**FRIENDS OF MONMOUTH BATTLEFIELD**

**NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2016**

**FOMB TO COSPONSOR NEW REENACTMENT**

**“THE BATTLE OF NEW YORK IN NJ”**

**WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 17-18**

 We have been asked to cosponsor a new major Revolutionary War reenactment commemorating the 240th Anniversary of the Battle of New York. It will be held at Monmouth Battlefield State Park on the weekend of September 17-18, and will be cosponsored by Monmouth Battlefield State Park, FOMB, and two of the biggest reenactor units on the east coast, the British Brigade (led by the 43rd Regiment of Foot) and the Continental Line (led by the 3rd Pennsylvania Light Infantry).

The reenactment is actually the “annual event” of the two reenactor units, and looks to be the biggest reenactment at the Park in years, with at least 500 troops anticipated, in addition to cannons and horsemen.

 The weekend will run much like our regularly held June reenactment of the battle of Monmouth. There will be a battle reenactment each day (3 PM Saturday and 2 PM Sunday), plus camps, sutlers, and demonstrations. Included will be artillery drills, children’s musket drills (using wooden muskets), and demonstrations of cooking, laundry, music, and period medical and hospital practices.

 The biggest difference with our usual June reenactment of the Battle of Monmouth will be the form and location of the two reenactments. The reenactment on Saturday will take place on the northeastern slope of Comb’s Hill (near the Visitor Center, but more towards route 9 than our June reenactment). It will commemorate the Battle of Brooklyn Heights (also known as the Battle of Long Island), fought on August 27, 1776). Sunday’s battle will be held in a new area, to the north of the visitor parking area, and will recreate the Battle of Harlem Heights (fought on September 16,1776, almost exactly 240 years ago).

Sutlers will be located in their usual area, on the path west of the Visitor Center leading to the parking area. Food vendors will be on site.

 The reenactment of the Battle of New York is usually held in New York, but is being held at Monmouth this year because of large open areas that the Park possesses, and because of the fine facilities we annually offer for our annual June battle of Monmouth reenactments.

 Commander of the British troops will be Paul Loane of the 43rd Regiment of Foot and commander of the Continental forces will be David Hospador of the 3rd Pennsylvania Light Infantry.

 A suggested donation of $10 per car is asked to help cover the cost of the event, as at our June reenactment. The Craig House will NOT be open during the event,

 The schedule of events for the weekend is included later in this newsletter. Any changes will be posted on our website, friendsofmonmouth.org. The event also has its own website, thebattleofny.com. Members of the Friends who are available to help man information or sales tables should contact President David Martin at dmartin@peddie,org or call him at 609-448-6355.

**240th Anniversary of the Battle of New York to be Commemorated with Reenactment**

**at our Park Sept. 17-18**

 The following description of this reenactment, which will be cosponsored by the Friends of Monmouth Battlefield, is described at the reenactors’ website, which can be found at thebattleofny.com.

*Through 1776 and into the winter months of 1777 the British forces and the Continental Army clashed in a series of battles for control of New York City and the state of New Jersey. The British, led by General Sir William Howe had landed in Staten Island earlier that summer with additional British as well as Hessian troops to supplement his loss in Boston. General George Washington, along with soldiers from New England all the way to Virginia, arrived on Long Island in August.*

*This is where the largest battle of the war, the Battle of Brooklyn Heights, would take place. Howe was able to defeat Washington, pushing him back into Manhattan. Here, the Continental army was able gain a victory at the Battle of Harlem Heights before being pushed north into White Plains, and later across the Hudson and into New Jersey.*

*This September 17-18 2016, will be a reenactment commemorating the events that took place late that summer 240 years ago. The event will consist of two battles. The Saturday battle will represent the Battle of Brooklyn Heights and will consist of the Rebels defending the Heights from a British attack. The Sunday battle will represent the Battle of Harlem Heights where the British attack the Continentals and are repulsed.*

**LIST OF MAJOR BATTLES IN THE NEW YORK CAMPAIGN**

July 3, 1776 Battle of Staten Island

August 27, 1776 Battle of Long Island and Brooklyn Heights

September 16, 1776 Battle of Harlem Heights

October 28, 1776 Battle of White Plains

 November 16, 1776 Capture of Fort Washington

 November 20, 1776 Capture of Fort Lee

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**FOR THE BATTLE OF NEW YORK**

**REENACTMENT TO BE HELD**

**AT MONMOUTH BATTLEFIELD STATE PARK**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

9:00 Camps open to the public

10:00 Company and battalion drill

11:30 Children’s musket drill

12:00 Troops in camps

1:00 Artillery drill

2:15 British army formation and march

2:30 Continental army formation and march

3:00 Battle of Brooklyn Heights (near Visitor Center)

3:45 End of battle

5:00 Camps close to the public

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

9:00 Camps open to the public

10:00 Company and battalion drill

11:30 Children’s musket drill

12:00 Troops in camps

12:30 Artillery drill

1:00 Continental Army formation and march

1:15 British Army formation and march

2:00 Battle of Harlem heights (near parking area)

2:45 End of battle

3:00 Camps close to the public

Each day throughout the day:

Medical demonstration

Treatment of casualties

Laundry demonstration

Battalion kitchen

Music demonstrations

Sutlers

Children’s musket drills

Children’s artillery drills

**JUNE BATTLE REENACTMENT AND**

**COMMEMORATIVE WEEKEND SUCCESSFUL;**

**JULY 3 NEW BRUNSWICK EVENT ALSO GOES WELL**

Our annual reenactment of the Battle of Monmouth, held this year on June 17-18, 2016 went unusually well this year. The weather was ideal and the event was thoroughly enjoyed by both participants and spectators. This was quite a relief after bad weather dampened much of last year’s reenactment in 2015.

Great thanks are owed to those members of FOMB who helped with the reenactment.

The weekend after the battle reenactment, June 24-25, we held our annual Battle of Monmouth commemoration, featuring living history historians, walks and tours. In addition, Stacy Roth was on hand to give her popular “Over Here Molly Pitcher” presentations (as she did on the battle reenactment weekend). She also gave children’s artillery drills and some samples of period music.

On Sunday, July 3, FOMB Vice President George Dawson, who is also New Brunswick’s town historian, gave a talk a Boyd Park in New Brunswick on how Washington’s army celebrated their “victory” at Monmouth with a “Feu de Joie” (“Fire of Joy”) while encamped there near the Raritan River on July 4, 1778. FOMB President David Martin also gave a talk, on the movements of both armies in New Jersey leading up to that date. Uniformed infantry and an artillery crew also gave demonstrations during festivities that included music concerts, a reading of the Declaration of Independence, and fireworks.

 **NEW VISITOR CENTER OPEN THREE YEARS**

The third anniversary of the new Visitor Center passed quietly this summer. It was dedicated on June 13, 2013, and everyone is enjoying it greatly. Visitors are delighted with the expanded exhibits and we greatly appreciate the enlarged gift shop. The best feature of all may well be the multi-purpose auditorium, which seats over 100 people. This summer it was filled to capacity for both of Stacy Roth’s “Over Here Molly Pitcher” presentations at the June reenactment, and it is used frequently for meetings and programs. The way the screen rises after each film showing to present a delightful view of the battlefield is still quite impressive. (Plans are being discussed to remove more of the trees along the South Brook at the foot of Comb’s Hill, in order to give a more expansive view of the battlefield from the auditorium, especially the Hedgerow area.) Use of the auditorium is enhanced by the podium that the Friends donated to the Park two years ago.

 The Visitor Center, however, still has some shortcomings that need addressing. Most noticeably, the ceiling panels inside the building have not yet been installed. The original panels were not properly designed and had to be removed soon after they were installed. We are still waiting for replacement panels to arrive. In addition, the water damage from the February 2014 roof leak that deluged the gift shop has still not been repaired, though the roofing issues that caused the leaks have been addressed.

If you have not yet visited the new museum and Visitor Center, come and do so!! It is well worth the trip. Hours are 9 AM – 4 PM every day (both weekdays and weekends). It is closed major holidays.

**IMPORTANT FACTS ABOUT THE
COURT MARTIAL OF GENERAL CHARLES LEE**

OFFICERS OF THE COURT

Major General Lord Stirling, President Colonel Swift

Brigadier General Smallwood Colonel Wigglesworth

Brigadier General Poor Colonel Angel

Brigadier General Woodford Colonel Clarke

Brigadier General Huntington Colonel Williams

Colonel Irvine Colonel Febiger

Colonel Shepard John Lawrence, Judge Advocate

DATES AND MEETING PLACES OF THE COURT MARTIAL

July 1, 1778 Wednesday. Court Martial ordered by General Washington to start in [New] Brunswick on July 2

July 2, 1778 Thursday. Court Martial postponed to July 3

July 3, 1778 Friday. Court Martial postponed to July 4

July 4, 1778 Saturday. Court Martial convened in New Brunswick.

The following charges were exhibited against Major General Lee:

First. For disobedience of orders, in not attacking the enemy on the 28th of June, agreeable to repeated instructions.

Second. For misbehavior before the enemy on the same day, by making an unnecessary, disorderly, and shameful retreat.

Thirdly. For disrespect to the Commander-in-Chief, in two letters dated the 1st of July and the 28th of June.

July 5, 1778 Sunday. Court Martial met in New Brunswick

July 6, 1778 Monday. Court Martial met in New Brunswick

July 7, 1778 Tuesday. Travel day. No meeting.

July 8, 1778 Wednesday. Court Martial met in Morristown and promptly adjourned for two days

July 9, 1778 Thursday. Travel day. No meeting.

July 10, 1778 Friday. Court Martial met in Paramus

July 11, 1778 Saturday. Court Martial met in Paramus

July 12, 1778 Sunday. Court Martial met in Paramus

July 13, 1778 Monday. Court Martial met in Paramus

July 14, 1778 Tuesday. Court Martial met in Paramus

July 15, 1778 Wednesday. Court Martial met in Paramus

July 16, 1778 Thursday. Travel day, no meeting.

July 17, 1778 Friday. Court Martial met at Peeks-Kill [NY] but adjourned

 for lack of a quorum

July 18, 1778 Saturday. Court Martial met at Peeks-Kill [NY]

July 19, 1778 Sunday. Court Martial met at Peeks-Kill [NY]

July 20, 1778 Monday. Travel day. No meeting.

DATES AND MEETING PLACES OF THE LEE COURT MARTIAL (CONT.)

July 21, 1778 Tuesday. Court Martial met at North-Castle [NY]

July 22, 1778 Wednesday. Court Martial met at North-Castle [NY]

July 23, 1778 Thursday. Court Martial met at North-Castle [NY]

July 24, 1778 Friday. Court Martial met at North-Castle [NY]

July 25, 1778 Saturday. Court Martial met at North-Castle [NY]

July 26, 1778 Sunday. No meeting.

July 27, 1778 Monday. Court Martial met at North-Castle [NY]

July 28, 1778 Tuesday. General Alexander was sick. Meeting adjourned.

July 29, 1778 Wednesday. Court Martial met at North-Castle [NY].

 General Lee requested more time to prepare his defense.

July 30, 1778 Thursday. No meeting.

July 31, 1778 Friday. No meeting.

August 1, 1778 Saturday. No meeting.

August 2, 1778 Sunday. No meeting.

August 3, 1778 Monday. Court martial met at North-Castle [NY]

 General Lee requested more time to prepare his defense.

August 4, 1778. Tuesday. No meeting.

August 5, 1778 Wednesday. No meeting.

August 6, 1778 Thursday. Court Martial met at North-Castle [NY]

 General Lee requested more time to prepare his defense.

August 7, 1778 Friday. No meeting.

August 8, 1778 Saturday. No meeting.

August 9, 1778 Sunday. Court Martial met at North-Castle [NY]

August 10, 1778 Monday. Court Martial met at North-Castle [NY]

August 11, 1778 Tuesday. Court Martial met at North-Castle [NY]

August 12, 1778 Wednesday. Court Martial met at North-Castle [NY]

 and delivered its verdict:

The court having considered the first charge against Major General Lee, the evidence and his defense, are of opinion, that he is guilty of disobedience of orders, in not attacking the enemy on the 28th of June, agreeable to repeated instructions; being a breach of the latter part of article 5th, section 2d of the Articles of War. The Court having considered the second charge against Major General Lee, the evidence and his defense, are of opinion, he is guilty of misbehavior before the enemy on the 28th of June, by making an unnecessary, and in some few instances, a disorderly retreat; being a breach of the 13th article of the 13th section of the Articles of War. The Court having considered the third charge against Major General Lee, we are of opinion, that he is guilty of disrespect to the Commander-in-Chief in two letters dated the 1st of July and the 28th of June; being a breach of the 2d article of the Articles of War.

The Court do sentence Major General Lee to be suspended from any command in the armies of the United States of America, for the term of twelve months.

**DR. MARTIN TO GIVE TWO PROGRAMS:**

**SEPT 11: THE NEW JERSEY MILITIA AT MONMOUTH**

**OCT 6: THE ROLE OF GEN. “MAD” ANTHONY WAYNE**

 Dr. David Martin, President of the Friends, will be giving two lectures this

Fall on different aspects of the battle.

 On Sunday, September 11, he will give a talk on the important role of the New Jersey militia in the Monmouth campaign. Though the militia was not directly engaged in the fighting on the battlefield proper on the day of the battle (June 28, 1778), they were active in the area before, during and after the battle, and they played a critical role in the campaign as a whole. He will also discuss how the militia was raised, organized, and called to duty. This presentation will be based largely on the evidence of primary source material. It will be given at 2 PM on September 11 in the auditorium at the Visitor Center.

 On Thursday, October 6 (moved from Oct. 5), Dr. Martin will give a program on the important role of General Anthony Wayne at the battle. Wayne was one of Washington’s best and most aggressive commanders at Monmouth. He played a critical role in three major phases of the battle: Lee’s morning fight east of town, the fighting at the Point of Woods at mid day, and in the last major American counterattack late in the battle.

A discussion will also be held on why and when Wayne was called “Mad.”

This program will be given at 7 PM on October 5 at the main branch of the Monmouth County Library, 125 Symmes Drive, Manalapan, NJ 07726. The presentation is being co-sponsored by Monmouth County Library as part of their “Archives Week” programming.

 Dr. Martin gave a well received program “Charles Lee: His Own Defense” at the Monmouth County Library on June 8. A slightly different version of the talk was given at the Belmar Public Library on July 21. Each presentation was attended by over 40 people. Additional talks are being planned for next year, including “Alexander Hamilton and Aaron Burr at Monmouth” in January. Dates and topics will be announced in future newsletters.

**DR. GARRY W. STONE’S BOOK “FATAL SUNDAY” AVAILABLE;**

**SIGNING PARTY HELD DURING REENACTMENT WEEKEND**

 The much anticipated comprehensive history of the battle by Dr. Garry Stone and Mark Lender, *Fatal Sunday: George Washington, the Monmouth Campaign, and the Politics of Battle,* was released this spring and is available at our gift shop. The book contains 640 pages, including 15 illustrations and 18 maps. Cover price is $34.95. There is a slight discount for members of the Friends. Copies are also available for $40 postpaid. Send check made out to “Friends of Monmouth battlefield” to Dr. David Martin, 147 Canterbury Court, East Windsor, NJ 08520.

The evening before the battle the FOMB held a small reception and “signing party” for Mark and Garry outside the Visitor Center. We want to thank them for coming to the signing party and for being on hand on Saturday to sign copies during the day.

**FOMB LIBRARY UPDATE**

**By Victor Pidermann, MBSP Seasonal Interpreter**

 It has been a little over one year since Monmouth Battlefield State Park staff and FOMB officers discovered the significant mold issues involving the former library/classroom space of the old Visitor Center building. In the intervening year, MBSP staff-members began monitoring the climate conditions and conducted analyses of the air conditioning system for the building. Having catalogued the humidity patterns for the rooms of the structure, which include not only the old classroom/library space but also an archaeology laboratory and artifact storage facility, the MBSP staff, headed by Interim Park Superintendent Rob Auermuller, Park Historian Michael Timpanaro, and Park Maintenance Supervisor Kenneth Genieczko, has announced that much progress is being made on rectifying the issue.

 Park staff has begun an in-depth cleansing initiative to remove any trace of mold from the spaces. Several heavy-duty dehumidifiers have also been installed to help regulate the humidity levels; the Park is happy to report that humidity levels have now been successfully brought down to proper operational levels. Plans have also been set in place to remove the carpeting in the old classroom/library room and to re-surface the flooring. MBSP staff leaders feel confident that with these measures being taken, the classroom space will be available for renewed usage once again by mid-autumn of 2016.

 In the mean-time, a joint effort by the FOMB and MBSP is under way to provide access to the library holdings not in remediation for FOMB members. The holdings list was edited by MBSP Seasonal Interpreter Victor Pidermann to provide basic item and location information for membership usage. This new listing of available resources is available now by email from Victor or from FOMB President David Martin. It will eventually be posted on our website. Right now, Park staff and FOMB trustees can “borrow” books from the collection by following our checkout process. Other interested researchers must use the books, maps and materials on site under supervision.

More information and updates will be provided as new access to Park space and FOMB resources become available.

**CREMATORIUM PRPOSED NEAR THE PARK**

 Members of the Friends need to be aware that the Old Tennent Cemetery Association is applying to construct a crematorium near historic Old Tennent Church, located just to the west of Monmouth Battlefield State Park in the village of Tennent.

FOMB Board of Directors met at their June meeting with a concerned local citizen, Robert Schechter, who presented opposition plans to the crematorium. As a result the Board voted to send a letter to the Manalapan Environmental Commission in opposition to the crematorium.

 We have learned that the Manalapan Planning Board met on July 28, 2016 and voted that it does not have jurisdiction in the matter. This action sent the matter to the Manalapan Zoning Board of Adjustment. According to an article on the internet,

this means that the Cemetery must apply for a variance from the existing zoning law, because a crematorium is not permitted under the current zoning law. According to this website article, such a process is difficult to accomplish. We hope so.

We will keep you posted.

**NEW INTERIM SUPERINDENDENT APPOINTED**

**ROBERT AUERMULLER WELCOMED TO MBSP**

We are pleased to welcome new Interim Superintendent Robert Auermuller to Monmouth Battlefield State Park.

As reported in our last newsletter, Park Superintendent Mark Pitchell retired on May 1, 2016 after a career of forty-six years with the State, most recently as Superintendent of Monmouth Battlefield State park (see accompanying article). Inga Gabliks, the Superintendent at Allaire State Park, served as Acting Superintendent at Monmouth from then until June 12, when Rob Auermuller was appointed to a six month term as Interim Superintendent. He came aboard just in time for our annual Battle of Monmouth reenactment, which was held on Jun 18-19.

Rob is forty years old and was born and raised in New Jersey. He holds a degree in Natural Resources Management from Cook College (Rutgers) and has been employed by the State Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) since 2000. From 2001 to 2007 he was assigned to Island Beach State Park with oversight at Double Trouble State Park, Barnegat Lighthouse State Park and Forked River State Marina. From 2007 to 2016 he was assigned to Wharton State Forest including Historic Batsto Village and Atsion Recreation Area, with oversight at Indian King Tavern in Haddonfield.

Rob resides in Egg Harbor, Ocean County. His wife Lisa is a marine biologist who works for NOAA and Rutgers at the Jacques Cousteau National Research center in Tuckerton. They have two sons, Peyton (8) and Dylan (4). Rob’s hobbies include hiking, boating, woodworking, fishing, and spending time with his family.

Rob’s hopes and goals include the following specific issues:

addressing mold issues in the classroom/library area of the old visitor center with a goal of reopening them this fall;

addressing landscape projects, including development of a plan to improve the view shed from Comb’s Hill toward the main battle area at the Hedgerow;

working to save the Sutfin House and improve conditions at the Craig House; addressing known encroachments on State Property;

increasing Park attendance and developing new interpretive programming with both the Park staff and FOMB;

working with all volunteers and Park support groups;

and learning more about Monmouth and its role in the American Revolution.

We welcome Rob’s interest and enthusiasm – these are certainly a lot of goals to address in the next few months! We will work our best to see as many as we can be attained.

**PARK RESEARCH LIBRARY HAS RARE BOOK ON GEN. WAYNE**

Much of the discussion of General Anthony Wayne’s military career to be given by FOMB President David Martin in his talk at the Monmouth County Library on October 6 (see article elsewhere in this newsletter) will be based on the rare book, *Major-General Anthony Wayne and the Pennsylvania Line in The American Army,* written by Charles J. Stille and published in Philadelphia in 1893. Only 150 copies were printed, and we have one of them in our research library at the Park. Our copy is Number 107 of this limited edition and was signed by the author.

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**PAST PARK SUPERINTENDENT MARK PITCHELL**

**SENDS HIS REGARDS**

Mark Pitchell, who was Superintendent of Monmouth Battlefield State Park when he retired on May 1, 2016, sends thanks for the article we wrote on him in the last newsletter (June 2016).

 Mark sends thanks to the Friends for all our help and support during his tenure as Monmouth Superintendent.”I also extend my thanks to you and the friends of Monmouth battlefield for being so gracious, cooperative and helpful to me during my time at Monmouth. It was a pleasure working with you and the work that the Friends accomplished has really helped enrich and publicize Monmouth Battlefield and the special events that are held though out the year. Thanks for your support and for the support of the Friends.”

For the sake of completeness, Mark sends us his following career summary.

1971 to 1977. Island Beach State Park. Seasonal Patrol and eventually advanced to Assistant Superintendent.

Late 1977. Trenton Office. Assistant Forester with the State Forest Service.

Really late 1977 to 1990. Superintendent, Monmouth Battlefield State Park. Also worked with the State Forest Fire Service.

1990-2003. Superintendent. Ringwood State Park.

2003-2011. Superintendent. Island Beach State Park.

2011-2012. Trenton Office. Special Project to coordinate the establishment of Operations Plans/Manual and the Area Management Classification System that established rankings of each of the parks to determine the level of Superintendents (Levels 1 through 4) that should supervise each park unit.

2013-2016. Superintendent. Monmouth Battlefield State Park.

Mark is pleased to have a wide ranging career with DEP that included three of the four Park regions, the Trenton office, Forest Management, and the Forest Fire Service. We in turn are pleased to have been able to work with him and share our mutual interest in the park and its projects the past three years. In addition, our President, David Martin, had the personal pleasure of working with Mark in 1983 when he was researching the location and history of Camp Vrendenburg (the 1862-1864 Civil War training camp in the western part of the Park) with the aid of a mini grant from the New Jersey Historical Commission. Farewell, Mark, and keep in touch!

**GIFT SHOP HOURS**

 The gift shop, run by the Friends at the Park Visitor Center, is open continuously all year. It is open every Sunday from 1-4 PM. It will also be open September 17 and 18 during the “Battle of New York” reenactment. Stop by and get a book or pamphlet about the battle, or a tricorn hat, wooden musket, toy cannon or thirteen star flag for your kids!

If you live out of state or can’t make it to the gift shop, a listing of books and pamphlets available by mail is available on our website, [www.friendsofmonmouth,org](http://www.friendsofmonmouth,org).

Our most recent prime edition is Dr. Garry Stom\ne’s new detailed history of the battle, *Bloody Sunday,* which is available at the Park and by mail (see article elsewhere in this newsletter).

**PROJECTS TO REPLACE WINDOWS**

**AT CRAIG HOUSE AND FIX BARN COMPLETED**

 We are delighted to report that our second project to replace damaged windows at the historic Craig House has just been fully completed. As previously announced, we have received a generous grant from the Monmouth County Historical Commission to replace the two windows and frames on the north side of the “milk room.” The matching grant will end up covering about one-third of the cost of the project, since we found when the project was started that additional work was needed beyond what was applied for in the original matching grant. The work has been completed much to our satisfaction, and plans are under way to apply for another round of grants, this time to replace two additional windows on the north side of the main building.

 We are also happy to report that the Park has just completed some long needed repairs to the Craig House barn, which dates to about 1840.

 Craig House is not really in the best of shape and needs a lot of additional work. We are glad that the Park is looking at the building’s outside drainage. We sincerely hope that the Park will also bring in outside consultants to identify the building’s needs and best ways to meet them.

 Many thanks are owed to FOMB members Kathy and Eric Doherty, who have been acting as docents at the Craig House, which is open free of charge on Sundays from 1-4 PM. It will close for the season on December 4.

Craig House is located just west of Route 9, off of Schibanoff Road, about a mile north of the intersection of Route 9 and Business Route 33.

**FOMB OFFICERS (term ends December 7, 2016)**

President Dr. David Martin

Vice President George Dawson

Secretary Fran Raleigh

Treasurer Kathy Doherty

**FOMB TRUSTEES (end of term in parentheses)**

Andy Beagle (2016) South Plainfield, New Jersey

Richard Bellamy (2017) Spotswood, New Jersey

Mike Cervini (2018) Toms River, New Jersey

George Dawson (2016) New Brunswick, New Jersey

Eric Doherty (2016) Old Bridge, New Jersey

Kathy Doherty (2016) Old Bridge, New Jersey

Walter Kowalsky (2017) Freehold, New Jersey

Dr. David Martin (2018) East Windsor, New Jersey

Marilyn Miller (2018) Toms River, New Jersey

Peter Wagner (2018) Englishtown, New Jersey

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**ANNUAL MEETING TO BE HELD DECEMBER 7**

 The Friends’ annual meeting will be held this year at 7 PM on Wednesday, December 7, at the main branch of the Monmouth County Library, located on Symmes Drive in Manalapan Township. Candidates for Trustees and officers will be announced and nominations received at our October 5 general meeting at the Monmouth County Library. Ballots will be sent out approximately November 1.

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE REST OF THE YE**

**Sept. 4, 2016 (Sun) Walking tour of the Battlefield.**

Meet at the Visitor Center at 1:30 PM

**Sept 11, 2016 (Sun) Program on the role of the New Jersey Militia in the**

 **Campaign and Battle of Monmouth**

Dr. David Martin will give a lecture based on his original

research. 2PM in the Visitor Center Auditorium.

**Sept 17, 2016 (Sat) The Battle of New York. Special Event. Large scale**

**Sept 18, 2016 (Sun) reenactment of the battle of Brooklyn Heights (Saturday 3 PM) and Harlem Heights (Sunday 2 PM).**

 Held near the Monmouth battlefield State Park Visitor

 Center both days. Also will feature camps, sutlers, and

 military and medical demonstrations.

**Oct 2, 2016 (Sun) Walking tour of the Battlefield.**

 Meet at Visitor Center at 1:30 PM

**Oct 6, 2016 (Thurs)** Program on the role of General ”Mad” Anthony Wayne in

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 the Battle of Monmouth. Presentation by Dr. David Marti

Held at 7 PM at the main branch of the Monmouth County Library, Symmes Drive, Manalapan**(moved from Oct 5)**

**Nov 6, 2016 (Sun) Walking tour of the Battlefield.**

 Meet at Visitor Center at 1:30 PM

**Dec 4, 2016 (Sun) Walking tour of the Battlefield.**

 Meet at Visitor Center at 1:30 PM

**Dec 7, 2016 (Wed)** Annual business meeting. Meeting held at 7 PM at the main

branch of the Monmouth County Library, Symmes Drive, Manalapan.

**Every Sunday Gift Shop at Visitor Center open 1-4 PM**

**Every Sunday to Dec 6 Craig House open 1-4 PM**