

**National Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route Association
The Yorktown Campaign Trail**

**Monday Morning Report
January 31, 2005-February 7, 2005**

W3R-USA's Mission: W3R-USA is a non-profit organization composed of private individuals and government officials representing nine states, DC, and France working together celebrate and commemorate the story of the Yorktown Campaign, in particular the activities of the allied French and American troops that marched through our states and sailed from Newport, Rhode Island to Yorktown, Virginia.

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Bonjour. Good Morning.

These cold winter days are busy times for the National Washington-Rochambeau team. By now board members and interested others will have received from, (and hopefully have sent a check to), Carl Nittinger, our national treasurer for your 2005 dues.

Caroline Lareuse, our W3R-USA Nominating Chair, is contacting all whose board terms are expiring at the end of the April business meeting. If you have a good candidate to recommend for a national board slot, or if, due to sickness or other personal reasons, you yourself are unable to complete your own term of office, please let Caroline know no later than Valentine's Day. The nominating committee will meet in early March to develop the slate of officers for the April 23 board meeting.

Kim has been busy working on a variety of W3R issues on both state and local levels. We invite you all, particularly those in the Mid-Atlantic Region, to meet with your statewide counterparts from the East Coast Greenway at 10:00 am – 1:30 pm on February 11 at the Community Services Building, 100 West 10th Street, Wilmington, Delaware.

This introductory coordination meeting will include the four states of Delaware, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Maryland.

With the potential for National Heritage Trail designation, there could be a water and land-based trail coming soon to a neighborhood near you. There are obviously some interests and goals common to these projects that could be supported through partnering. Let me know if you can participate in this February meeting. Meeting participants will add both routes and related Yorktown Campaign sites to state maps as a hands-on way to begin cooperatively building this Revolutionary heritage corridor.

For those planning to come with a fellow traveler to the February 11 meeting or the national leadership meeting on April 22 and 23, (or any other time this year) the Greater Wilmington Convention and Visitors Bureau offers a special 50 % companion rail fare coach discount.

2005 Amtrak Rail Fare Discount for the Greater Wilmington Convention & Visitor's Bureau – V651.

Save 50% off the best available rail fare for one companion traveling with a paid regular (full fare) Adult, Senior Citizen or Disabled discounted rail fare ticket on Amtrak travel to Wilmington, DE. Valid for sale between 01Jan05 – 12Dec05 and for travel between 05Jan05 through 15Dec05. Reservations must be made at least three (3) days in advance of travel. Request discount code V651 when booking online at www.amtrak.com or via 800-USA-RAIL. The discount is valid for travel in the Northeast Corridor on Amtrak Regional trains. Travel on Acela Express and Metroliner services is prohibited. Other restrictions may apply.

We are especially pleased to see partnerships and joint activities spontaneously taking place. Examples of this is W3R-Connecticut Chairman's Serge Gabriel's upcoming trip to a New Jersey School District and the burgeoning interest in partnering with the East Coast Greenway from Princeton, NJ to Perryville, Maryland.

Dr Bossiere has completed the French translation of the basic information brochure and we hope that brochures in both languages will be available at our upcoming national leadership meeting April 22 and 23 in Wilmington, Delaware.

We encourage you, as you develop the interpretive panels, kiosks and any written materials related to the Washington-Rochambeau efforts, to include both languages. Ideally, of course, even more languages would be great!

We look forward to seeing you on February 11 and April 22-23 in Wilmington, Delaware.

Please keep sending us your updates. The next issue is slated for Monday, February 21.

Jacques Bossiere
Chairman

Kim Burdick
Vice Chairman

News From the States

Rhode Island

No Report. Contact Roseanna Gorham

Connecticut

Our very dear friend, David Wagner, who has painted many, many scenes on the W3R route is on our minds today. David is known as the 'W3R Painter', but in fact has not had any financial support from or official position with the W3R. He has expended almost his total savings on art supplies and extensive travel to illustrate the story of the Yorktown Campaign.

Then to top this all off, his health was in jeopardy with severe high blood pressure related to a faulty heart valve. He was at risk for a stroke or heart failure. This obviously had to be repaired and given priority over all his other problems.

David's heart valve surgery (last week) was successful, but one of his lymph nodes was nicked during the operation. This has resulted in internal drainage which they have to stop, before they can release him. No danger, but added frustration.

His wife has been commuting to Hartford Hospital to visit, on top of keeping their horse farm in order (a huge daily regimen in itself). David is walking the halls and lounges for his recovery, but also out of sheer boredom just being in the hospital. Until drainage ceases, he can not eat solid food but is instead being fed via an IV.

The good news is he is okay. If your state is looking for an excellent way to commemorate the 225th anniversary, buying David's prints and paintings and offering his reproductions for sale at your events would be a great place to start

Massachusetts

Hello Bob and Kim,

At the MASSAR meeting last Sat., I got a warm reception to pursue the study and the pledge of some funds (contingent on the raising of the complete \$20-25K). I am still organizing my trip to Boston to visit State and City organizations.

Best Regards,
Ken Molloy, MASSAR

Sturbridge Village

We hope that you'll be able to join us on August 6 and 7 for the second annual "From Redcoats to Rebels: American Military History from 1600 – Civil War" at Old Sturbridge Village. Last year's event was a big success and this year promises to be even better. We'll have more re-enactors, more time periods represented, and more activities such as a fashion show and a special evening social event at our Tavern.

As a small gesture of our appreciation, we are pleased to again offer all participants a 10% discount on purchases over \$10 in our Gift Shop and Bookstore as well as at our Oliver Wight Tavern. Also, on August 6 and 7, your immediate family members will be admitted to the Village for half-price. In addition, should you or your family members prefer to stay overnight at our motel, we can offer you a discounted rate of \$70.00 (plus tax) on the 6th or 7th. Please help us begin our planning by confirming that you will attend, estimating how many people in your unit will be participating and indicating whether or not you will be camping overnight. Please get this information to us as soon as possible. Closer to the event, you'll receive directions to Old Sturbridge Village, safety rules, a map of the Village, a waiver form and any other information you'll need to know. Be aware that proof of insurance is required in order to participate.

Please contact Deb Friedman at dfriedman@osv.org (508-347-0283) or Melissa Fales at mfales@osv.org (508-347-0316) to confirm your participation or if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you in August!

Explore Boston: Black Heritage Trail and Museum of Afro-American History

For 90 minutes, walk with an enthusiastic and informative interpreter for the National Park Service, who will guide you from in front of the State House, through the courtyards and alleyways of Beacon Hill, to the **Museum of Afro-American History** on Joy Street where you will discover the artifacts and art of black Americans. Along the way you will meet Revolutionary War victim, Crispus Attucks, abolitionist Lewis Hayden and many others.

Founded in 1980, the Museum of Afro-American History features several historic buildings including the John J. Smith House, the George Middleton House, five structures known as the Smith Court Residences, the Abiel Smith School and the African Meeting House. The museum also includes two sites on Nantucket, the African Meeting House and the Higginbotham House.

The museum lives up to its stated mission "to preserve, conserve and interpret the contributions of people of African descent and those who have found common cause with them in the struggle for liberty, dignity and justice for all Americans." A nonprofit, the MAAH also offers educational workshops, youth camps, special events and partnerships with professional organizations and educational institutions.

Throughout the 1.6-mile walk, you will be provided with anecdotes and insights into the lives of people like whaling captain Absalom Douglas, poet Phyllis Wheatley, and orator Frederick Douglas. After the Revolutionary War the Bay State generally treated blacks better than most states, particularly the South, though severe inequalities remained. While slavery still existed, free black property owners could vote and slaves could buy, or in some cases, sue for their freedom. Stopping at 5-7 Pinckney St., you will see a three-story wooden

building once owned by George Middleton, a Revolutionary War hero who became a leader of Boston's black community.

Community leaders like Middleton fought for centuries to give their children a high-quality education denied in the city's segregated schools. The pioneering efforts of William Nell, a historian who wrote of Attucks' death in the Boston Massacre and publicized the sacrifices of black soldiers in later wars, and social movements like the "Great Awakening" in the early 19th century grew into a growing abolitionist sentiment that eventually led to the Civil War and nationwide freedom for all black Americans.

New York State

W3R-USA Nominating Committee Chairman, Caroline Lareuse reports that thanks to Jim Johnson's excellent talk, a few weeks ago, at the Paris American Club in NYC, the newly-arrived Consul General of France in New York, Monsieur Francois Delattre, has graciously accepted to serve on our Honorary Board. Monsieur Delattre prefers fax to e-mail. If you need to contact him, Caroline can give you that number.

New Jersey

Col. Serge Gabriel, Chairman of W3R-CT, has been invited to speak to Union School, and Pierrepont School which is 5 minutes from Union School in Rutherford, NJ 07070. There are three classes involved, i.e.: one with 45-50 students in the morning, two in the afternoon, one with 50 students and 60 with the other. This is a busy schedule: including a meeting with an 8th grade Social studies class and a 7th and 8th grade French class and lunch and dessert with the 8th grade French class. After lunch, there will be a meeting with the 7th grade French class, and a meeting with the 7th and 8th grade Social Studies classes and the 8th grade French class for a combined presentation.

Cinnaminson, New Jersey author and Revolutionary War collector, Herman O. Benninghoff, II and Bob Selig have connected and we look forward to their collaboration on future projects. Benninghoff's draft MS is completing a slight rearrangement.

Carl Nittinger, Chairman of W3R-NJ, and The NJ Committee for the East Coast Greenway meet at the Feb. 11th Wilmington, Delaware workshop on W3R & ECG. (See page 1 for more information).

NJ East Coast Greenway Committee has adopted a route for the Greenway through NJ and now must work to implement it. The map and the proposed-route study are posted on the ECG Web site, www.greenwaynj.org, through links on their home page.

By coincidence, the lead article in their Dec. 2004 Newsletter was entitled "George Washington: Father of the East Coast Greenway?" (The newsletter can be accessed from a link at the top of the above-mentioned website.) Inspired by Fischer's *Washington's Crossing*,

Elizabeth Brody gave an "ECG-O-centric" account of Washington's route 1776-77, emphasizing its similarities to the East Coast Greenway route.

The NJ East Coast Greenway Committee now has over 325 members living throughout the state. They receive a periodic newsletter. Some members may be interested in participating in the state's W3R committee. If you, or someone from NJ -- Carl Nittinger? -- supplies me with some copy, I can include it in a forthcoming Newsletter.

New Jersey's East Coast Greenway team works on projects and events along the route. Their major 2005 event will be co-sponsoring a 3-day bike ride during the Columbus Day Weekend from New Brunswick via Trenton and Camden to Cape May. That ride is being organized by Tom Sexton, NE Field Coordinator for Rails-to-Trails Conservancy.

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Pennsylvania

Michael Caldwell Named Superintendent Of Valley Forge National Historical Park

The National Park Service (NPS) has chosen Michael Caldwell, a 13-year career veteran of the NPS, as superintendent of Valley Forge National Historical Park, in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, according to Northeast Regional Director Marie Rust. Caldwell will assume his new duties on January 23, 2005. Caldwell comes to Valley Forge from Fort Stanwix National Monument in Rome, New York where he served the last three years as the Superintendent. A second-generation NPS employee, Caldwell is a graduate of the NPS Northeast Region Management Development Program and he holds a bachelor's degree in political science and American history from the University of Colorado at Boulder (1991), and a master's degree in public administration from George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia (1996). He has also complete coursework as part of the certificate of legislative studies program at the Government Affairs Institute at Georgetown University.

Caldwell is the 2002 recipient of the Rome Historical Society's Medal of the Order of 1777 in recognition of his contribution to the preservation of local history. Caldwell was also recognized as one of 10 recipients of the 2003 Accent on Excellence Award that honors individuals under the age of 40 who excel in making the area's business, cultural, and services climate a growing force in helping the Mohawk Valley of New York move forward. Mike will be moving to the Valley Forge area with his wife Debbie and their 3 children, Ryan age 9, Michaela age 7, and Reese age 4.

Prior to his assignment at Fort Stanwix, Caldwell served three years as the Deputy Superintendent at New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park. New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park was created in 1996 and Caldwell played an instrumental role in the park's start-up operations. As part of the Northeast Region's Management Development Program, Caldwell served for a short time as the acting Deputy Superintendent of the John H. Chafee Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor. Caldwell has served as a park ranger in various NPS sites including Lowell National Historical Park in Lowell,

Massachusetts, Monocacy National Battlefield in Frederick, Maryland and at Greenbelt Park and Baltimore-Washington Parkway in Greenbelt, Maryland.

The American Revolution Center at Valley Forge has a **new web address and website** that reflects our new brand identity. Please visit us at www.americanrevolutioncenter.org.

Delaware

A Great Networking Opportunity February 11

All W3R-USA members and friends are invited to a meeting February 11 from 10:00 am – 1:30 pm in Wilmington, Delaware to begin coordinating the efforts of the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route (a proposed National Heritage Trail) and the East Coast Greenway. These efforts are both public-private National Park Service Partnership efforts. The meeting will be hosted by the two neighboring regional transportation planning entities: Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission and Wilmington Area Planning Council.

The Delaware and Pennsylvania representatives for both projects are interested in exploring the opportunities for coordinated marketing, promotion and interpretation along these routes.

Be sure to take advantage of the discounted Amtrak rates listed on page 2 of this issue. If driving, be aware there is Free Parking in the Community Service Building parking garage, next door to Hotel DuPont garage. Please bring your CSB parking ticket to meeting for validation.

Lost Another One to Developer

A developer, Stephen J. Nichols in Glasgow, DE, is purchasing the Barczewski farm at 2467 Pulaski Highway in Glasgow, DE, so that he can build houses and a shopping center, possibly including a Target store. The 236 acres of the farm contain two documented Native American Indian camps, earthen bunkers from the British occupation of Aikentown (Glasgow), remnants of the LaTrobe feeder canal from 1804, and several structures on the National Register of Historic Places (Dr. Samuel Henry Black). General Lafayette named the farm "La Grange" while a visitor there in 1824. The farm contains numerous Federal and state designated wetlands, is crisscrossed by over 1 mile of water draining, has a significant part of the Glasgow aquifer recharge area, and is bounded by over 3/4 mile of the Muddy Run Creek.

A Recent Fieldtrip

Ralph Nelson of W3R-SAR, Bobbi Britton, of W3R-ECG-DE and Ray Johnson of Pencader Heritage made a field trip to the Principio Furnace (in Perryville MD) to discuss how it might fit in with the W3R. Ralph Nelson writes, " Since it is representative of the

iron making industry of the time I can suggest it as an interesting stop, even though it had been wrecked by the British at the very start of the AmRev and was not fully operational until after the War. At least one of the workers went to work at the Hopewell Furnace after Principio was destroyed, George Washington did some surveying for the company, and the W3R goes right through the site in fields unspoiled by any recent building”.

Maryland

No Report.

D.C.

Kim:

We can provide any of the images from our collection that we have in digital form for W3R use at no cost. We have a permissions form that asks for credit to be given to the Society for the image, though in some cases and for some uses we could waive that. If a project required new photography we would have to charge the user the cost, but we typically bundle photographic work so the costs are usually very reasonable.

Basically, we shoot things and digitize them as we need them or as others pay to have them done. But I know there are some good things --- a wonderful engraved portrait of Rochambeau, for example, a photograph of a great 19th century engraving of GW and Rochambeau at Yorktown, and so forth. I suppose people ought to email me with their needs and I can see what we have and have it sent to them as an email attachment. For now, at least, this is the only system I can imagine. Going forward I might be able to pull together an electronic proof sheet of some kind that everyone could look at.

Jack D. Warren, Jr.
Executive Director
The Society of the Cincinnati

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Basics of Investing and Endowment Management: Wednesday, February 16, 2005, Delaware

Contact: Karen Jones, AFP Brandywine Chapter, 100 West 10th Street, Suite 106, Wilmington, DE 19801 Email: joneskaren@comcast.net Phone: 302-778-1595 Fax: 302-778-1597

*Free Parking in CSB lot. Please bring your parking ticket to meeting for validation.

Does your organization have an endowment? Do you understand how it is managed and are you able to discuss the “basics” with donors or prospects? Join Greg Johnson, Senior Vice President for Development at the Delaware Community Foundation, as he presents a basic overview of investing especially as it relates to endowment management and planned giving.

What is asset allocation and risk tolerance? What factors should be considered in setting investment objectives and a spending policy? Basic terminology and concepts will be covered. The Program will give fund raisers familiarity with investment management and the basic “tools” when working with major endowment donors, prospects or their financial advisors and your organization’s own finance and investment committee.

Greg Johnson (one of Kim’s College of Urban Affairs class mates) has over 20 years of experience in nonprofit development, marketing and management with Newark Senior Center, Wilmington Christian School, Delaware State University, University of Delaware and Widener University School of Law. In his current position he directs the planning and management of fund development and endowment building strategies. He assists nonprofit organizations with endowment building strategies and planned giving support. Greg is a board member of Christian Inter Action and the Brandywine Chapter of the Association of Fund Raising Professionals.

Date: Wednesday, February 16, 2005

Time: 11:30 a.m. Registration (Lunch will be provided)
Noon – 1:30 p.m. Program

Location: Wakefield Room 105, Community Services Building
100 W. 10th Street Wilmington, DE 19801

Pennsylvania Series on Publishing for Graduate Students. Sponsored by Career Services, the Graduate Humanities Forum, and the Kelly Writers House.

Friday, February 11th, 3:30-6:00 PM
Penn Humanities Forum, 3619 Locust Walk

Session One 3:30 - 4:45 PM
Publishing in Academic Journals: A Roundtable Discussion

Carlos Alonso, Professor, Romance Languages; Editor, PMLA, 2002-2003
Peter A. Agree, Social Sciences Editor, University of Pennsylvania Press
Susan Sidlauskas, Associate Professor, History of Art, Penn

Session Two 5:00-6:00 PM
Academic Publishing for Beginners

William Germano, Vice President and Publishing Director, Routledge
Author, *Getting it Published: A Guide for Scholars and Anyone Else Serious about Books* and *From Dissertation to Book*

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Refreshments and reception afterwards.

Useful Resources From National Gallery of Art

Here is the link to the summary descriptions related to the Index of American Design slide programs:

http://www.nga.gov/education/classroom/loanfinder/results_subject_1_all.htm

Here is the link to the online version of these programs as well as the feature created from the recent exhibition:

http://www.nga.gov/collection/iad/tour_index/index.shtm

Also the Index exhibition catalogue—*Drawing on America's Past: Folk Art, Modernism, and the Index of American Design* is still available for sale from the Gallery's shops:

<http://www.nga.gov/shop/pdfs/exhibition.pdf>

The link to the collection section:

<http://www.nga.gov/collection/index.shtm>

Listing of the National Gallery of Arts' Gilbert Stuart holdings:

<http://www.nga.gov/cgi-bin/psearch?Request=S&Hname=Stuart&Person=29600>

same group viewed only by image selection:

<http://www.nga.gov/cgi-bin/psearch?Request=S&Hname=Stuart&Person=29600>

Collection Tours related to Gilbert Stuart:

<http://www.nga.gov/collection/gallery/gg60aa/gg60aa-main1.html>

<http://www.nga.gov/collection/gallery/gg60a/gg60a-main1.html>

Index of features from Online Tours section:

<http://www.nga.gov/onlinetours/index.shtm>

Gallery Website address:

<http://www.nga.gov/>

I hope you find this information is useful and wish you luck with your project.

Sincerely,

Leo Kasun, Department of Education Resources, National Gallery of Art

La Maison Française

Dear Patrons,

La Maison française is delighted to announce a new collaboration with Chapters, literary bookstore (445, 11th Street, NW , Washington D.C) in a series of lectures about French literature. Please find below information about the next two events :Saturday February 5, at 5:00 P.M. : The French Embassy's Cultural Attaché, Roland Celette, weighs in on his favorites from the new bilingual treasure trove. (In French and in English)Saturday February

26, at 5:00 P.M. : Biographer and historian Alette Armel will give a talk on her first novel "Love, the Painter's Wife and the Queen of Sheba", which is about Piero della Francesca's wife. We will keep you informed of the program on a regular basis.

Special Premiere: POW's of the American Revolution Sunday, February 13th at 9PM/8c

The sacrifices of American patriots during the Revolution have been chronicled over time, yet much of this story has remained untold. This dramatic and gripping program reveals the fate of thousands of American prisoners of war who perished on British prison ships while being held captive in New York harbor. Recent historical research has uncovered the shocking possibilities that as many men died from disease and malnutrition while in British custody than in all of the land and sea battles of the Revolution. The stories of these "prison ship martyrs" are brought to life in this special presentation as first person accounts, prisoners' diaries and newspaper accounts give voice and substance to their tragic tales. POW's of the American Revolution draws upon the expert commentary of leading US and British historians. These historians help provide the historical context in which the events of the Revolution transpired. Students will be able to imagine the harsh daily lives of the patriots as the program examines the conditions under which so many soldiers suffered. This one and a half hour program is an excellent contribution for courses which examine the American Revolution; it would be a wonderful companion for course units on early America as an extra resource to help students envision the political and social contexts for these events. In addition, it will prompt interest in the contemporary methods historians use to unearth the events of long ago.

Research & Resources

The January 2005 edition of *Southern Campaigns of the American Revolution* has been posted as an Adobe (.pdf) file on the Internet for your use and enjoyment. You may access it at <http://www.southerncampaign.org/>. Please click on the "Current" button on the left of the homepage screen. To open this download you will need Adobe Acrobat Reader V 5.0 or higher installed on your computer. The Adobe Acrobat Reader program is a free download from <http://www.adobe.com/> if you do not have it currently installed. As this newsletter is a large file, you will probably need a broadband Internet connection.

If you do not have access to a broadband internet connection, a printer, or just need a hard copy of the newsletter, please just email me and I will be happy to mail you a copy.

Charles B. Baxley

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Subject: Enrollment Lists for the French Army and Navy Ralph Nelson, Kirkwood Chapter, Delaware Society SAR

Do you have any French ancestors (or ancestors living near France in 1780 -see note below)? If so you may be able to file a supplemental application for the SAR based on that ancestor. All who served in the French army and navy during the time that France was allied with the U.S. during the American Revolution are prospective patriot ancestors according to Article III of the SAR Constitution. But how can you search the French enlistment rolls? In the past you would have to read through the (non-alphabetic) microfilms of the enlistment records. Now all you have to do is to go to the following URL and enter your ancestor's surname.

<http://www.memorial-genweb.org/~lafayette-genweb/depouillement.php>

Enter the patriot's surname in the box under "Faire une recherche patronymique" and click on "Et HoP" to start a search for the surname in the records from perhaps 75% of the units that served in the American theater of operations (over 33,000 names). More names are being added regularly. Note: Some members of the French army and navy came from neighboring areas such as Zweibrucken, so you may try searching the list for ancestors from these areas.

If your ancestor is in the enrollment you may assemble the same sort of documentation that would be required to support an application if your ancestor had lived in the United States. Consult with your chapter or state registrar to determine what to get, where to get it, and to what extent it must be translated into English for the people who will be reviewing the application. If you live in Europe you should file the supplemental through the France Society. If you live elsewhere you should file through a State Society there.

French rosters give all details on the composition of Lauzun's Legion. Please find attached a list of the officers which sailed from Brest in this unit ("Officiers.xls")

Most of these officers came from the units of the Royal Army and were professional officers, whatever the name of Volunteers' for this Legion may suggest. Attached is a list of infantry officers coming from Légion Royale (see "deLRall.xls") Most cavalry officers came from Royal dragons, of which Lauzun was colonel from 1776 to 1778, such as Hugau, Beffroy, Esclent, Jennings de Kilmaine, Grabowsky, Usdowzky, Sonnette. The foreign component of the Legion was a little minority, whatever its "Volontaires Etrangers" name may suggest. (see "us'lau02.xls" attachment)

Related Information From the Count de Trentinian

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Jacques de Trentinian, responds to the above information saying, "I strongly suggest the Society in France be e-mailed for any inquiry, as they work intensively on the original rosters

and reliable authors, in good coordination with the Society in France of the DAR. A few remarks on the interesting effort of the "La Fayette Gen Web" site :

1 - **The list of ships and regiments does not include many of those who contributed :**
see <http://www.sarfrance.net/home/Navsar.htm>

Navy : Only 46 ships of the line and 13 frigates are listed

In the French Royal Navy, at one moment or another, **98 ships of the line and 96 frigates** have been involved, not to mention the smaller ships (only one Corvette, Etourdie and one cutter, Alerte, are mentioned).

For instance, **among the missing ships**, all the frigates (about 30,000 men), le *Triomphant* (on which du Pavillon was killed in the combat against Rodney in April 1782, about 800 men), le *Triton* (Guichen 1780 campaign against Rodney and capture of Pensacola with Monteil), etc, etc.

Land forces :

There were 109 infantry regiments in the Royal Army, not to mention the cavalry gathered to threaten UK of a direct landing.

Of these 109 regiment, **at least 52 have been listed as directly involved** in the conflict, not to mention the vessels garrisons (at least 20 other regiments dispatched companies in the vessels adding to the sailors.

See the following site for these regiments :

<http://xenophongroup.com/mcjoynt/regts.htm>

The **Lauzun's Legion**, which was part of Rochambeau's Army is **not even mentioned ...** just because it had only been mentioned in the introduction of the 1903 publication these people are using as a main source. In 1903, they did not know the roster was in the Navy

archives and not in the Army's archives etc ... **Colonial regiments who took part** to Savannah or Pensacola siege and other campaigns in the West Indies (Regiments Martinique, Guadeloupe, Port-au-Prince, Le-Cap) are not either mentioned.

2 - Even when the ship is not forgotten, **only one of his campaign is taken into consideration**, forgetting the crews were renewed, specially but not exclusively the officers. For instance le *Cesar*, was present in d'Estaing's squadron and later in de Grasse's Army. Only the crew serving under d'Estaing is listed. The renewed crew under de Grasse is not listed.

3 - **The sources are subjects to doubts :** the Metz artillery list in the "Combattants de la Guerre d'Amérique" is considered as irrelevant by colonel Bodinier who has devoted his life to list 18th century officers.

4 - **The interpretation even more**

For instance, for Royal Deux-ponts, all those who deceased at Williamsburg are presented as deceased at Yorktown. Most of them died their from disease after the march from Newport or from other illness. Those who entered the data transformed the information (not present in the rosters but gathered by Warrington Dawson in the 30s) from deceased at the nearby hospital to killed on the battlefield.

5- The names are sometime badly spelled : the first quoted in Royal deux Ponts was not named Biltzenberger, but Hiltzenberger, etc...

Re-enactors' Corner

After **Redcoats to Rebels** in 2004, we surveyed groups who participated and found that many units were interested expanding some of the programs that were offered during he weekend. We are looking for individuals or units who are interested working, in conjunction with Old Sturbridge Village, to plan additional programs on August 6 & 7. We would like to know if your unit would participate in any of the following proposed ideas:

Candlelight Stroll- On Saturday evening from 7:00-8:00, a stroll to some of the campsites. We would ask units to set up a vignette and have a member available to speak with groups as they pass by. If units have members who would be interested in leading groups for a stroll, that would be great.

Fashion Show- On Saturday and Sunday in the Center Meetinghouse, for both civilian and military participants. We are interested in both male and female fashions.

Participants would need to submit a description of their costume pieces to be read by the M.C.

Dance demonstrations or musical performances- from simple to elaborate that could either be impromptu or scheduled on the map guide with other special events through out the day.

Role-playing- On Saturday evening from 6:00-7:00 at a wine and cheese reception for members of Old Sturbridge Village, participants who are interested in role-playing historical characters from their units.

Campsite demonstrations- several suggestions were made by units such as musket ball making, cooking demonstrations, blacksmithing, leatherwork, cartridge rolling, horseshoe contest, etc. If your unit has something they would like to highlight as a demonstration, please let us know. If your unit in interested in helping to plan or participating in any of the suggested activities, please contact either Deb Friedman (dfriedman@osv.org) (508) 347-0283 or Melissa Fales (mfales@osv.org) (508) 347-0316 as soon as possible to be included in the planning process. Thanks for your support.

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Rhode Island Events July 8,9,10, 2005

The French SAR and the Society of the Cincinnati are welcome to participate in any and all events and ceremonies in any manner appropriate. If there is something specific that they would wish, they should contact us to help organize it and/or for us to arrange any needed personnel. There is the Rochambeau statue in King Park, the portrait of Washington in the Colony House, the grave of Admiral d'Ternay, a number of the historic homes which have strong Franco-American connections, the re-enactors of the French units, some of the historic Rhode Island Militia companies (the actual units, not re-enactors, who served with the French, the Redoubt Saintonge (a still existing earthwork last used by the French Regiment of that name), and the encampment at Fort Adams. All these and more are at their disposal; what would they like to do?

If we can find boats, we hope to have a landing for French troops at Kings Park. Even without boats, a gathering at Kings Park would be appropriate where a wreath can be laid by the statue of Rochambeau. We hope to have a Latin Catholic Mass in Fort Adams on Sunday. The arrival of Rochambeau on Friday evening may be the most 'social' occasion. There is talk of a possible dinner/ceremony either Friday or Saturday evening at one of the Newport Mansions. But many of these potential actives are beyond my authority, even beyond Madame Gorham's authority to bring about alone. This is why the American SAR and Society of the Cincinnati, the local historical organizations, city fathers and state officials must 'step up to the plate' if these events are to happen.

Your humble servant,

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SAR Update

Would you please add to your distribution list for the W3R-US' Monday report the current SAR Ambassador to France, Larry McClanahan. Larry was President General of the SAR for 2001-2, and he gave the Yorktown commemoration address in 2001 --the month after 9/11. I have sent him several of the recent reports.

His Email address is ldmcc@comcast.net

Thank you.

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