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W3R-US 2016 Annual Meeting of Members Saturday, June 18, 2016, 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM Old Brick School House (Providence Preservation Society) 24 Meeting Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02906

On June 18, 1781, French forces led by Viscomte de Rochambeau marched out of Providence - on the trail to the October Victory at Yorktown, VA in our War for Independence.

On Saturday, June 18, 2016, please join W3R -US members in celebrating the National Park Service Centennial and the 235th Anniversary of the March on this exact historic day.

Following up on our March 5th "Day of Clarity" in Philadelphia, sponsored by the National Park Service, the topic for our annual meeting is loyalty and FOCUS ON OUR MISSION:

- To partner with the National Park Service, W3R state, international and other organizations, historic sites, preservationists and conservationists along the 700 mile W3R National Historic Trail; and,
- To initiate, coordinate and promote programs that engage, inspire and educate the public in the history of how France and the French people provided crucial aid to the United States during the American Revolution.

Many thanks to W3R-RI partner, Roseanna Gorham, we are excited to announce a very generous grant from The Florence Gould Foundation for creation of uni-grid map/brochures for 10 states – and launching/distributing the RI prototype. Rosanna will share her experience.

We will discuss ideas for the 2017 openings of two American Revolution Museums in both Philadelphia and Yorktown and potential partnerships with W3R-US.

12:30 - 1:30 PM lunch followed by walking tours of historic Providence until 3:30 PM.

6:30 PM- dinner & entertainment at "Pot au Feu" (\$60 + tax & tip)

8:40 – 10:00 PM -WATERFIRE - a spectacular lighting ceremony on the river.

Please see the attached 2-day detailed program for folks arriving for Friday's tour to Newport from the hotel by van (seats 15) or drive. Lunch/lecture - White Horse Tavern (\$40).

W3R-US visitors at the Hilton Garden Providence Hotel, 220 India Street, Providence, RI 02803 can contact Amy Buzzell @ 508-304-3028. RSVP for the meeting to Janet Burnet, VP, W3R-US 845-323-7962 or janetburnet@aol.com. Membership dues plus \$25 cost for coffee, pastries & lunch payable by check at door.

We look forward to seeing you along our National Historic Trail in Providence, Rhode Island!

Merci,

Ursula Reed, Chair W3R-US

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