

*****Patriots' Weekend(s) Draft Schedule***
June 22, 2005**

The Hudson River Valley Institute at Marist College, the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area, the Brigade of the American Revolution, the Town of Cortlandt, Town of Ramapo, Westchester County Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation, and the Palisades Interstate Park Commission Present:

**Lighting Freedom's Flame
The 225th Anniversary of the American Revolution in New York
Patriots' Weekend, 2006
Washington and Rochambeau in New York
July 22-23 and August 25-27, 2006**



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Art: "Soissonnais Regiment 1781"
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Two hundred twenty-five years ago, the Hudson River Valley was the major theater of the Revolutionary War, what George Washington referred to as the “Key to Victory.” Each year through 2008, the region will observe Patriots’ Weekend to commemorate and celebrate the War for American Independence. Patriots’ Weekend, 2006 will highlight the 225th anniversary of the campaign in 1781 by General George Washington and the Continental Army and General Jean Baptiste Donatien de Vimeur, comte de Rochambeau and his French Expeditionary Corps first to lay siege to General Sir Henry Clinton’s army in New York City and later to surround the main Southern British army under General Charles Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown, Virginia.

“Patriots’ Weekend, Schedule of Events for the Grand Reconnaissance”

From July 21-23, some 5,000 American and French troops accompanied Generals Washington and Rochambeau as they surveyed the British defenses for a possible siege. On the 22nd as the combined forces probed down the Morrisania Road, the British opened fire upon them from their forts at Randall’s Island, Harlem, and Snake Hill and from frigates in the Hudson. Upon the conclusion of the Grand Reconnaissance, the American and French forces returned to Philipsburg to monitor the actions of General Clinton’s army and to await news from French Admiral François Joseph Paul, Comte de Grasse.

WARD POUND RIDGE RESERVATION, CROSS RIVER, NEW YORK

Saturday, July 22, 2006

- 10:00 A.M.** Site opens to public; 18th century soldiers’ camp and military activities all day. Formation on Parade, Inspection, “Gen Lincoln’s Expedition against King’s Bridge”
- 11:00 A.M.** People of the Brigade—18th Century Soldiers and Women’s Fashions
- 1:00 P.M.** Formation on Parade, Inspection, “Skirmishes at Morrisania”
- 2:00 P.M.** Field Music Practice—Fife and Drum Performance
- 3:00 P.M.** Formation on Parade, Review and *Feu de Joie*
- 4:00 P.M.** Soldiers’ camps close to public

Sunday, July 23, 2006

- 9:00 A.M.** Church Call—Public Welcome
- 10:00 A.M.** Site opens to public; 18th century soldiers’ camp and military activities all day. Formation on Parade, Inspection, “Grand Reconnaissance”
- 11:00 A.M.** People of the Brigade—18th Century Soldiers and Women’s Fashions
- 1:00 P.M.** Formation on Parade, Inspection, “Scouring the Countryside for Refugees”
- 2:00 P.M.** Field Music Practice—Fife and Drum Performance
- 3:00 p.m.** Formation on Parade and Closing Remarks

Soldiers' camps close to public

“Patriots’ Weekend, Schedule of Events for ‘The March to Victory --The Crossing at King's Ferry’”

On August 14, 1781, once Washington acquiesced to Rochambeau’s plan to move against Lt. Gen. Charles Lord Cornwallis’s army in Virginia, they both quickly set their armies in motion. Starting on August 18th the French retraced the steps of their original march through New York through North Castle (Mt. Kisco), crossed the Croton River at Pine’s Bridge, camped at Hunt’s Tavern (Yorktown) and then Verplanck’s Point. The American army, some 2,700-strong, marched from Philipsburg (Greenburgh) along the Hudson River crossing the New Jersey Line and Hazan’s Regiment at Dobbs Ferry on August 19 and the rest at King’s Ferry on August 20-21. From August 21-26, some 4,200 French soldiers crossed the Hudson River at King’s Ferry to Stony Point.

Friday, August 25, 2006

VERPLANCK, NY

Firehouse, 238 8th Street

The Charlotte Cunneen-Hackett Charitable Trust Lecture in Hudson River Valley History sponsored by the Hudson River Valley Institute, the Cortlandt Historical Society, and the Town of Cortlandt

7:30 P.M. "The Franco-American Encampment at Philipsburg and the Crossing of the Hudson, 6 July to 23 August 1781," Dr. Robert A. Selig, Project Historian, the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route. (The Cortlandt Historical Society will serve light refreshments after the lecture.)

(Please make your reservations for the lecture by calling (914) 739-0823 or writing Kingsferry@aol.com.)

Saturday, August 26, 2006

OLD CEMETERY AT VAN CORTLANDTVILLE, CORNER OF OREGON ROAD AND LOCUST AVENUE, VAN CORTLANDTVILLE

9:30 A.M. Memorial service for the French soldiers who died in Van Cortlandtville sponsored by the Van Cortlandtville Historical Society and the Old Van Cortlandtville Cemetery Association. Madame Chantal Chauvin, deputy consul general of France in New York, will be the honored guest.

VERPLANCK'S POINT, VERPLANCK AND STONY POINT BATTLEFIELD, NY

- 10:00 A.M.** Site opens to public; 18th century soldiers' camp and military activities all day
Music demonstration at the Overlook
Public and media meet General Washington and General Rochambeau
- 10:30 A.M.** Drill and Tactical Weapons Demonstration
- 1:00 P.M.** Re-dedication of the New York State marker at the Post-Hannock House
General Washington presents commemorative medals to Paulding
- 2:00 P.M.** Re-creation of the crossing of the Hudson River by the French and American armies
Generals Washington and Rochambeau oversee troop movement to Stony Point from Steamboat Dock and speak to public and media.
- 3:00 P.M.** Drill at Verplanck's and Stony Point
- 5:00 P.M.** Military Retreat; camp closes to public until evening
- 8:00 P.M.** People of the Brigade
- 8:30 P.M.** Period music at the Gazebo
- 9:00 P.M.** Fireworks at Steamboat Dock; camp closes to public after fireworks

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 2006

VERPLANCK'S POINT, VERPLANCK, NY

- 9:30 A.M.** Site opens to public; 18th century soldiers' camp and military activities all day; morning divine services at Overlook
- 10:00 A.M.** Music demonstration at the Overlook
- 11:00 A.M.** Drill and Tactical Weapons Demonstration
- 11:30 A.M.** Ladies Tea at the Gazebo; boat display in the Hudson River
- 1:00 P.M.** Naval and land Tactical Weapons Demonstration
- 2:00 P.M.** Memorial for soldiers killed at Fort Lafayette
- 3:00 P.M.** Military Retreat; camp closes to public

SUFFERN, NY

- 1:00 P.M.** Special Film Presentation at the Historic Lafayette Theatre
- 4:00 P.M.** March the W3R to Suffern Village Hall NY (Start at Route 202, proceed along Washington Avenue to Village Hall)

SUFFERN FRENCH ARMY CAMP MARKER, WASHINGTON AND LAFAYETTE AVENUES

- 5:00 P.M.** Festive Commemoration and Re-Dedication of the Marker

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