

W3R[®]-US State Reports -- October 17, 2017

W3R[®]-Delaware Report

Delaware has focused in 2017 on inserting the W3R story into the Delaware curriculum. We have met with the state social studies coordinator and shared the W3R trail maps as well as the new Delaware map. We have shared our info with the Delaware Historical Society, and our maps are now available in the Pencader Heritage Museum.

Judge Richard Cooch continues to be a major supporter and host for our events. On Nov 4 at 10:00 AM we will host the unveiling of a new state historical sign in the town of Christiana. Dave Nardone of W3R Delaware and local historian Wade Catts assisted the state archivist in the research on the sign. This sign honoring the First Delaware Regiment evolved from our desire to remind the citizens of the town the role they played as a critical unloading spot for Rochambeau's (French) artillery en route to Yorktown.

We are discussing with the owners of the town's refurbished 1776 "Shannon Inn ", the possibility of W3R Delaware decorating their conference room with W3R memorabilia. We are also discussing with New Castle county legislators on the possibility of W3R Delaware having a permanent meeting room in a Colonial farmhouse they are restoring in Newark, Delaware.

We have initiated a discussion with the Delaware Saengerbund (which promotes German culture) for a memorial honoring the Royal Deux Ponts Regiment (comprised of Germanic troops) -- part of Rochambeau's Expeditionary Force, which camped in Delaware and fought at Yorktown. Dr. Bob Selig and Wade Catts gave a fantastic seminar on that very topic in Delaware last year.

From Julie Bell: St. Elizabeth's High School has submitted a proposal to the City of Wilmington to redevelop Canby Park [south of Wilmington on Maryland Ave.] into an active sports complex to serve the school's and community's needs. Their proposal made no mention of the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail, and the Revolutionary War encampments in this park. [Lauzun's regiment of hussars and infantry camped here on their way south in 1781, several-hundred yards below the millpond that powered Richardson's Mill.]

I have attached the article here. The city, the school, the community, and the Delaware State Historic Preservation Office need to be made aware immediately of the W3R-NHT and the encampments. They need to be engaged to understand the importance of the resource and of the need for preservation of the archeological data and interpretation at the park.

However that proposal evolves, it is critical that W3R-DE contact these folks and let them know of the trail resources. Meanwhile, I will check with Jack Howard, our chief of Land and Water Conservation Fund, to see if any LWCF funds went into the past development of the park. In that vein, I thought you'd be interested in the following, which is also a National Historic Trail and a place for peace, reflection and rehabilitation. I wonder if there's an

opportunity to work with the Warriors group and St. Elizabeth High School on a similar interpretive project at Canby Park, one that includes accessible exercise facilities for the vets? Rev War veterans meet 20th / 21st-century vets! -- Julie B

Julie recommended that we contact the Veterans National Recreation Trail at Coralville Lake In Hoover AL, south of Birmingham. Seven memorials dot the five-mile trail, each one naming some of the 154 veteran honorees. The trail serves as a quiet, poignant reminder of the brave sons and daughters who served with distinction in the U.S. military. The designers in 1989 wanted to invest the trail with a higher level of meaning. The local American Legion responded enthusiastically to the idea and joined to make the trail a success.

The W3R Delaware is now working closely with St. Elizabeth High School to add our Rev War story to St Elizabeth's goals.

Respectfully submitted. BILL Conley

W3R®-Pennsylvania Report

For the record, W3R-PA was organized in 2005 to encourage the US Congress to designate the Route as a National Historic Trail and part of the National Park Service. The late Winchell Carroll was the driving force for Pennsylvania, assisted from the start by Ursula Reed and Treasurer Phil Anders and several other civic minded souls who signed on to the project. These included from the start Secretary Ann Patten, attorney Wayne Strasbaugh, Patricia Coyne for DAR and Jim Willis for SAR. Events to raise funds were organized, such as a 2006 Black Tie Gala and a major parade in Philadelphia and in Chester, PA with a wreath laying in Valley Forge in 2007. One major parade was cancelled by a Nor'easter storm over the 2006 Labor Day weekend.

Win Carroll also recruited the local Honorary French Consul and the Governor of Pennsylvania to the cause, and with state grants and major contributions, raised over \$150,000 for the Congressional promotion effort. The Historic Survey for Pennsylvania by Dr Robert Selig was funded, a W3R-US kiosk was built for display at Independence National Park, bylaws were written and IRS charitable tax status was achieved. Support for the Marchers in 2006 was underwritten as they were welcomed coming through PA. The NHT status was established by US law in 2009 and a NPS Superintendent, Joseph DiBello, was assigned in 2010, with offices in Philadelphia.

Win Carroll's health failed and he passed away in 2012. Thus in 2010 the current W3R-PA officers were elected. The IRS tax status remains, IRS 990 filings are current, and about \$8000 is in the checking account. Director insurance is in place. There are 14 volunteers on the board. In recent years various projects and events have been sponsored, several at the three major 1781 campsites in the Commonwealth. The banner program was a major undertaking, as well as tote bags, lapel pins, and restoration of the W3R kiosk. Speaking engagements have occurred and prominent roles with the French community, like the frigate 'Hermione events in 2015 have been

sponsored. Good relations with the new Museum of the American Revolution in Philadelphia-opening in April, 2017- are ongoing.

Most recently, the NPS has developed a PA brochure, and editing and publishing the Selig PA Historic Survey is being considered. Nine board members attended a January NPS seminar at Valley Forge that gathered over 20 civic and government organizations to promote W3R NHT in PA. Working closely with NPS on many endeavors has been a vital relationship, and coordinating programs with both SAR and DAR have worked well.

Ursula Reed served as W3R-US chairman, 2013-17, and was devoted to achieving significant grants, NPS relations, programs for W3R meetings, involvement in the “Hermione summer, and in the creation of the new Museum of the American Revolution, even as she endured personal physical difficulties. Steady progress in public awareness of the W3R NHT has blossomed. In PA, these developments have been most gratifying for the volunteers of the W3R-PA board.

Lanny R Patten
W3R-PA

W3R[®]-Maryland Report

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The W3R Maryland Delegation has had a pretty productive and very busy year. Larry Abell ascended to Chairman of the Maryland State Committee. Larry is an Architect by Profession and Founder on the Maryland Veterans Military Museum in Newburg, MD. Darlene Perry of Havre de Grace, Eileen Rice / Rogers Tavern, Josh Brown / Elk Landing, Susan Giddings / Rising Sun, David Smith *aka* Tench Tilghman, John Holloway of Odenton, MD have all joined the W3R Maryland.

A \$15,000.00 + Grant has been submitted for a National Park Service Maritime History Matching Grant to Fund Water Trails Research along the WARO NHT which, if funded will need to be matched with \$15,000 from the Gould grant, approved by the Executive Committee before the grant was submitted. Part of the WARO NHT has water trail components and experiences for the visitor or traveler who follow and encounter the trail. The Grant will further research and develop a clearer understanding as to where the intermodal land and water trail components intersect and will also support facts that the Yorktown Campaign mission story was one of the greatest logistic land and sea military operations in U.S. History. After a final report is prepared interpretive web, mobile application, and print materials will be developed with the Gould match.

Waysides in Maryland & DC

Robert is working with Whiting Turner to relocate the W3R French Campsite Wayside along with the Landscape Architect after completion of the Ronald McDonald House project located near the 1781 Asquith Society of Friends “Quaker” Meeting House. We are continuing our efforts to get 2 Waysides inside the Annapolis Historic District placed and a Lafayette camp

wayside in Eastport, Annapolis. Robert is working with B.J. Gerber and Hank Cohen on the 2 Waysides in Georgetown Washington, D.C. near Rock Creek and the C&O Canal National Parks.

Selig Report Maryland

Funds for Phase IV of Dr Selig's Maryland Research Project & Report are now being sought in FY2018 for General Marquis de Lafayette's 1781 Virginia Campaign to Yorktown. Also the Von Cloisen & DuBourg Yorktown Route through Port Tobacco & Southern Maryland.

Dr Selig will deliver a Public Lecture this Year in Maryland on the W3R Trail. This Lecture will be held at 11:00 AM October 21st at the Rising Sun Tavern in Crownsville, Maryland. This is a Friends of Rising Sun Fund Raiser - Admission will be \$30.00 for Members \$35. Non-members.

W3R Meetings Maryland

On September 14th Robert, Dr. Bob Selig, W3R Executive Director Ellen Von Karajan and Susan Giddings met with C. Jane Cox Chief, Cultural Resources Division of Anne Arundel County Planning and Zoning, Kenneth Alban of Recreation & Parks, and retired Mayor of Annapolis, Ellen Moyer now current Chairman of Art in Public Places City of Annapolis to discuss working together on WARO Waysides in Anne Arundel County Maryland.

On June 21st Robert, Dr. Bob Selig, Executive Director Ellen von Karajan, Pat Dale, Anne Kyle - MD Office of Tourism, met with NPS Acting WARO Superintendent Paul Kenney, Kate Marks Hardy -NPS Chesapeake Bay Office, David Lassman -Thomas Stone House and Christine Smith- Ft. Washington Superintendent to discuss relations and support from NPS Sites in MD and the Maryland Office of Tourism with WARO NHT.

W3R Events Maryland

The 55th Anniversary Wreath Laying Event will be held Thursday October 12th 4:00 PM at the 1911 French Monument to Unknown French Soldiers located at Saint John's College Annapolis, Maryland.

On June 14th a Ribbon Cutting Grand Opening of The Hall of Presidents *Before* Washington Event was attended by Robert and W3R Executive Director Ellen Von Karajan in the Lobby of the Westin Hotel in Annapolis.

Submitted by Robert E. Reyes, Vice Chairman, W3R-MD

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W3R[®]-Connecticut Report

In anticipation of our forthcoming W3R-US meeting on October 18, I would like to add to Hans' comments as I have shared over 10 years some of his activities from 100-miles remote Greenwich CT while chairman for the W3R-CT from 1996 thru 2006.

During this period we brought the total number of markers installed along the CT Route to 25, with great assistance in production out of the NPS shop in Harper's Ferry, which I visited to workout the design. Noticeable also is that Connecticut has the longest route segment due to the fact that it stretches out from east (Newport-Providence) to west (near the Hudson River). over 160 miles!

On October 18, at the meeting with your incredibly overburdened agenda, I am planning to just say "hello and best wishes" when I will show up and sit in the back . If time is available during dinner, I could then say a few words about my active retired life in Connecticut .

SERGE GABRIEL, W3R-US Honorary Chairman 2006

W3R[®]-Massachusetts Report

I am waiting to receive Bob Selig's draft report which is promised for this month. If all goes well, we will review, edit if necessary, and approve it in time to finalize it in November. In that event, we will plan a celebration in December., probably at the Bunker Hill Museum in Monument Square, which is run by NPS

Submitted by Alan Hoffman

W3R[®]-Rhode Island Report

You are invited to celebrate French history, food and culture in Rhode Island at

The Newport Council For International Visitors

Annual Dinner, "Un Gout de France"

Sample a taste of French cuisine; enjoy updates on Hermione; learn about the Washington-Rochambeau Route (W3R-RI) and the Alliance Francaise of Newport
\$40.00 per person includes a glass of wine. Cash Bar available

Thursday 26th, October 2017

The Ramada Inn Conference Center, 425 E Main Rd, Middletown, RI 02842

5:30 Ajustement d'attitude 6:30 Le Dîner

Guest Speaker

Dr. Robert A Selig

W3R-NHT Historian



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