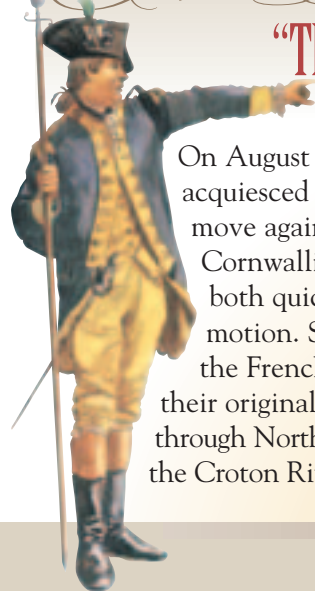


Two hundred twenty-five years ago, the Hudson River Valley was the major theater of the Revolutionary War, what George Washington referred to as the "Key to Victory." Each year through 2008, the region will observe Patriots' Weekend to commemorate and celebrate the War for American Independence. Patriots' 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.

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"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.

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Friday Saturday and Sunday Events

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

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 the 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

3:00 P.M. Special Film Presentation at
the Historic Lafayette Theatre

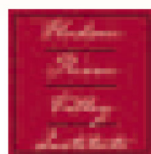
5:00 P.M. March the W3R to Suffern Village Hall
(Start at Route 202, proceed along Washington Avenue to Village Hall)

5:30 P.M. Festive Commemoration and Re-Dedication of
the Suffern French Army Camp Marker, Washington and Lafayette Avenues

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