
Supply Depot Intelligencer

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Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup

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Educational Program

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Revolutionary War Weekend

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Special Thanks:

Our Board of Trustees wishes to extend its sincere thanks to all those who joined our *Circle of Patriots* program and participated in our *Memorial Day Tribute*.

By your continued support and commitment, we move one step closer to saving one of America's little known treasures.

Huzzah!

85th soldier buried at Fishkill Supply Depot identified

As part of its second annual Memorial Day service held at the Fishkill Supply Depot's Soldiers' Cemetery, the not-for-profit preservation organization known as Friends of the Fishkill Supply Depot announced the identity of another soldier buried in an unmarked grave located at the site.

The identification of Captain Zechariah Beal of the 3rd New Hampshire Regiment, Poor's Brigade, brings the total number of soldiers identified to 85. An archaeological examination conducted in late 2007 disclosed, through the use of ground penetrating radar, the existence of over 300 soldiers buried in unmarked graves on a segment of land privately-held and in danger of commercial development.

Captain Beal died on November 7, 1777 while attempting to put down a mutiny. Beal's unit was passing through Fishkill on their way to

Peekskill and onto its winter quarters. The soldiers were discontented from not being paid for nearly 8 months. At the Supply Depot, the supplies they needed were not available and the rations of rum they received failed to help their dispositions and only led them to feeling the best thing for them was to just go home.

The addition of Beal adds to the long list of New Hampshire soldiers and officers known to have perished at Fishkill. To date, soldiers and officers representing Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, and Congress' own Canadian Regiment have been identified as having died and been buried at this encampment located 4+ miles inland from the Hudson River and 12 miles north of West Point.

For more, see our official website at the following: www.fishkillsupplydepot.org/tribute.



Archaeologists examine a grave shaft at the Fishkill Supply Depot site in November 2007.

Plans set for 5th Annual Revolutionary War Weekend

During the weekend of September 20-21, 2014, the Friends of the Fishkill Supply Depot and Fishkill Historical Society will join forces to host its annual Revolutionary War Weekend, an event designed to commemorate Fishkill's rich

Colonial heritage and call attention to a soldiers' cemetery threatened by commercial development.

Held during the Hudson Valley's "Ramble" weekend and co-sponsored by Dutchess

County Tourism, the event will feature re-enactments, Colonial demonstrations, period artisans and music, and walking tours to the aforementioned burial ground. The event is free and open to the public.

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*Donate today to honor the soldiers and ensure their protection!
Send your check or money order to: FOFSD, Attn: Preservation Fund, P.O. Box 311, Fishkill, NY 12524-0311
You may also donate directly at <http://www.fishkillsupplydepot.org/donate.html>*

Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area sponsors Greater Fishkill Roundtable event

On June 5, 2014, the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area (HRVNHA) awarded the Friends of the Fishkill Supply Depot (FOFSD) and the Town of Fishkill, NY (joint partners in the project application) a \$1,200 matching grant as sponsorship for a "Greater Fishkill Preservation and Conservation Roundtable" event to be held Friday, November 7, 2014, at the Town of Fishkill offices' conference center.

FOFSD and the Town of Fishkill (a designated "Greenways Community"), designed the event as a means of bringing the various Fishkill-area preservation and conservation groups together in a format and setting tailored for meeting one another and exchanging program information. The overall goal of the event is to stimulate information sharing and future collaboration among both the different organizations and the town government.

preliminary list of twenty-two (22) organizations either based or operating in Fishkill that have goals of preserving an historic site or conserving land. Within the coming weeks, the Town of Fishkill and FOFSD will send a "Save the date" announcement to each of the targeted groups.

Upon awarding of the sponsorship funding, Acting Executive Director for the Hudson River Valley Greenway and for the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area, Mark Castiglione, AICP, had this to say: "Thank you for convening stakeholders and we look forward to being a part of the productive partnerships that come out of it."



The Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area was designed by Congress to recognize the importance of the history and the resources of the Hudson River Valley to the nation

Together, the joint sponsors have developed a

The Town of Fishkill and FOFSD thank the HRVNHA for its partnership.