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Presents

Lighting Freedom's Flame

The 225th Anniversary of the
American Revolution in New York



Patriots' Weekend, 2007
**The Journey Back - The Crossing at
King's Ferry, 1782**

**SEPTEMBER 21-23,
2007**

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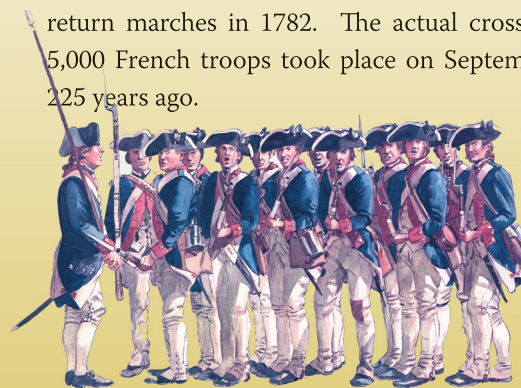
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Two hundred twenty-five years ago, the Hudson River Valley was the major theater of the Revolutionary War, what George Washington referred to as the “Key to Victory.” Each year through 2008, the region will observe Patriots’ Weekend to commemorate and to celebrate the War for American Independence. Patriots’ Weekend, 2007 will highlight the 225th anniversary of the movements in 1782 from Yorktown, Virginia, to the Hudson River Valley by General George Washington and the Continental Army and General Jean Baptiste Donatien de Vimeur, comte de Rochambeau and his French Expeditionary Corps. The Franco-American journey was an amazing feat of endurance and military achievement with British armies at points along the route. In 1782 the French Army retraced its steps back from Virginia to Boston, Massachusetts, to board ships for the Caribbean; the Continental Army returned for its final encampment at Newburgh and New Windsor, New York.

“THE JOURNEY BACK - THE CROSSING AT KING’S FERRY, 1782”

The Crossing of the Hudson, 1782 will highlight the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route (W3R) in New York. New York W3R is a project of the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area, Heritage New York, and the NYS Department of Transportation that has national significance, linking nine states and D.C. from Massachusetts to Virginia to commemorate the considerable contribution that General George Washington and the Continental Army and General Jean Baptiste Donatien de Vimeur, comte de Rochambeau and his French Expeditionary Corps made for American liberty and independence. The route commemorates the French-American campaign in 1781 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, and the return marches in 1782. The actual crossings of some 5,000 French troops took place on September 18, 1782, 225 years ago.



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2007
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

7:00 P.M. “A Time to Celebrate: The Crossing of the Hudson and the Franco-American Encampments at Peekskill and Crompond/Yorktown Heights, 17 September to 22 October 1782,” 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, SEPTEMBER 22, 2007
Verplanck’s Point,
Verplanck and Stony Point Battlefield, NY

**Congressional forces will garrison Verplanck’s Point;
Crown forces will garrison Stony Point**

9:00 A.M. Sites open to public; 18th century soldiers’ camp and military activities all day at both camps
9:15 A.M. Drill at Verplanck and Stony Point
10:30 A.M. Artillery demonstrations at both camps
11:00 A.M. Public and media meet General Washington and French officers. Re-creation of the crossing of the Hudson River by the French and American

armies from Stony Point to Verplanck’s Point.
12:30 P.M. Ladies Tea at the Gazebo
1:00 P.M. Camp life and artillery demonstrations
1:30 P.M. Grand Review of troops at both camps. Introduction of the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area’s map guides, “The American Revolution in the Hudson River Valley and “Revolutionary War Routes in the Hudson River Valley.” Dedication of “Washington at Verplanck’s Point” painting at Verplanck’s Point
3:00 P.M. Tactical Weapons Demonstration: The British attack at Verplanck’s Point-1777
4:00 P.M. Military Retreat; Crown Forces raise the British Flag
4:30 P.M. Camp closes to public until evening
7:00 P.M. “October 20, 1781: The Day After the Surrender,” Dr. Robert A. Selig, Historian, the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route, at the Gazebo.
7:30 P.M. Storyteller Jonathan Kruk and musician Rich Bala at the Riverfront
8:30 P.M. Fireworks at Steamboat Dock; camp closes to public after fireworks.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2007
Old Cemetery at Van Courtlandtville, Corner of Oregon Road and Locust Avenue, Van Courtlandtville.
9:30 A.M. Morning Services at Old St. Peter’s Church

(open to public)
10:00 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.

Verplanck’s Point, Verplanck, NY
Congressional forces will garrison Verplanck’s Point; Crown forces will garrison Stony Point.

11:30 A.M. Sites opens to public; 18th century soldiers’ camp and military activities all day at both camps. Crown Troops patrol the shores of Verplanck’s Point by boat. Rapid Fire Individual Competition. Artillery Demonstration. People of the Revolution at the Overlook.
12:30 P.M. Rapid Fire Team Competitions
1:00 P.M. Bayonet Teams
2:00 P.M. Naval and land Tactical Weapons Demonstration
3:00 P.M. Military Retreat; Congressional Forces raise the American Flag
8:30 P.M. Rain date for Fireworks



EVENTS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO
THE PUBLIC.
(\$5.00 parking fee at the Stony Point Battlefield)

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The Hudson River Valley Institute (HRVI) at Marist College is the center for the study of the Hudson River Valley, serving as the central hub of information about the region that gives the Institute its name. Its mission is to study and to promote the Hudson River Valley. As the academic arm of the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area, HRVI is increasing public awareness about the significance of America’s First River in the history of New York and the United States. By providing educational resources, including *The Hudson River Valley Review*, HRVI serves scholars, educators, nonprofit organizations, businesses, heritage tourists, and the general public seeking to know more about the region that has been called “the Landscape that defined America.” The Hudson River Valley Digital Library serves as an on-line resource and portal to other information from libraries, historical societies, and historic sites. For more information about the Hudson River Valley Institute and the *Review*, please call (845) 575-3052, write hrvi@marist.edu, or visit www.hudsonrivervalley.org/hrvr.

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