

Washington –Rochambeau Revolutionary Route - National Historic Trail

May 2010 Highlights by Joseph DiBello, Superintendent of the
Washington Rochambeau Revolutionary Route - National Historic Trail

Joe DiBello attended the **National Historic Trails Conference** in San Antonio TX sponsored by the Partnership for the National Trails System May 11-15 with B.J. Gerber and Robert Reyes of the W3R-US Association. The workshop sessions were aimed at discussing corridor protection and heritage tourism and we visited two of the five San Antonio missions that stretch along El Camino Real de los Tejas NHT. The conference provided networking opportunities and ideas for meeting the challenges all NHTs face in presenting a relevant and coherent message and experience.

Thanks to the funds made available by our regional leadership, I am pleased to report that **Samantha Driscoll**, a graduate student in the Historic Preservation Program at University of Pennsylvania started work with us on 5/24/2010. She will be helping us summarize the results of our strategic planning work sessions, organize background information and research about the project, develop web content and help get the word out about the NHT. She'll be working at the US Custom House, Philadelphia, 3rd floor in space number 376N.

NPS's Harper's Ferry Center has awarded a contract for the development of a **six-panel unigrid brochure for W3R** and work on the brochure has begun. They are also developing a National Historic Trail graphic for the project. First drafts of both will be available for review in June.

Joe DiBello was invited to meet with the staff of the Heritage Conservancy based in Doylestown, PA to **provide an overview** of the Washington Rochambeau NHT and other NPS activities in along the Delaware River. Jeff Marshall, the Conservancy's Vice President of Resource Protection, is a planner and historic preservationist with an interest and expertise in the revolutionary war and W3R.

Joe drafted (both a long and short version) **introduction** to the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route NHT **for use in newsletters** and to reply to requests for general information about the trail. Please let me know if you'd like to review a copy.

Sallie deBarcza of Somerset County, NJ was elected chairman of the **National Washington- Rochambeau Revolutionary Route Association** (W3R-US) during its April 10, 2010, annual meeting. To read all about it, see www.mycentraljersey.com/article/20100530/LIFE/5300314/Somerset-County-woman-elected-to-lead-national-organization.