**FRIENDS OF MONMOUTH BATTLEFIELD**

**NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2014**

**ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTIONS HELD DECEMBER 4; ALL NOMINEES AND PROPOSALS PASSED**

Our annual meeting and elections, as required by our by-laws, were held on Wednesday, December 4, 2013 at the Monmouth County Library Headquarters.

The slate of officers was approved as presented. David Martin was elected President, George Dawson was elected Vice President and Treasurer, and Fran Raleigh was elected Secretary.

George Dawson, Joe Nemeth and Fran Raleigh were reelected to the Board of Trustees, and Kathy Doherty and Eric Doherty were elected to return to the Board after a few years absence. The Annual Plan for 2014 and Budget for 2014 were approved as presented.

Thanks to everyone who attended the annual meeting to hear about next year’s programs and help count the ballots.

A list of current officers and trustees is listed on our website, which is www.friendsofmonmouth.org.

**2014 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE CONTINUES**

Last year our membership hit a record of 101 members, aided by the renewed interest in the Park because of the opening of the new Visitor Center. We are especially appreciative of new members and of our 16 life members.

Our thanks go to those who have already renewed their membership for 2014, and especially to those who enclosed an additional donation in support of our programs. Those who renewed in the past couple weeks will find their membership cards enclosed with this newsletter. Those who renewed earlier should already have received their membership cards; if not, let us know. Those who have not yet renewed their membership for 2014 will be noted below.

A membership application for 2014 is included with this newsletter.

We greatly appreciate the support of our members and patrons. Without you we would not be able to enrich the Park with our programs, tours, and financial support.

**Our mailing address is: THE FRIENDS OF MONMOUTH BATTLEFIELD, INC., PO BOX 122, TENNENT, NJ 07763.**

**FOMB RECEIVES GRANT FROM HISTORICAL**

**COMMISSION FOR ADDITIONAL**

**MOLLY PITCHER PROGRAMS**

The Friends of Monmouth Battlefield are delighted to announce that we have been selected to receive a grant from the New Jersey Historical Commission to support additional Molly Pitcher programming at the Park.

The grant, news of which was received in late January, will enable us to have living history historian Stacy Roth give ten additional presentations this year of her popular program “Over Here Molly Pitcher,” in which she talks about, in period costume, Molly’s participation in the battle as well as the role of women and camp followers in the Revolution. Her programs also include a “cannon drill” for younger visitors.

The programs funded by the grant will be in addition to the presentations to be given by Stacy, sponsored by FOMB, at the annual battle reenactment on June 21-22 and the 236th Anniversary Commemoration of the Battle of Monmouth on June 28-29.

Stacy has been giving her program at the Park for a number of years, and we are very pleased to be able to sponsor additional programming, with the aid of the Historical Commission, during the first full season that the new Visitor Center is open.

The dates that the grant sponsored presentations will be offered are as follows: April 26, April 27, May 3, May 4, May 31, June 1, June 15, July 5, July 6, and July 20. All presentations will be given at 1:30 PM at the Visitor Center, and will last about an hour. There is no admission charge and no reservations are required.

The Friends wish to thank the New Jersey Historical Commission for approving this grant and enabling us to have the story of Molly Pitcher more available to the public at the Park.

Due to the fact that the schedule of Stacy’s presentations has been revised from the schedule sent out with our proposed 2014 Annual Plan that was approved at the December annual meeting, a copy of our revised schedule of events for 2014 is included with this newsletter.

**GIFT SHOP OPEN EVERY SUNDAY**

The new gift shop at the Visitor Center, administered and staffed by FOMB, is open every Sunday from 1 to 4 PM. It is located on the left when you enter the Visitor Center. Stop by and browse our enlarged offerings if you have not had a chance to do so yet!

**Our website address is: www.friendsofmonmouth.org**

**PRESENTATION ON THE ROLE OF BLACKS  
AND NATIVE AMERICANS SLATED FOR FEBRUARY 9**

A lecture on the role of Blacks and Native Americans in the Revolution will be presented by FOMB President David Martin on Sunday, February 9. He will also discuss the role played by Blacks and Native Americans in the war in New Jersey, with specific attention to the battle of Monmouth. It will be held at the Visitor Center at 2 PM.

**LIVING HISTORY ENCAMPMENTS PLANNED**

The new schedule included in this newsletter includes three new “Revolutionary War Soldier Encampments,” to be sponsored by the Park. They will be held on the weekends of April 26-27, May 31-June 1, and July 5-6. During these encampments a small group of living history historians will be at the Park to demonstrate their equipment and conduct soldier drills for younger visitors.

Plans are also being drawn up to have one or two “Civil War Soldier

Encampments” this year. These encampments will commemorate the soldiers who trained at Camp Vredenburg, the Civil War training camp used in 1862-1864 that was located within the bounds of Monmouth Battlefield State Park. We will let you know when the dates are set.

**FOMB MONTHLY WALKING TOURS CONTINUE**

Our popular monthly walking tours program enters its third year this year. Tours are given the first Sunday of every month. They begin with a 10 minute introduction at the Visitor Center and then walk on the battlefield for about an hour, covering about a mile of gently rolling countryside. Usually the tour goes directly from the Visitor Center to the hedgerow and parsonage area (“Tour No.1”). Occasionally tours go by car to the north side of the battlefield and then visit on foot Perrine Hill and sites associated with Molly Pitcher (“Tour No. 2”). A new tour is being developed off of Wemrock Road to visit sites associated with Charles Lee and the fighting at the Point of Woods (“Tour No. 3”). Actual tour route varies each date depending on the interest of the participants, unless previously advertised. Participants should meet at the Visitor Center at 1:30 PM for the tours in March, April, August, September, October, November, and December. The tours in May, June and July will begin at 3 PM, to accommodate Molly Pitcher programming at 1:30. Tours are held weather permitting. For confirmation of tour call the park office at 72-462-9616**.** There is no fee for the tours and no reservations are required. Free self guided brochures for Tours No. 1 and 2 are available at the Park.

**2014 Membership Application**

The Revolution in New Jersey had profound meaning. To help keep the past alive, we ask for your commitment in Protecting, Preserving and Historically Interpreting Monmouth Battlefield State Park, a Registered National Historic landmark, and the sites associated with the Monmouth Campaign of 1778.

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***CHECK ONE***

***New membership Renewal***

**CIRCLE LEVEL OF MEMBERSHIP**

**Individual $20 Family $30**

**Senior Individual $5 Senior Family $10**

**Patron $100 Lifetime $250**

***Membership benefits include free entry at all Friends’ events and a 10% discount at the Gift Shop.***

***The Friends rely on membership and donations for much of our general operating budget. If you would like to make a donation above the membership dues, we would deeply appreciate your thoughtfulness. The Friends is a 501(c)(3) not-for profit organization and your donation is fully tax-deductible. Thank you.***

**Donation included in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

February 2014

Dear Friend of Monmouth Battlefield,

I am writing to ask for your support for the Friends and our objectives. I sincerely hope that you will be able to attend our meetings and programs this year as we continue our programs to help preserve and develop Monmouth Battlefield State Park and to interpret the battle and events associated with it. Please consider renewing your membership or joining the Friends by returning the enclosed membership application to us at the address given above.

This is an exciting year because of the completion of the expanded Visitor Center at the Park, which opened in June. The Friends participation in the dedication ceremonies and co-sponsored the large scale reception held afterwards. We also co-sponsored with the Park a record reenactment in mid June. Our new and expanded gift shop has been operational since June. It is mostly set up and is well stocked but still has more work to do.

We are continuing our popular free guided tours on the first Sunday of every month. We are also available to give group tours at other times by arrangement. In addition, we are helping to man and interpret the historic Craig House at the battlefield, every Sunday from 1-4 PM form the beginning of April to the beginning of December.

In October we helped sponsor the improved landscaping of the site of the monument of Camp Vredenburg, the Civil war training camp located within Park boundaries. Current major projects include establishment of the James T. Raleigh Memorial Library at the Park, and sponsorship of costly repairs needed to the structure of the historic Craig House.

If you have questions or want information, please contact President Dr. David Martin at 609-448-6355 ([dmartin@peddie.org](mailto:dmartin@peddie.org)). Our new website can be viewed at [www.friendsofmonouth.org](http://www.friendsofmonouth.org/)

Sincerely,

Dr. David Martin, Membership Chairman

*Additional accomplishments for the past year include:*

*Sponsorship of programs and tours on the actual anniversary of the battle in June 2013*

*“Over Here Molly Pitcher” programming*

*Sponsorship of programs on “The Revolutionary War in Monmouth*

*County” in June and July*

*Establishment of a new and expanded gift shop at the Visitor Center*

*Regular membership meetings on historical topics related to the*

*Battle and Park*

*Outreach to schools, community groups and state agencies*

*Regular free monthly tours of the battlefield held the first Sunday of*

*every month*

*Development of additional walking and driving tours of the Battle of Monmouth*

*Staffing of the Craig House every Sunday from1-4 PM all year long*

*Working closely with Park staff to help plan the new Visitor Center and its*

*exhibits*

*Assistance to the Park in setting up wayside markers on the battlefield*

FRIENDS OF MONMOUTH BATTLEFIELD

Revised Schedule for 2014

**Events in bold occur at Monmouth Battlefield State Park**

**Jan 1, 2014 (Wed) New Year’s Day Hike.**

**Walking tour of Perrine Hill.**

**See where Molly Pitcher fought.**

**Meet at Visitor Center at 11:00 A.M.**

**Jan 5, 2014 (Sun) Driving tour of the battlefield.**

**Meet at Visitor Center at 1:30 PM.**

**Feb 2, 2014 (Sun) Walking tour of the battlefield.**

**Meet at Visitor Center at 1:30 PM.**

**Feb 9, 2014 (Sun) Program on the role of Black troops in the Battle of Monmouth. Held at 2 PM at the Visitor Center Auditorium.**

**March 2, 2014 (Sun) Walking tour of the battlefield.**

**Meet at Visitor Center at 1:30 PM.**

March 19, 2014 (Wed) General Meeting. Program on “Women of the Army: The

Role of Women Folk in the Continental Army”

Meeting held at 7 PM at the main branch of the Monmouth

County Library, Symmes Drive, Manalapan.

**March 23, 2014 (Sun) Visit the several sites claiming to be Molly Pitcher’s**

**Well. Drive to the heart of the battlefield to visit the different spots that have been claimed to be the location of Molly’s well. Tour will end at the new Molly Pitcher Overlook on Perrine Hill. Meet at Visitor Center at 1:30 PM.**

**April 6, 2014 (Sun) Walking tour of the battlefield.**

**Meet at Visitor Center at 1:30 PM.**

**Craig House opens for the season.**

**April 13, 2014 (Sun) Driving tour of the battle area east of Freehold. Visit seldom seen scenes of the morning portions of the battle (East Morass, Briar Hill, and the line of Lee’s retreat). Meet at 1:30 PM at**

**Visitor Center.**

**April 26, 2014 (Sat) Revolutionary War Encampment at the Visitor Center**

**Molly Pitcher Program by Stacy Roth\*\***

**1:30 PM at Visitor Center**

**April 27, 2014 (Sat) Revolutionary War Encampment at the Visitor Center**

**Molly Pitcher Program by Stacy Roth\*\***

**1:30 PM at Visitor Center**

**May 3, 2014 (Sat) “Weekend in Old Monmouth County”**

**Open House at Monmouth Battlefield State Park**

**Visitor Center and Craig House, 10 AM to 4 PM**

**Molly Pitcher Program by Stacy Roth\*\***

**1:30 PM at Visitor Center**

**Walking tour of the battlefield**

**Meet at Visitor Center at 3:00 PM.**

**May 4, 2014 (Sun) “Weekend in Old Monmouth County”**

**Open House at Monmouth Battlefield State Park**

**‘ Visitor Center and Craig House, 11 AM to 4 PM**

**Molly Pitcher Program by Stacy Roth\*\***

**1:30 PM at Visitor Center**

**Walking tour of the battlefield.**

**Meet at Visitor Center at 3:00 PM.**

May 10, 2014 (Sat) “Spirit of New Jersey” History Fair at Washington

Crossing State Park.

**May 25, 2013 (Sun) Memorial Day observance at the Park, 3 PM.**

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REVOLUTIONARY WAR DAYS IN MONMOUTH COUNTY

FOMB Programs May 31 to July 6, 2014

**May 31, 2014 (Sat) Revolutionary War Encampment at Craig House**

**Molly Pitcher Program by Stacy Roth\*\***

**1:30 PM at Visitor Center**

**June 1, 2014 (Sun) Revolutionary War Encampment at Craig House**

**Molly Pitcher Program by Stacy Roth\*\***

**1:30 PM at Visitor Center**

**Walking tour of the battlefield (Hedge Row and**

**Parsonage). Meet at the Visitor Center at 3:00 PM.**

June 4, 2014 (Wed) Program on General Charles Lee’s role at the battle.

Did he really deserve to be court-martialed? Meeting held at 7 PM at the main branch of the Monmouth. County Library, Symmes Drive, Manalapan.

**June 8, 2014 (Sun) Driving tour to visit the Battle of Monmouth**

**Monument in Freehold. Meet at the Visitor Center at 1:30 PM.**

**June 15, 2014 (Sun) Molly Pitcher Program by Stacy Roth\*\***

**1:30 PM at Visitor Center**

**Walking tour of the north side of the battlefield.**

**Drive to the north side and visit Perrine Hill and the**

**new Molly Pitcher overlook. Meet at Visitor Center at**

**3:00 PM.**

**June 21, 2014 (Sat) Annual reenactment of the Battle of Monmouth**

**Encampment and programs 10 AM-4 PM.**

**Molly Pitcher Program by Stacy Roth (time TBA)**

**June 22, 2014 (Sun) Annual reenactment of the Battle of Monmouth**

**Encampment and programs 10 AM – 3PM.**

**Molly Pitcher Program by Stacy Roth (time TBA)**

**June 28, 2014 (Sat) 236th Anniversary of the Battle of Monmouth.**

**Special programs and tours 10 AM-4 PM.**

**Molly Pitcher Program by Stacy Roth (time TBA)**

REVOLUTIONARY WAR DAYS IN MONMOUTH COUNTY continued

FOMB Programs May 31 to July 6, 2014

**June 29, 2014 (Sun) 236th Anniversary of the Battle of Monmouth.**

**Special programs and tours 11 AM-4PM.**

**Molly Pitcher Program by Stacy Roth (time TBA)**

July 4, 2014 (Fri) Joint Program. “The Court Martial of Charles Lee,” by David Martin. “The Army Celebrates the 4th of July,” by George Dawson. Held at 1:30 PM at the Buccleuch Mansion, Buccleuch Park, New Brunswick (located on Easton Ave., New Brunswick, NJ 08901).

**July 5, 2014 (Sat) Revolutionary War Encampment at the Visitor Center**

**Molly Pitcher Program by Stacy Roth\*\***

**1:30 PM at the Visitor Center**

**July 6, 2014 (Sun) Revolutionary War Encampment at the Visitor Center**

**Molly Pitcher Program by Stacy Roth\*\***

**1:30 PM at the Visitor Center**

**Walking tour of the battlefield.**

**Meet at Visitor Center at 3:00 PM.**

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**July 20, 2014 (Sun) Molly Pitcher Program by Stacy Roth\*\***

**1:30 PM at the Visitor Center**

**August 3, 2014 (Sun) Walking tour of the battlefield.**

**Meet at Visitor Center at 1:30 PM.**

**September 7, 2014 (Sun) Walking tour of the battlefield**

**Meet at Visitor Center at 1:30 PM**

**September 14, 2014 (Sun) Program on the final stage of Lee’s Retreat.**

**Drive to Wemrock Road and walk the line of the**

**American retreat route from the Point of Woods to the Hedge Row. Visit the spot where Washington confronted Maj. Gen Charles Lee in one of the most famous scenes of the battle. Meet at Visitor Center at 1:30 PM**

**October 5, 2014 (Sun) Walking tour of the battlefield.**

**Meet at Visitor Center at 1:30 PM**

October 8, 2014 (Wed) Program on the roles of Alexander Hamilton and Aaron Burr

at the battle.. Meeting held at 7 PM at the main branch of the Monmouth County Library, Symmes Drive, Manalapan.

**November 2, 2014 (Sun) Walking tour of the battlefield.**

**Meet at Visitor Center at 1:30 PM**

December 3, 2014 (Wed) Annual business meeting. Meeting held at 7 PM at the main branch of the Monmouth County Library, Symmes Drive, Manalapan.

**December 7, 2014 (Sun) Walking tour of the battlefield.**

**Meet at Visitor Center at 1:30 PM.**

**Craig House closes for the season.**

**\*\* Molly Pitcher program by Stacy Roth made possible with the aid of a grant from the New Jersey Historical Commission**

**Craig House Open on Sundays, 1-4 PM, April 6 to December 7**

**Gift Shop at Visitor Center Open on Sundays, 1-4 PM**

**Walking tours are held, weather permitting. Call the Park at 732-462-9616 for confirmation.**

**The Visitor Center is open daily 9 AM to 4 PM, except for the following holidays**

**(the Park itself remains open):**

**New Year’s Day**

**Martin Luther King Day**

**Presidents Day**

**Thanksgiving Day**

**Christmas Day**

**The Park itself is open longer than the Visitor Center, but the hours are seasonal.**

**Call the Park office for current hours.**

**The Park’s physical address is 16 Business Route 33, Manalapan, NJ 07726.**