

# W3R<sup>®</sup>-NHT Reception for State Representative Pam Sawyer

**All are welcome to join us at this reception.**

***You may never have the opportunity to meet this many key players in Connecticut heritage in one place again, Friday September 27, 2013***

**It is also the kickoff for Bolton Heritage Weekend**

To recognize State Representative Pamela Sawyer's for the Connecticut legislation that secured the identification of Connecticut's historic camp sites and the route of the newest National Historic Trail, the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route.

Bolton High School in the Student Commons  
72 Brandy Street, Bolton CT  
September 27, 2013  
5:30 PM Panel Discussion  
6:00 PM Reception for Rep. Sawyer

## **Information about the Panel of Guest Experts**

Arrive before 5:30 PM if you wish to hear a panel of guest experts fielding your questions. The public is invited, and more than twenty High School Students have already signed up for this. The panel consists of:

**Mary Donahue** was the SHPO (State Historic Preservation Office) Historian / Administrator who administered the Connecticut W3R<sup>®</sup> research that from 1998 through early 2012. She is currently Assistant Publisher of the magazine *Connecticut Explored*.

**Nick Bellantoni**, PhD, is the Connecticut State Archaeologist who reviewed all the archaeological discoveries and conducted a ground radar search of Bolton Heritage Farm that verified the current farm house foundation is the only foundation in the area of the house shown on the French Maps.

**Robert A. Selig**, PhD, was the project Historian, first for the state of Connecticut -- finding the historical documentation of the W3R<sup>®</sup> in Connecticut -- and then similar work for the National Park Service in all nine states plus DC.

**Yolande Bosman**, PhD, as Honorary Consul of France to Connecticut, supported the research as chairperson of the Governor's Francophone Commission -- putting French information and culture into the mix.

**Ursula Reed** is chair of the W3R®-US, the private national citizens group supporting private, state, and federal development of the trail.

**Todd Levine** is W3R®-NHT deputy in the Connecticut's Department of Economic and Community Development, State Historic Preservation Office

**Eric deRochambeau** is a direct descendent of General Rochambeau, the commander of the 4,000 French troops who aided the Continental Army during 1780-1782. He lives in Rhode Island and has supported past W3R® events.

**Fred Lyle** is a new member of the Society of the Cincinnati. As their W3R®-NHT representative he tells how he recently discovered he is the descendent of Connecticut Captain Jewett who was captured by the British in New York City.

Clearly there is only enough time to become familiar with the panel members. Some of the panel will speak during the reception, and there is time to meet panel members personally during the refreshments following the reception.

### **Agenda for the Reception**

Arrive by 6 PM for the reception for Representative Pamela Sawyer. After the reception refreshment will be served and people will have a chance to talk and to take pictures with speakers and other guests. The speeches will be about 5 minutes each.

Review of Honor Guard by Eric de Rochambeau  
Honor Guard led by Connecticut Sons of the American Revolution  
1st VP, Bob Rivard, and others

Greeting by Superintendent of Bolton Schools, Kristin Heckt.

Recognition of Bolton High students by Karen Cordero,  
Student Council advisor

Pledge of Allegiance

Presentation to school by Yolande Bosman,  
the Honorary Consul of France to Connecticut

Welcome to Bolton by Robert Morra, Bolton's First Selectman

Reading of Governor's Proclamation of Pam Sawyer Day  
by Senator Steve Cassano

Introduction by Hans DePold, Chairman of the W3R®-CT

"Partnership of National Parks Service with CT", by Joe DiBello,  
NPS' Superintendent for the W3R®- NHT

"Partnership of W3R® States," Ursula Reed, Chair of the W3R®-US

“Connecticut’s Significance in the Revolutionary War,”

by Robert A. Selig, PhD, W3R®-NHT Historian

“Connecticut, Still Revolutionary,” by Todd Levine, DECD, SHPO,  
and W3R®-NHT deputy

“Connecticut, Still Green,” by Eric Hammerling, Connecticut Forest & Park  
Association's Executive Director

Presentation of the Connecticut Legislature’s citation by Senator Steve Cassano

Address by State Representative Pamela Z. Sawyer

Explanation of some of the terms:

The Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route – National Historic Trail

Is abbreviated W3R® - NHT

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The W3R®-CT is Connecticut’s committee within national organization, W3R®-US.

The URL for the national website is [www.w3r-us.org](http://www.w3r-us.org)