

Great Bridge Battlefield &
Waterways History Foundation
PO Box 15425
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Annual Patriot Membership Fund:

We entered the new membership year in July, so please remember to renew your Patriot Membership today! We need your support now more than ever. Special thanks to the Membership Committee for all of their hard work and dedication.

Park and Visitor Center:

The Foundation is pleased to announce that we have raised **\$4,942,530 in Gifts & Pledges towards our \$7,000,000 Capital Campaign & Endowment Goal**. Our support comes from individuals, businesses, private and government grants, and gift-in-kind donations. We are so thankful for the contributions of the entire community.

Gift-in-Kind Donations:

The Foundation is grateful for the generous contributions of both labor and material from many local businesses. Contact the office to learn more.



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We Need You to Help protect This Vital American History!
Contact the Foundation office to learn more about the following opportunities:
Park Bench & Tree Dedication
Room & Theatre Seat Naming
Historic Signage Sponsorship
And More.....

Would you like to join a committee, or donate your time to the cause?

The GBB&WHF is always looking for dedicated volunteers. For more information on joining a committee or becoming involved, please contact Ben Duff at 757.482.4480.

Membership Committee

The Membership Committee focuses on promoting public awareness of our Foundation. Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of every month.

Corporate Membership Committee

The Corporate Membership Committee focuses on business involvement and membership campaigns. We are so thankful for all of our community partnerships.

Community Gifts Committee

The Community Gifts Committee is vital to the success of all Foundation events. Community Gifts Committee meetings are the third Wednesday of every month.

Grant Committee

The Grant Committee focuses on grant research and proposal drafting on behalf of the Foundation. This committee meets every other month.

Winter 2010



Patriot Record

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16th Annual Battle of Great Bridge Reenactment

Upcoming Events

**Reenactment of
The Battle of Great Bridge
and Kemps Landing**
December 4 & 5, 2010
Saturday 10-4, Sunday 10-4
116 Callison Drive
Chesapeake, VA
Next to the 'Great Bridge' Bridge

**Valentine's Day
Wine Tasting**
Domes Audio
Video Environments
February 12th, 2011

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The Battle of Great Bridge, December 9, 1775, considered the "Southern Bunker Hill" by many historians, is not generally well known, but the importance of this Patriot victory was significant to Virginia and to the Patriot cause. It led directly to the British evacuation of Virginia and the loss of Norfolk as a base of military operations in the South. It also restored the Patriot north-south supply line between Virginia and the southern colonies.

The British defeat demoralized many southern Loyalists and led to their conversion to the Patriot cause. It caused many others, who were as yet undecided as to their allegiance and on the verge of joining the British, to side with the Patriots. Many southern Patriots on the verge of "giving up" were encouraged to continue to fight because of the American victory at the Battle of Great Bridge.

The GBB&WHF invites everyone who can to attend this year's reenactment celebration to join us. It will be held at 116 Callison Drive in Great Bridge next to the 'Great Bridge' Bridge on Saturday, December 4th and Sunday, December 5th from 10 am – 4 pm both days. There are many scheduled events on both days for guests to attend and participate.

One special presentation will be delivered by Dionysios "Dan" Anninos, PMP Colonel, Corps of Engineers, Chief of Staff, Washington, D.C. On December 9th, 2009, Colonel Dan Anninos flew a US Flag over his Headquarters in Iraq in honor of the Great Bridge Battlefield and Waterways History Foundation's efforts. He will present this flag to the Foundation during a special ceremony on Saturday, December 4th at 12:45 pm.

As custodians of one of the most cherished historical resources in Virginia, the GBB&WHF is proud to participate in this annual celebration. We encourage all that can to come out and support this great event.



A Distinguished Celebration Of Chesapeake!



Grassfield High School Chorus

The inaugural Waterways Heritage Festival was truly a wonderful weekend of festivities. The event was a combination of the GBB&WHF's Waterways Festival and the former Heritage Arts and Fiber Festival. Saturday opened with remarks from Chesapeake's Mayor Alan Krasnoff and Foundation President and former mayor Bill Ward. Marines from the Chesapeake Detachment Marine Corps League presented the Colors and In-Tune sang the national anthem. The GBB&WHF's Membership and Festival Committees conducted an incredible raffle that offered prizes ranging from hand-crafted artwork, donated by the participating vendors and guilds, to a Grand Prize Kayak Package, donated by Mrs. Susan English of the Membership Committee, Wild

River Outfitters Touring Company, and Cutting Edge Watersports. Attendees enjoyed two days of heritage and fine arts, music, and guilds and learned firsthand how things are made. Exhibitors and vendors displayed and sold their unique crafts ranging from: weaving, woodworking, glass blowing, honey bee exhibits, basket making, pottery, quilters, master gardeners, photographers, silversmith jewelry artistry, and more. Wild River Outfitters Touring Company guided kayak tours. The Coast Guard led waterways safety demonstrations, and the local 4-H and Captain Bob's provided food. The event could not have been coordinated without the outstanding support of the Chesapeake Fire Department, the Chesapeake Medical Response Team, the Community Emergency Response Team, and all of the wonderful volunteers that helped in various ways throughout the weekend. We look forward with great anticipation for next year's Waterways Heritage Festival which will be held October 8th and 9th, 2011.



Mary Scott Loom Demonstration

Special Thanks to All That Participated, Volunteered, and Sponsored!

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Additions to the Foundation Board

The GBB&WHF welcomes the addition of new members to its Board of Trustees and Board of Advisors. Board of Trustees: Mr. Robert "Bobby" Clifton, Mr. John Cross, Mr. Lee Curling, Mrs. Elaine Hutto, and Mrs. Stacy Long. Board of Advisors: Mr. Steve Best, Mrs. Betsy Fowler, Mrs. Dawn Glynn, Dr. J. Matthew Hogendobler, D.M.D., and Mrs. Teresa Peters. These talented individuals are valuable assets to the Foundation moving forward. The GBB&WHF greatly appreciates all of the hard-work, dedication, and support from its board members and through their continued leadership, the Foundation looks forward to a bright and successful future.

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Making a Lasting Impression



Local artists painted murals in Chesapeake that celebrate the Battle of Great Bridge and the Patriots that fought for American Independence. Above: Joe Mazur, Joey Mazur, Michelle Sumner, and Nancie Lang standing beside their mural painted on the Designs building in Great Bridge. Below: Sam Welty painting his mural at the Battlefield Shopping Center, 1128 N. Battlefield Blvd in Chesapeake. These beautifully depicted dedications to the Battle of Great Bridge promote the legacy of Chesapeake's rich history. A third mural will be coming soon, to be painted on the Action Graphics building.



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