

Here are photos and captions which commemorate the "**March to Yorktown**" through Philadelphia, PA, on Sunday and Monday September 3 & 4, 2006, 225 years to the day after General Rochambeau and his 5,000 troops, 2,000 horses and 1,000 oxen marched the same route to victory with General Washington and the Continental soldiers over British General Cornwallis at Yorktown, VA. --- Torben Jenk & Donna Walker



Entering the Historical Society of Frankford for a welcoming feast with neighbors. After the Revolutionary War some French troops chose to settle in "**the beautiful little town of Frankfurt [sic].... There we met for the first time Germans who greeted us immediately along the roads as fellow countrymen.**"

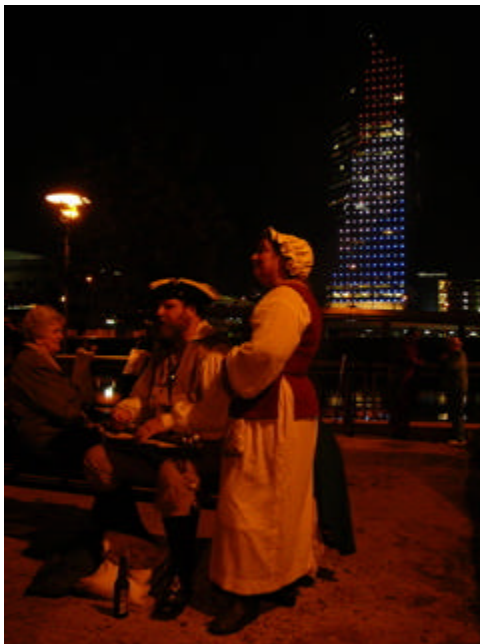
Marchers welcomed by church members along Frankford Avenue. To the left -- in the red uniform of a "**commisar de guerre**"[sp?] or French Supply Officer -- is Dr. Robert Selig, historical consultant to the National Park Service for the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route (W3R). Dr. "Bob" Selig has spent years doing an historical resource study for the entire route and has made many enthusiastic friends in research libraries and in Colonial taverns.





*Marching through Fishtown, joined by young neighbor William, they can now see the Delaware River.*

*Local resident and Pennsylvania Judge, Bill Lederer (at left), welcomes the marchers at Immaculate Conception Church just before they cross the ancient "Cohocksink Creek" and "ancienne ligne Anglaise." Near here the troops in 1781 cleaned up and changed into their finest uniforms - only one mile more to the 18th-century boundary of Philadelphia and their march before the Continental Congress and the French Ambassador to Congress at the State House [Independence Hall].*



*Colonial musicians entertained all at the campsite along the Schuylkill River: re-enactors, residents, cyclists, dog walkers and tourists. Across the river is the Cira Building in "blue, white & red" - reinterpreting the 18th century "illuminations" [fireworks] of the original march with thirty stories of 21st-century LEDs. Colonial brews were also served -- Washington Porter, Jefferson Tavern Ale and Franklin Spruce Ale -- brewed by Yards according to the founding fathers original recipes as researched by Walter Staib at the City Tavern.*

*View of the Market Street Bridge, 30th Street Station and Cira Building across from the southern end of the campsite along the Schuylkill River.*



*After a boat trip down the Schuylkill River the marchers explored the homestead and farm of famed botanists John & William Bartram. Three re-enactors from Connecticut joined the march, including the accomplished drummer boy. Michael Chuckta, second from right, is in the uniform of the Sixth Connecticut Regiment, in which one of his ancestors served during the Revolutionary War.*

*Many Philadelphians joined the celebrations and the "March through Bartram's."*







*Morning prayers at Bartram's Garden.*



*Patricia Coyne (left in red hat) and Ursula Reed (striped shirt) lead the re-enactors towards their route to the Blue Bell Tavern (1766) and their next campsite in Chester, PA.*

*Historic marker at Bartram's Garden.*

