good health and prosperity.
Best wishes,

Avec nos meilleurs voeux,

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