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Our First Donation for the Building is Complete!

On December 7th, 2011, the first pile was driven for the Visitor Center. A very special thank you to Precon Marine for driving the piles. We would like to thank Precon Marine's Matthew Miller (President), Doug Fuller (Executive Vice President), Brian Magee (Vice President), Alan Gemmell, Zulfikhar Ahmed, and the staff and crew. We would also like to thank GeoQuip, Inc. for loaning their Crane Boom Extension to Precon for driving the piles. Another special thank you to Coastal Precast Systems and Bayshore Concrete Products for their combined donation of 106 concrete piles, and to Temple Trucking for delivering them to our site. We thank Ireland Marine, Inc. and Norfolk Tug Company for tugboat assistance to stabilize the crane.

Additionally, thank you to the following companies for their donations to this project: McCallum Testing Laboratories, Inc., McPherson Design Company (structural engineer), Hanbury Evans (architect), the City of Chesapeake, Horton & Dodd (survey work), and Big Woody's and Spaghetti Eddie's.

We couldn't have done it without the support and community leadership of these generous companies and their staff!

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Upcoming Events

Valentine's Day
Wine Tasting
Domes Audio Video Environments
Virginia Beach
February 11th, 2012
7 pm-10 pm

Dedication of
Battlefield Historic Park
May 5th, 2012
3 pm

Spring Fling Dinner
Chesapeake Conference Center
May 5th, 2012
Cocktail Hour: 5:30 pm
Dinner: 6:30 pm

9th Annual
Patriot's Challenge
Golf Tournament
Greenbrier Country Club
June 18th, 2012
Registration 10 am
Musket Start 11 am

3rd Annual Waterways
Heritage Festival
Great Bridge Lock Park
October 13th & 14th, 2012
Saturday: 10 am-5 pm
Sunday: 12 pm-5 pm

The SAR Comes to Town, and Another Successful DAR Wreath-Laying and Battle of Great Bridge Reenactment!



Lawrence E. McKinley, Vice President General, NSSAR for the Mid-Atlantic States District, was kind enough to join us.

The combined Marshall Monument Dedication, Inaugural Celebration, and DAR Wreath-Laying on December 3rd, 2011 marked the largest public ceremony to be held in the Battlefield Historic Park to date. Dr. Matt Hogendobler, board member and President of the Sons of the American (SAR), Norfolk Chapter, organized the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution Inaugural Celebration of the Battle of Great Bridge and the Marshall Monument Dedication in memory of past President General Reon Hillegass, Jr., both held at the Park. Members of the SAR traveled from far and wide to be at this event. We would like to thank everyone who organized and attended this event, and made it such a success!



J. Michael Tomme, Sr. Commander, National Society Color Guard

Once again, the Battle of Great Bridge Reenactment was an amazing recreation of our history. The Reenactment itself was spectacular as usual, with superb imitations of the leaders of the Patriots and British and enthralling portrayals of the thirty minute battle that changed our history, the Battle of Great Bridge.

Our local volunteer organizations also contributed to the overall historic experience. The Girl Scouts provided a variety of foods and drinks to taste like those that would have been eaten or drunk in the colonial period. The Foundation displayed artifacts and information from the Battle of Great Bridge and the Revolutionary period in Southeast Virginia.



William Blair, pictured at right, is a prominent reenactor in the area, and portrays Colonel William Woodford. In October, he assisted Oleg Welch with the design and construction of the snake fence in the Park. Because of his generosity, he was awarded a Waterford Porcelain vase by the Foundation.

Dedication of the Battlefield Historic Park & The Annual Spring Fling Dinner

With the park nearly complete, we turn our eyes to the dedication ceremony of the Battlefield Historic Park. It's been a long process, but we did it! With the help of supporters throughout the community, we were able to complete a project that will benefit Chesapeake, Hampton Roads, Virginia, and the nation as a whole for years to come. The dedication ceremony is to be held May 5th, 2012 at 3:00 pm in the park. Please join us as we celebrate this momentous occasion.

Following the ceremony is our annual Spring Fling Dinner hosted by the ladies of the Membership Committee. We are pleased to announce that David R. Rohrer, owner of Patriots of the American Revolution magazine and avid supporter of the GBB&WHF, will be the guest speaker for this event. Tickets for the banquet are \$50 each and capacity is limited. They will not be available at the dedication ceremony, so please be sure to purchase your ticket in advance!

Help the GBB&WHF go green!



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2012 Valentine's Wine Tasting



Date: February 11th, 2011

Time: 7 pm-10 pm

Location: Domes Audio Video Environments
724 First Colonial Road, Virginia Beach, VA

Our Annual Valentine's Wine Tasting is coming up in less than a month! The 2012 Wine Tasting Committee has been working hard to ensure this event will be one to remember. With free valet services upon arrival, a Silent Auction brimming with beautiful baskets, Wine 101 classes to enhance the enjoyment of your wine, custom wine orders at the end of the night, and an array of the finest quality appetizers hand-picked by the committee, this night of elegance is not to be missed.

Have you gotten your tickets yet? If not, you can order your tickets by calling the office at 757.482.4480, or visit our website, www.gbbattlefield.org, click on "Valentine's Wine Tasting" to purchase tickets. We look forward to seeing you there!

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Time is running out to become a year-long sponsor of the GBB&WHF! Support local history — make your business a year-long sponsor! For more information, please visit www.gbbattlefield.org.

The Dominion Footbridge Has Been Extended!

Lee Hutt, a local Eagle Scout, has championed a very important project in the Park this January. The Dominion Footbridge has been extended another 40 feet thanks to Lee's phenomenal fundraising ability and dedication to the project! Lee decided to tackle this project several months ago, and has been preparing for it ever since. He not only raised the money to pay for the materials for the addition, but also gathered his friends and family to help him construct the footbridge. Even Grandpa Hutt came to help! Bill Jones of Dominion Virginia Power has been a big help to Lee in this project as well.



This footbridge is important because it will allow the public to access a lookout point to the marsh. The entire area was covered in marsh in the 1700's. By standing at the lookout point with an uninterrupted view, you can see what the area would have looked like when the soldiers fought at the Battle of Great Bridge. We would like to thank Lee, his friends, parents, and family, and Bill Jones for constructing this valuable addition to the park.