

Presentations Available in North Carolina

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Speaker: RDN -- available within 75 miles of Durham NC

=> Hand-in-Hand; Ever so Carefully

A survey of the gradual development between the U.S. and France of communications, referrals, and surreptitious aid into large-scale loans, donations of military stores, cooperative military expeditions, and overwhelming sea and land firepower.

=> The French Navy - a Vital Resource during the American Revolution

The French navy dispersed British military power around the world, isolated the British army at Yorktown, and brought sufficient new land forces and siege guns to ensure a quick victory there. An overview of the application of global military power in the 1780s.

=> The Battle that Doubled the Size of the U.S.A.

The Battle of Pensacola was fought outside of the thirteen rebelling colonies, and no U.S. troops were involved. The British loss here allowed arms shipments to continue up the Mississippi so that U.S. forces could secure the land on the west of the Appalachian Mountains. One man in Louisiana made good use of his resources and upset the balance of power, with results that surprised everyone.

=> The Grand Allied March to Yorktown in 1781

In 1780 French General Rochambeau brought an army of 8,000 to join the U.S. Continentals in defeating the British. Rather than attacking New York City, the allies prepared a surprise, and it worked!

=> Keeping French Silver in Delaware

How many silver dimes would it take to pay a French soldier for a month? How many pounds of silver did Gen. Rochambeau spend each month to maintain his army in the United States? What strategies did the British navy and Delaware businesses, farmers, and thieves employ to move French silver from French treasury casks into their own pockets?

=> Lauzun's Legion Garrisons Wilmington DE

After Yorktown an uneasy peace settled over the U.S. British troops still occupied several cities, and

the British navy could attack anywhere on the East Coast. A French mixed cavalry-infantry force was stationed as a mobile force to support the U.S. garrisons in Philadelphia and Baltimore. What was it like to have suddenly 600 foreign soldiers in town? Were they welcomed or shunned? Where were their 300 horses stabled?

=> The Many Faces of George Washington

Discussion of Washington's career from the perspective of a retired junior officer (the speaker's ancestor), who heard about GW's early life, observed several key moments of his military and presidential careers, and mourned his death.

=> The Careers of Washington and Rochambeau

A self-made gentleman farmer and a seasoned military officer. A comparison of the growth, maturing, successes, and disengagement of these key Revolutionary War generals shows how they mastered the levers of available power and greatly improved the fortunes of the organizations in which they served.

=> Walking in the Footsteps of History

Photo-show exploring the relatively undisturbed portions of the trail taken by the French Expeditionary Force in 1781 from Newport RI to Yorktown VA and visiting the graves of many French soldiers and sailors who died in the U.S. during that time.

=> Engaging the Public in the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route - a New National Historic Trail

How did the idea of increasing public awareness of the 1778 U.S-French Alliance grow into a national movement to establish a new National Historic Trail? Follow the growth of the W3R®-US from the development of its name to the signing of Public Law 111-11.