



*Massachusetts Society Sons of the American Revolution*  
**Wreath-laying Ceremony To Commemorate the 222<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary  
Of the Washington – Rochambeau Revolutionary Route (W3R)  
Encampment in Massachusetts**

**Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2004 at 11:00 am in Dedham, Massachusetts**  
*MASSAR Christmas party to follow at the Olde Irish Ale House*



***Historic Marker at Marsh Street - W3R Encampment Site  
in Dedham, Massachusetts***

**Compatriots and Friends!** Please join us to commemorate this significant historic site. Known as the Washington – Rochambeau Revolutionary Route, the “W3R” encompasses 600 miles through nine states. From Dec 2- 4, 1782, French troops camped in Dedham, MA, on their way back from the victory at Yorktown.

Through preservation and commemoration, we can ensure that future generations will not forget the legacy of General Washington and General Rochambeau.

*Jack Manning, President, MASSAR*

**Directions to the Wreathlaying Ceremony:**

Take Rte I-95 to Exit 15A. Coming off exit ramp, take your first left onto Ariadne Street (Joe’s American Bar & Grill is at the corner) Turn right onto Washington Street. Proceed on Washington Street to Marsh Street – bearing right at fork of Court and Washington. Turn left onto Marsh Street. The W3R marker is at the end of Marsh Street (a one-way street) near the intersection of Court and Marsh Streets.

*See map on reverse side for further details.*

Parking is available on the street near the W3R Marker.

*If you have questions about this event, please contact Geoffrey Colby, MASSAR Color Guard Commander at 617-524-1059 or email to colbydrypowder@hotmail.com*



***Pictured Above: Allied generals and some of their staff at Yorktown, Virginia, 1781. Detail of painting by James Peale, executed some time after the surrender. Images are, from left to right: Marquis de Lafayette, General George Washington, General Benjamin Lincoln, Comte de Rochambeau, General Chastelleux, and Colonel Tench Tilghman. [Initial work held by the Maryland Historical Society. A second like work is owned by Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia. A third version is believed to be owned by descendents of Lafayette.]***

**About the “W3R”:** On 16 December 1999, the W3R was organized at the Washington headquarters in Newburgh, New York. The route is essentially defined by the march taken by the Continental Army of George Washington and by the French Army of Comte de Rochambeau on their way to ultimate victory over British forces under the command of Maj. Gen. Charles Cornwallis in Yorktown, Virginia., in 1781. The route also includes the march of the French army in 1782, as it returned back north to Boston. The goal of the W3R is to encourage creation of a National Historic Trail with the registration of the entire approximately 600-mile route that passes through Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland and Virginia, and to raise to a higher level the quality of heritage preservation all along the route. Work will also be directed toward linking the allied encampments with a self-guided auto route, ancillary hiking trails and appropriate historical signs.