

French and Indian War Foundation

"Preserving and Interpreting the Colonial History of Virginia's Frontier"

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AWARDS TO STEVE RESAN AND RICHARD W. STEPHENSON

The 11th Annual Meeting of the Foundation was held Sunday November 18th in the Woltz Pavilion at the Godfrey Miller Home. Many attended and Elosie Strader was acknowledged for her book, The Diary of Mary Greenhow Lee. Also, a somber moment was taken to remember a long time member and fellow historian, Mr. Michael M. (Mike) Foreman, who recently passed away. Mike was a Speaker for us in 2011 at a George Washington birthday Celebration on the topic of "Civility." He will be missed by everyone in this community.

Remarks by President Linda Ross noted the highlights of the year:

- * Celebration at the George Washington Hotel of the 280th Birthday of George Washington.
- * Board planning retreat in March.
- * Kendra Tolley assisted us with our new website development
- * Fort Loudoun Day was held in May with speaker Dr. Jack McAllister
- * Sponsored an essay contest for High School students
- * Took a trip to Petersburg to begin the process with the State to apply for site of Fort Loudoun on the National Register
- * Guided the Fairfax family of England to the Fairfax Stone, in Thomas, W. Va.
- * Began the process, with an Eagle Scout, to build and place a kiosk in the Winchester- Frederick County Tourism Center

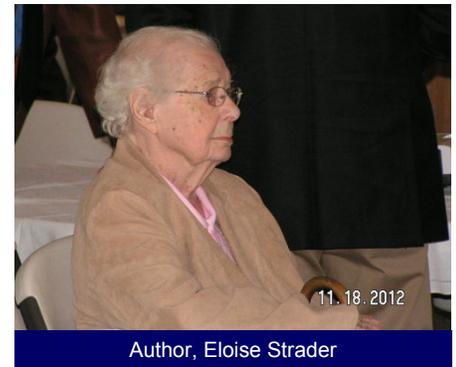
During the business meeting.

- * Board members re-elected for a two year term were Linda Ross, Jim Shipp, and Alan Morrison
- * Committee reports were given

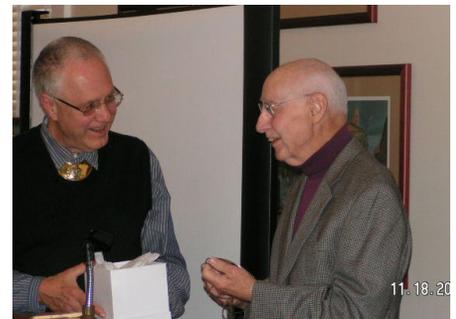
The Fort Loudoun Award was given by past recipient, Norman Baker to Mr. Steve Resan for his many contributions to promotion of the F&I War period, including serving on the board for more than six years and his re-enactment of James Wood.

The Judge Robert K. Woltz Award was given by Carl Ekberg, last year's recipient, to Mr. Richard W. Stephenson, a former board member. Dick has had an outstanding career working at the Library of Congress. He is well known for his great book on Virginia in Maps.

Our guest speaker, Mrs. Heather Wade of the Conococheage Institute in Mercersburg, Pa. presented a slide presentation about the Institute.



Author, Elosie Strader



Richard W. (Dick) Stephenson receiving the Judge Robert K. Woltz award from 2011 recipient Carl Ekberg

2013 Up-Coming Events

March 16

Colonial Dinner

April 10

Essay Competition Entry Deadline

May

Fort Loudoun Day

FIWF PARTNERS WITH BOY SCOUTS AMERICA

The Education and Outreach Committee is pleased to announce the establishment of a partnership with Boy Scouts America, Shenandoah Area Council. After an initial meeting and a tour of the Fort Loudoun Site, local Scout leader Tony Manzione has expressed an interest in working with the French & Indian War Foundation to generate projects that would help boy scouts in Winchester achieve the highest rank possible - that of Eagle Scout.

Boy Scouts aspiring to attain the rank of Eagle must earn at least 21 merit badges and demonstrate Scout Spirit through the Boy Scout Oath, service and leadership. This would include a detailed service project that the Eagle candidate plans, organizes, leads and manages.

Luckily, the FIWF has a handful of such projects that we are trying to achieve, so the partnership is a perfect fit and provides an outstanding “win-win” scenario for both groups.

The first project, being managed by Eagle Scout candidate, David Tactikos, is the construction of a display case for the FIWF at the Winchester-Frederick County Visitor on Pleasant Valley Road.



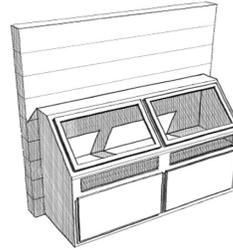
Eagle Scout candidate, David Tactikos, and Scout Leader, Tony Manzione arrive at Visitor Center to prep for construction of display case.

This display offers the opportunity to put artifacts and period items of interest in the public eye and inform visitors, and the local citizenry, of the historical significance of the Fort

Loudoun site. The display case will have brochure

boxes attached to the sides to house informational literature provided by both the FIWF and the Visitor Center.

Sally Coates, the manager of the Visitor Center, has graciously offered space for the FIWF to place the display and has been involved with the project since its inception.



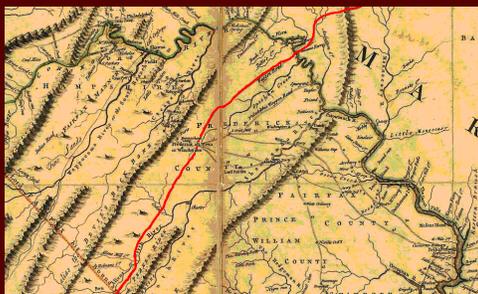
The display case will match the contemporary look of the display furnishings at the Visitor Center and will have a “wall” backing that resembles the exterior of Fort Loudoun as it may have looked back in the 1700’s. The interior will be lined with felt and the case will contain a locked storage area beneath to house display items that can be rotated at the discretion of the Visitor Center. A wall track will facilitate the hanging of pictures, if they are desired.

David and Tony presented their proposal to the FIWF at the December Board meeting and received an enthusiastic endorsement. The projected completion date of the case is May 2013.



Scout Leader, Tony Manzione and Eagle Scout candidate, David Tactikos take measurements at the Winchester-Frederick County Visitor Center for construction of a display case for the French & Indian War Foundation.

Any members wishing to provide suggestions for display content may contact Education & Outreach Co-Chairman, Scott Straub at greenbetween@comcast.net



The Fry-Jefferson Map
Essay Contest Topic

2013 Essay Competition

The French and Indian War Foundation has kicked off its 2nd Essay Contest. The contest was established to stimulate interest in the Colonial period on the Virginia frontier.

Information has been posted in our local high schools with the History Departments. It is also being promoted among home-schoolers. The prize is \$500 cash given by an anonymous donor. The topic this year is the Fry-Jefferson Map.

Please encourage any High School students you know to enter our contest. We will have the winner read their essay at Fort Loudoun Day in May.

In talking about the French and Indian War we tend to focus on the Indians who were loyal to the French and raided the frontier settlements. However, there were Indians who supported the British cause and many who tried to remain neutral such as the Iroquois Confederacy.

The Iroquois Confederacy emerged in response to the European invasion of North America in the seventeenth century. Originally it was called the “Great League of Peace and Power”, a ritual and cultural association that united the five Iroquois Nations- the Mohawk, the Oneida, the Onondaga, the Cayuga and the Seneca. These Nations lived in regions of New York and Pennsylvania. By 1744 a sixth Nation, the Tuscarora Nation, had been admitted to the confederacy. In addition the Confederacy was recognized as representatives for the Shawnee and Delaware Nations.

The Confederacy occupied a crucial position geographically and diplomatically between the British held territory and that controlled by the French. As settlers pushed west, it was the Iroquois Confederacy who sold the land in a series of Treaties. (Sometimes selling land of other Nations like the Delaware).

According to the terms of “The Grand Settlement of 1701” the Iroquois Confederacy declared its neutrality between the British and French. This neutrality, however, did not extend to their enemies, the Cherokee and Catawba Nations in the South. This neutrality also did not preclude cooperation with Pennsylvania in order to gain control over Indian tribes on Iroquoia’s southern border. The neutrality maintain peace with the “Far Indians” of the upper Mississippi valley. It was believed by the British that the Iroquois could command 9,300 warriors from among these “Far Indians”. Thus the Confederacy was looked upon as a power broker.

The Shawnee and Delaware, on Iroquoia’s southern border in Pennsylvania, were enlisted to act as a barrier against Cherokee and Catawba raiders from the south and provide provisions to Iroquois raiders heading south. The Shenandoah Valley’s “Great Warrior Path” had been used by these raiding parties for generations before European settlement. The “Great Warrior Path” was so important to the Iroquois that in the Treaty of Lancaster of 1744 the Iroquois gave up all claims to land in the Shenandoah Valley in exchange for Virginia’s recognition of their right to pass through Virginia to attack the Cherokee and Catawba. Furthermore Virginia was to provide provisions for these war parties while in transit. The settlers of Winchester and Frederick County must have had numerous contacts with these roving Indians.

By 1756 Robert Dinwiddie was seeking aid from Cherokee and Catawba warriors in his quest to protect Virginia’s western frontier from raids by Shawnee and Delaware loyal to the French. Meanwhile Sir William Johnson was trying to convince the Iroquois abandon their neutrality and side with the British.

The Iroquois Confederacy also claimed control over the land of the Ohio. The Ohio was settled by Seneca (western Seneca were called Mingo), Shawnee and Delaware. The “headman” of each Indian village was called a “half king” by the British. This was because each had the power to negotiate and receive diplomatic gifts but not to make binding treaties without the consent of the “Onondaga” or Grand Iroquois Council. However, because of the distance, numerous treaties were made by these “half kings”.

Three of these “half kings” or “Chiefs” of the Ohio country, who would figure prominently in the French and Indian War, were Shingas (a Delaware), Scarouady (a Shawnee), and Tanaghrisson (a Mingo). It was Tanaghrisson, by some accounts, who struck the fatal blow killing Ensign Jumonville in Washington’s encounter with the French on his way to Fort DuQuenes, an event which triggered the start of the French and Indian War.

JANUARY SURPRISE

by Jim Shipp

The Foundation was quite pleased to receive a January surprise, courtesy of former U.S. Senator Harry F. Byrd, Jr., of Winchester, in the form of a check for \$5,000.00. As explained in a letter to Foundation President Linda Ross, the check was a portion of the year's yield from THE ANNIE J. BRONSON CHARITABLE FOUNDATION fund, which Sen. Byrd established in 1972.

The Senator went on to explain that “(t)he origin of the fund is that Miss Bronson, a secretary to a Harvard law professor who had read some of my Senate speeches and with whom I had corresponded, left me her entire estate to be used 'for the benefit of the United States!.'” Sen. Byrd went on to say that he personally had never met or even seen Miss Bronson!

As Miss Bronson was very patriotic, Sen. Byrd thought a contribution to our Foundation would be appropriate for a portion of this year's yield. His letter continued: “You are to be commended for continuing the goal to preserve and interpret colonial history, with an emphasis on 1754-1763, the time period during which the French and Indian War was fought.

“I note that you also place special emphasis on the role the war had in shaping George Washington and his connection to Winchester.

“Best wishes to you, Linda, and your colleagues for your fine work with the Foundation.”

The French and Indian War Foundation is grateful to Sen. Byrd for recognizing our work and for this generous contribution.

Group honors history experts

By REBECCA LAYNE
The Winchester Star

WINCHESTER — Two local historians were honored Sunday for their efforts in preserving area history.

The French and Indian War Foundation hosted its 11th annual meeting Sunday at the Godfrey Miller Fellowship Center at 28 S. Loudoun St.

Two awards were given at the event: The Fort Loudoun Award and the Judge Robert K. Woltz Award.

This year, Steven Resan, a member of the foundation's board for more than six years, received the Fort Loudoun Award, which is given to an individual who has displayed outstanding contributions to the historical preservation of the French and Indian War and has given a great deal of time to define the war in the Winchester area.

It has been presented since 2007.

Resan, 69, studies and portrays Revolutionary War Col. James Wood at various events in the area.

Foundation historian Norman Baker described him as dedicated and hardworking and a man who never misses a board meeting.

"He's a very good writer and a friend to us," Baker said.

Resan graduated from the Illinois Institute of Technology. He served as an engineer at O'Sullivan Corporation and senior primary examiner at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in Alexandria.

"It's really an honor to receive this award," Resan said, owing the honor to the importance that Fort Loudoun held in the French and Indian War. "It saved the area from Indian incursions. If it weren't for Col. [George] Washington and Fort Loudoun that might not have happened."

The Judge Robert K. Woltz Award, which was awarded for the first time in 2011, goes to an individual who is influential in promoting the importance of Washington's early years and the colonial time period.

This year, former board member Richard "Dick" Walter Stephenson received the honor.

"[Judge Woltz] was a dear friend of mine, and I miss him very

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SCOTT MASON/The Winchester Star

Steven A. Resan (left) and Richard W. "Dick" Stephenson were honored Sunday at the 11th annual meeting of the French and Indian War Foundation.

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much," Stephenson said, upon accepting the award.

Stephenson, 81, of Winchester, worked in the geography and map division at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C., for four decades. He taught graduate studies at Catholic University of America and George Mason University.

Stephenson retired in 1992 and moved to Winchester, where he served 10 years on the Handley Library Board.

His works include "Virginia in Maps," which he published for the Library of Virginia.

Baker called Stephenson a great, knowledgeable man.

"I'm really humbled that we have such a person with us and for so long."

The goal of the French and Indian War Foundation is to preserve and interpret colonial history, with an emphasis on 1754-1763, the time period during which the French and Indian War was fought. The foundation also places special emphasis on the role the war had in shaping George Washington and his connection to Winchester.

This year's guest speaker was Heather Wade, executive director of the Conococheague Institute in Mercersburg, Pa., a nonprofit organization that preserves history and historical records from the colonial frontier and the French and Indian War.

NOV. 19, 2012
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3 juillet 1754

by Dr. Carl Ekberg



Capitulation accordé par M de Villiers Capitaine d'Infanterie Commandant des troupes de Sa Majesté Très Chretienne a celui des troupes angloises actuellement dans le fort de Necessité qui avoit été construit sur les terres du domaine du Roy.

Ce 3 Juillet 1754 a huit heures de soir

Savoir

Comme notre intention n'a jamais été de troubler la paix et la bonne harmonie qui regnoit entre les deux princes amis, mais seulement de venger l'assassin qui a été fait sur un de nos officiers porteur d'une sommation et sur son escorte, comme aussy d'empêcher aucun établissement sur les terres du domaine du Roy mon maître.

A ces considerations nous voulons bien accorder grace a tous les anglois qui sont dans le dit fort aux conditions cy après:

Visit www.frenchandindianwarfoundation.org for the translation!

ANNUAL MEETING SPEAKER HEATHER WADE

Heather Wade presented a delightful program about the "Conococheague Institute" at our Annual Meeting in November. She is their Executive Director, previously with DAR in Washington, D.C. and an Asst. Professor at Emporia State University in Kansas. She holds a Masters Degree in Applied History from George Mason University.

The Conococheague Institute is in Mercersburg, Pa. on a campus of 30 acres called Rock Hill Farm. It has a two story log house built in 1752 and a smoke house dating to 1756, also have a replica of an Eastern Woodlands Indian Village. They preserve historical records from the Colonial frontier and the French and Indian War. There are over 3,000 volumes dealing with the Colonial Pennsylvania frontier and the French and Indian War.

Wade told us, "Where the farm sits was a mile from the western frontier during the war. It was the furthest outreach for a lot of European settlers as they tried to get into the Ohio Valley. It really is an interesting period of history, so many different ethnic groups were in constant conflict. The human drama that played out here is unbelievable."

Heather would like us all to come see what this non profit Institute is all about, which began in 1994. She also said a late spring trip to see their beautiful rose trail, is spectacular.

The website is www.conococheageinstitute.org, the Native word meaning, "Very Long, Indeed." Heather Wade, we Thank You. A Bus Trip may be in our future plans.

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Article by Rebecca Layne
rlayne@winchesterstar.com
Photo by Scott Mason

IT'S HERE!

As mentioned in our last newsletter the FIWF website was in transition mode over several months.

We are pleased to announce the new site is up and running with a whole new look and greatly improved user friendly functions !

Many thanks to the work of board members Morgan Pierce, Steve Resan and Scott Straub who worked with Shared Knowledge on redesigning our site!

Please visit:

www.frenchandindianwarfoundation.org

MEMBERSHIP

YES, I wish to become a member of the French and Indian War Foundation and play an important role in supporting the educational goals and preservation of the sites associated with this conflict on the American frontier.

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Annual Dues

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100 Soldiers—Lifetime Memberships

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Colonel | \$ 10,000 |

Mission

"The French and Indian War Foundation preserves and interprets the colonial history of the Virginia frontier."

Goals

- Raise public awareness about the war and its consequences through public lectures and tours, as well as publication in the media.
- Collect and conserve primary documents relating to the war.
- Identify, document, preserve and interpret French and Indian War era landmarks in the backcountry of the mid-Atlantic colonies.
- Cooperate with privately and publicly owned French and Indian War fort sites in research, promotion and preservation activities.

We encourage high school and college History students to participate with all activities.

- I will volunteer my services
- I would like to make a Donation _____

Please forward this form to:

The French and Indian War Foundation

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THE 2013 BOARD

Board meetings are the 1st Tuesday of each month at 5:30 pm.

President, Linda Q. Ross
Vice President, Alan Morrison
Treasurer, Jim Shipp
Secretary, Morgan Pierce
Historian, Norman Baker
Dr. Carl Ekberg
Susan Emmart
Steve Resan
Scott Straub

Committee Chairs

Education & Outreach, Scott Straub, & Susan Emmart
Membership, Morgan Pierce
Finance, Jim Shipp
Development/Fundraising, Our Board
Building & Grounds, Jim Shipp & Linda Ross

Call for Committee Members!

If you have ideas, time or resources we need your help. If you could serve on any of the above committees, please call Linda Ross at 665-2046.

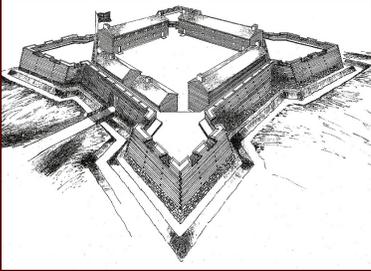


Morgan Pierce

Board member Mr. Morgan Pierce is stepping down from our Board of Directors, we are very sad to say. He has served on our board for three years.

Morgan is moving to New Orleans with his wife, Megan, who has been accepted to Tulane University, where she will pursue her medical degree.

Morgan is a Berryville native and graduate of James Madison University with a degree in History. He has been Registrar and Curator of the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley for five years. He said "I will always call the Shenandoah Valley my home." We are happy for his new beginnings, but hate to see him go.



*The French and Indian War Foundation
Cordially invites you to a
Colonial Dinner Celebrating our Scots-Irish Heritage
The George Washington Hotel Ballroom
Saturday, March 16, 2013
6:00 pm cocktails 7:00 pm dinner*

*Honorary Chairmen
Patricia and George Glass
Mr. George Glass is the Great, Great, Great, Great Grandson of Col. James Wood*

*Mr. James Robinson, Mrs. Kevenney Robinson Furst
Children of former Congressman J. Kenneth Robinson*

*Scottish Bagpipes and Irish Dancers
Silent and Live Auctions*

Cocktail Attire, Black Tie and Kilts Optional

The Favor of a reply is requested by March 12th

\$65.00 per person

For Reservations call 540-665-2046

*Make checks payable to F&I War Foundation
P.O. Box 751, Winchester, Virginia 22604*

SAVE THE DATE!

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