

Great Bridge Battlefield &
Waterways History Foundation
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We now have naming rights available for: auditorium seating, rooms in the Visitor Center, benches, tables, interpretive stops, and more. Create a legacy for your family through our Foundation. Please call the office or visit www.gbbattlefield.org for more information.



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Making Progress: The Construction Continues!

Have you had a chance to drive by the Park construction site yet? The progress made in the past few months is phenomenal! The curbs are in place, the interpretive stations are coming to life, the digging has commenced on the marshland area, and the recreation of the causeway is being constructed. In the very near future you will see the pilings for the building positioned in the ground!

On the right is our list of donors whose donations are either in the works, or have already been completed. We truly appreciate everything they have done for us, and want to thank them again for their generosity and support. As always, we thank ET Gresham and the City of Chesapeake for all they've done and continue to do for the foundation. For a complete list of all of our donors, please visit: www.gbbattlefield.org.

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Upcoming Events

Waterways Heritage Festival
Great Bridge Lock Park
October 8th & 9th, 2011

Battle of Great Bridge Reenactment
December 3rd & 4th, 2011

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Mark Bissette of Bissette Construction is pictured above. We thank him for his donation of the installation of our curbs and gutters!



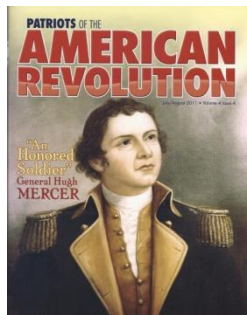
Lewis Witt (pictured right), owner of Inner View, Ltd., very generously donated the installation of our concrete pipes below the park.



Pictured on the right is the construction of the historic causeway. The causeway is constructed of interlocking beams, as shown above.



Revolutionary War Magazine Features "Virginia's Bridge To Victory"



Patriots of the American Revolution magazine will be featuring a special article written by one of our historians in the November/December issue. Please read the information below to learn how you can subscribe and help the Foundation at the same time!

Patriots of American Revolution magazine works hard to educate and entertain. It conveys interesting, genuine stories about real people and authentic action in actual places. This includes ordinary folks (not just Founding fathers and mothers) and lesser known battles and events. Our country's creation narrative affects us all. To know it arms us with timeless tools to build up our modern citizens and nation. As articulated by Thomas Paine, "We have the power to begin the world over again." We seek to convey researched articles with creative angles that inspire us with awe and appreciation.

Patriots has partnered with the American Revolution Association. The ARA is a nonprofit, public benefit corporation whose primary purpose is to publish, promote and preserve the historic significance of the Revolutionary era's persons, places, events, and principles. The ARA serves to educate; to further understanding of what happened; to build constituencies; to save battlefields and sites; to connect partners; and to put the action on the ground. Your subscription automatically makes you a member of the ARA. Your first year's subscription also provides generous support to the GBB&WHF.

With each new subscription order to *Patriots of the American Revolution* through the Foundation at the regular subscription price of \$27.95, the magazine will make a donation of \$10 back to the Foundation's treasury. Simply use the key code GBBWHF1775 when subscribing from September 1, 2011 through March 2012.

Please stop by our Foundation office for a special subscription form or call the Yellow Springs office at 800-767-5828 and speak to either Vicki McClellan or Jamie Lee Hamilton and mention the key code given above. This offer does not apply to website subscriptions or renewals of current subscriptions. With each subscription comes a one year Patriot membership with the GBB&WHF.

History in the Making

And you can be a part of it!

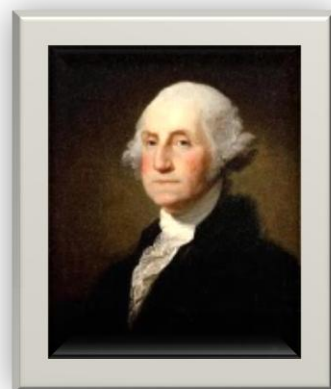
Leave a legacy. With the park construction underway and due to be completed within a few short months, we are now accepting naming rights for various structures throughout the park. From 100% recycled, earth-friendly benches and picnic tables to interpretive stops, naming rights can be placed on a variety of items throughout the park, and on rooms and other structures in the Visitor Center.



There are many ways to leave a legacy. This donation, which will remain in the park for generations to come, marks you as a lover of history, a philanthropist, and a true patriot of America.

If you or someone you know would like to donate for this fundraiser or would like more information, please contact our office phone listed on the left or email info@gbbattlefield.org. Follow the footsteps of our forefathers and leave a legacy. Their legacy led to our freedom.

Interpretive stops will line this pathway and teach Americans about their past and fight for independence.



2011 Waterways Heritage Festival

Join us as we celebrate our 2nd Annual Waterways Heritage Festival!

October 8th & 9th, 2011
Saturday 10-5 and Sunday 12-5
Great Bridge Lock Park
On the banks of the Intracoastal Waterway
Chesapeake, VA



The Lady Slipper batteau, which sunk shortly after this photo was taken, is an example of the type of boat that will be present at our Waterways Heritage Festival.

Our Waterways Heritage Festival Committee has been working hard to plan an event which showcases the vast amount of talent found locally. Enjoy two days of cultural heritage, fine arts, and music. Visit the many guilds and learn firsthand how things are made! Exhibitors and vendors will display and sell their unique crafts ranging from: weaving, woodworking, basket-making, pottery, quilters, master gardeners, photographers, silversmith jewelry artistry, glass blowers, sheep-shearing, and more. Additionally, we are excited to announce that this year that there will be a Batteau visiting our Waterways Heritage Festival!

8th Annual Patriot's Challenge Golf Tournament

Congratulations to our friends at Cintas! Their team won our 2011 Patriot's Challenge Tournament, followed by Chris Richardson's team in 2nd, and in 3rd place was the Chesapeake Sheriff's Office. The tournament, held at Cahoon Plantation in Chesapeake, was an overwhelming success thanks to the support of residents and businesses throughout Hampton Roads!



At left is our friends at Towne Bank with Reenactors Larry Heck, Cindy Thompson, and Sean Cyr. Photos courtesy of Hobbs Studio.



Our winners! Pictured above, from left to right, is Brad Simmons, David Show, John Gregory, and Donnie Cockrell. Congrats!



Pictured above is the WAVY 10 helicopter, manned by John Massey, doing the Ball-Drop Contest. Thanks again John!

All proceeds to benefit the Battlefield Park and Visitor Center.

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Welcome to the Board!

We would like to take a moment to welcome our three newest board members: Mrs. Helen Spruill, Mrs. Lil Oman, and Mr. Michael Ornoff. We are thrilled to be working with them and thank them for their dedication. We know they will be an integral part of our Board of Advisors. Congratulations and welcome!