

The Massachusetts Lafayette Society

December 16, 2017

Invitation

The Massachusetts Lafayette Society and the W3R-US will present an historical double-header on Saturday, December 16, 2017 at the Bunker Hill Museum in Charlestown, MA at 1:30 p.m.

Game 1

Dr. Robert Selig, the National Park Service Historian for the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route, will summarize his Massachusetts report on W3R trails in the Commonwealth.



The Massachusetts routes include (1) the prequel route whereby in April of 1780 Lafayette landed in Boston – having sailed on *L'Hermione* and proceeded to Morristown, NJ to tell General Washington that the French Expeditionary Force was coming, (2) an excursion trip that General Rochambeau made travelling from Newport, RI in which he visited Bunker Hill and



Washington's Headquarters in Cambridge, now the Longfellow House, and (3) the departure route by which the French Army marched from Rhode Island to Boston in December of 1782 to board ships bound for the West Indies.

<u>Intermission</u> Light refreshments will be served.

Game 2

David Noonan, Vice President of the Massachusetts Lafayette Society, will speak about a little-known program sponsored by the Daughters of the American Revolution to support French children who were orphaned during World War I. At the end of the war the program was ended, but two Scituate women continued their support and engaged in a poignant correspondence with their "adoptees."

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