



*A Community Newsletter from the Princeton Battlefield Society - Winter-Spring 2019*

## 241ST ANNIVERSARY - A REAL TIME TOUR!

If you were among the 160 participants in our Battle of Princeton Real Time Tour on December 30, you'll agree that it was another outstanding, firsthand experience of the battle's 241st anniversary. Thank you to our tour leader, Larry Kidder, and reenactors from the New Jersey Grays and 17th Regiment of Foot. And a special thank you and applause to General George Washington (aka John Koopman and his support team



Larry Kidder

from Fort Ticonderoga) for their dramatic horseback appearance during the winning charge on the battlefield.



Photos - Al Pochuk



## TAKING AIM ON 2019! - AN INVITATION TO BECOME A MEMBER

Your 2019 Membership invitation was mailed on January 2. We hope you have responded. If not, we encourage you to renew your PBS membership today. We succeeded in 2018 because of you, and we can't do the same in 2019 without you as a member.

There are two new membership benefits this year: An invitation to all PBS educational programs as our guest and a tour voucher for up to four people.

Please join us! (Online at [www.pbs1777.org](http://www.pbs1777.org) or by mailing your check to P. O. Box 7645, Princeton, NJ 08543.)

### 2019 Membership levels are:

- 1777 Patriot Member (\$1,000 or more)
- General Washington Member (\$500)
- General Mercer Member (\$250)
- Revolutionary Member (\$100)
- Continental Member (\$50)
- Member (\$25)

## PRINCETON UNIVERSITY'S "BATTLE LAB" BRINGS STUDENTS AND ARCHAEOLOGISTS TO THE BATTLEFIELD

This past fall, 19 Princeton students began a course in learning about and experiencing American history from the ground up. Guided by Dr. Nathan Arrington and Dr. Rachel DeLue, and supported by archaeologists and historians, the Princeton Battlefield Society provided background on its preservation efforts in saving Maxwell's Field. Classes on campus and at the battlefield culminated in an Archaeology Day where students

demonstrated and discussed their archaeological efforts with the general public at locations throughout the park. Their grades? A+ for a great program that we hope will continue.



## HISTORY & HERITAGE FUND ANNOUNCED; MATCHING GIFT CHALLENGE CAMPAIGN EXCEEDS GOAL

The unfortunate announcement came in early 2018 from the owners of the loaned guns that have been displayed in the Clarke House Museum for many years: These artifacts were to be removed and sold. PBS stepped forward to propose a History & Heritage Fund to create new educational and interpretive exhibits and to turn the Clarke House into a first-class, living history museum that would encourage historic tourism. A priority, of course, was to raise the funds to take on this exciting initiative. With an anonymous donor's pledge of \$25,000, we announced a matching gift challenge to raise an additional \$25,000 by December 31. With generous support from many members and friends, we did it by the deadline!

Our final campaign total was \$26,125.50, highlighted by major gifts from:

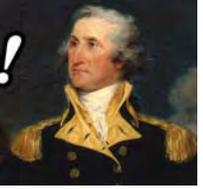
- BRAVO (Battlefield Restoration & Archaeological Volunteer Organization)
- Mark & Rachel Herr (for weapons)
- The Lee Herring Family Fund
- The Artist Preservation Group
- Dr. Daniel Beattie
- William J. Hupp
- Vince Paparo
- Clarke House Donation Box
- Thomas Kane
- Deep Search Metal Detecting Club

PBS leaders are now meeting with State officials to map out strategies and plans to begin this exciting new Clarke House Museum initiative.

## MERCER COUNTY CULTURAL & HERITAGE COMMISSION AWARDS PBS A 2019 GENERAL OPERATING SUPPORT GRANT

As programs and services develop and grow, so do the infrastructure and management needs to maintain them. With grant support from Mercer County, we will focus in 2019 on updating and improving our

database, the PBS website, our communications capacity, and financial record keeping. This much-appreciated support from the county will strengthen our continued ability to fulfill our mission of protection, preservation, and education.



### PBS LEADERS ELECTED; WELCOME TO NEW TRUSTEES

At the Board's February 5th meeting, Jerry Hurwitz was re-elected president, with Ben Strong, vice president, Tom Pyle, treasurer, and Rosemary Kelley, secretary for 2019. Trustees filling out the terms of two trustees who resigned last Fall were elected to full three-year terms. They are:

**Rosemary Kelley**, Class of 2022 and newly elected secretary. Rosemary is a Princeton resident and Vice Regent of the Princeton Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.

**Larry Kidder**, Class of 2022, and our Real Time Tour

leader and historical interpreter. Larry resides in Ewing, NJ. He is a well-known author, historian, and former Hun School teacher. His newly released book is *TEN CRUCIAL DAYS: Washington's Vision for Victory Unfolds*.

They join Mike Russell who was elected to the Class of 2020 last fall. Mike hails from Rahway, NJ, and is an Earth Sciences teacher and a member of BRAVO (Battlefield Restoration Archaeological Volunteer Organization). He chairs the PBS Site Committee.

The board also acknowledged the leadership of retiring trustees: Kip Cherry, Tim Nist, Dr. Andrew Pramer, and Jean Hultgren.



### PETER J. TRAVERS TO RECEIVE THE 2019 MERCER OAK AWARD

Peter J. Travers, Chase Field LLC in Princeton, will receive the 2019 Mercer Oak Award presented annually by the Princeton Battlefield Society. Raoul Momo of the Terra Momo Restaurant Group, 2018 recipient, will serve as chair of the presenting committee.

In a letter to Mr. Travers, Ben Strong, PBS vice president and chair of the Fundraising Committee, expressed the sentiments of the Board: *"You have been a strong supporter of the Princeton Battlefield Society's mission of preservation, protection, and promotion of the battlefield as well as of the battle as a critical link in our road to independence. You were*

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### NEW JERSEY HISTORIC TRUST UNDERWRITES EXPANSION OF BATTLEFIELD TOUR PROGRAM

PBS received a 2018 grant from the New Jersey Historic Trust's Discover NJ History License Plate Fund for Heritage Tourism to develop a comprehensive battlefield tour program. Initially focused on scheduled bi-monthly tours (Spring-Fall), tours at battlefield events, and the Real Time Battle of Princeton Tour (December), the program expanded to include family/group tours and "Discover Princeton Battlefield" program for school-age



children. School group tours are coordinated through park staff. (Call the Park for more information.)

All PBS tours are conducted by trained historical interpreters, with support from park staff headquartered in the Clarke House. Information on 2019 bi-monthly tours and registration information appears on our website, [www.pbs1777.org](http://www.pbs1777.org).

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*with us as we and the American Battlefield Trust fought against the destruction of this historic land. Your support expanded most generously as a sponsor and leader of our HUZZAH! Dinner in September 2018 recognizing this victory. It continued with our first Mercer Oak Award Reception last June. While we thanked you for your partnership and leadership at the HUZZAH! Dinner, we would like to expand our*

*appreciation of your leadership support as the 2019 Mercer Oak Award recipient. As the Mercer Oak itself stands as a symbol of the January 3, 1777 victory, your partnership and leadership symbolizes and strengthens our mission and dedication.”*

The date and location of the June reception will be announced in March.



**ODDS ‘N’ ENDS**

✓ Thank you to our speakers and Morven Museum & Garden for the December Educational Forum, “Soldiers & Civilians in Princeton during the Ten Crucial Days, Winter 1776-77”. Held at Morven’s Stockton Educational Center, the program featured Dr. Glenn Williams as moderator with Larry Kidder, Joe Seymour, and Don Hagist as speakers.

✓ We always need members and friends to join us as volunteers in our annual programs. There are many opportunities for you to participate as a volunteer, and, if you are interested, we ask you to request a “Volunteer Opportunity” form by email (info@theprincetonbattlefieldsociety.org) or regular mail (PO 7645, Princeton NJ 08543). This will help us match your interests and our program needs. We are eager to welcome you as a volunteer in 2019.

✓ A special request: We are looking for “friends” who can help us develop a “Young Patriot’s Cut-out” for events at the Battlefield. What is a “cut-out?” It’s a wooden board with a few kids painted colorfully in historic dress and holes where their faces would appear. It makes a great photo opportunity for parents. Know anyone with artistic or carpentry skills who can help?”

✓ Restoration and repairs on the historic wagon shed, which is adjacent to the Clarke House, will begin this spring. The PBS Clarke House Fund will cover site plans and oversee repairs that will be funded by the State.

✓ The PBS Site Committee announces that a new “Welcome Kiosk” at the visitor parking lot will be built this spring. Funds for the kiosk were raised at the 2018 Mercer Oak Award Reception honoring Raoul Momo.

**PARK CLEAN UP DAY!**  
**SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2019**  
**1 - 4 PM (Rain date - Saturday, April 13th)**



Come join us for our annual Clean Up Day at Princeton Battlefield State Park.

Help us on this special day which is dedicated annually to clean up areas in the Park.

For more information and to register, go to:  
[www.theprincetonbattlefieldsociety.org/spring-clean-up-.html](http://www.theprincetonbattlefieldsociety.org/spring-clean-up-.html)



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