



Fort Nathan Hale BULLETIN

A Note from the President

As we end another year at the Forts, we are pleased with the increase of visitors from all over the country. We had visitors from 7 foreign countries, 29 States and over 40 Connecticut towns. Many have said they found us on our web site—and special thanks to Board member Jake Epstein for his consistent effort in maintaining and updating our site. If you have not visited it, you can view it at www.fort-nathan-hale.org. Check it often to see what's going on.

A surprise visit this year from a young Nathan Hale from Virginia. He was visiting the area and found our web site and insisted he and his family must visit us. The 11 year old Nathan Hale was excited to visit a fort sharing his same name!

Mark your calendars for our Annual Meeting which will be held on Sunday, November 12th at 2 PM, at the Center Church Meeting Hall on 311 Temple Street (behind the New Haven Library). Parking is available in the church lot and on Temple Street.

This will be an especially interesting program with our featured speaker, actress Anne Pasquale, from New York. A member of the Actors Guild, she will portray **Deborah Sampson**, the only woman who became a soldier in the Revolutionary War and whose identity was uncovered when wounded. Please join us for this exciting program.

Thanks to Tina Doyle for her diligent efforts in coordinating the volunteers at the Information Center (pavilion) this year. We had several new volunteers who found it to be very interesting and fun. We can always use more as we are open 7 days a week from Memorial Day through September.

Finally, thanks to all of our loyal board members, volunteers and Fort Keeper, Oliver Hill, for offering their time and talents to FNHRP. We could not do the on-going maintenance and restoration of this historic site without their help!

Marge Ottenbreit President, FNHRP

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Annual Meeting Sunday, November 12, 2006

Our featured speaker, Anne Pasquale, will be joining us for this year's Annual Meeting and presenting her Living History Program. As stated above, Ann will portray Deborah Sampson, a soldier in the Revolutionary War. Deborah was the descendant of those who sailed the Mayflower, Miles Standish and William Bradford.

Her family settled in Plymouth and suffered the oppression of King George. At the age of ten, Deborah's family was poor and penniless and her mother was forced to sell Deborah and her brothers and sisters into indentured servitude. So at the age of eighteen, when the young woman heard the cry of George Washington, she was prepared to fight and die for her liberty; she dressed as a man and enlisted in the Continental Army.



**As a reminder.....
Membership Dues
are due by
November!**

OUR FEATURED SPEAKER ANNE PASQUALE

Anne Pasquale is presently a member of The Actor's Studio. Recent New York appearances include *Anna Weiss* at the Abingdon Theatre, and Joe Orton's *The Ruffian On The Stair* at the 78th Street Theatre Lab. Other credits include Laura on *As The World Turns*, The New Dramatist's *Cherry Orchard*, and The West Bank's production of *I*

Thought You Were Dead, as well as The Actor's Studio's *Fallen Angels*. The founding member of Patchiddy Players theatre for young children, she has been writing and performing for children for the past eight years. It is with great pride that she can now present to all a series of historical one-woman shows, appropriate for audiences of all ages,

entitled Living History Programs. We are proud to have Anne as our invited guest and Featured Speaker at our upcoming Annual Meeting.



Anne Pasquale

Volunteer Appreciation Day

This year our annual Volunteer Appreciation Day will be held on Wednesday, November 1st beginning at 10:30 AM.

Volunteers and board members are invited to join us for a tour of the Slave Ship Amistad, docked at Long Wharf. The Amistad will be docked in its current location for three days only, after which it leaves New Haven. After the tour, they will adjourn to Brazi's Restaurant on Sargent Drive for a refreshing luncheon.

Each year, the board offers a luncheon and historic tour to recognize and thank our loyal volunteers for their efforts. In the past we have visited the Whitfield House in Guilford, The Essex River Museum, the Nathan Hale Homestead, The Ward Heitman House and the Savin Rock Museum to name just a few.

It's fun and a good opportunity to swap stories about visitors to the Forts. We depend on our loyal volunteers and we are always looking to add more folks to our ranks. Thank you one and all.

Fina Doyle

Volunteer Coordinator



According to legend, Betsy Ross made the first Stars and Stripes in June of 1776 at the request of a committee composed of George Washington, Robert Morris and George Ross, an uncle of Mrs. Ross.



Notes from the Web.....

The annual 9th Regiment C. V. wreath laying this year will be on November 12 (Sunday at 11 am) at Bayview Park (Howard Ave and 6th Street, New Haven). While there will be a Veterans Parade that day in Stamford we hope to have a good turnout including re-enactors. The event is supported by the Irish American Historical Society, the Irish History Round Table, the Civil War Round Table and the Ancient Order of Hibernians. A permit is being secured for the monument site with the City of New Haven. The Gaelic Club on Venice Place in East Haven has been reserved on the 12th (12:30 – 3:00 pm) for a get-together afterwards.

We plan to show Jim Sheehan's updated model of the monument planned for the Vicksburg National Military Park, provide an update on the committee's plans and hear from invited guests including descendants of the Ninth Regiment. More to follow from our web page.

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Annual Elections

At our Annual Meeting we will have an election of officers and board members. We urgently need folks who are involved in or have an interest with history, reenactments and other historic groups. We also need support from community folks who share our mission of preserving and maintaining the Forts.

Nominating committee consisting of Tina Doyle, Harry Townshend, Jake Epstein and Marge Ottenbreit will meet to select officers and recruit board members. Nominations from the floor are welcome! Please let us know if you are interested in volunteering your time.



The Grand News

The Grand News, a nifty little monthly newspaper covering the East Shore of New Haven, did a terrific two-page spread on the Forts. The paper is still available at various distribution spots. Be certain to get a copy! It's neat...it covers news specifically in our part of the City.

Thanks to Brett Bissell for the fine article and the tireless job he does in getting this newspaper out. Brett has stated that he is always open to articles of interest and urges folks to send them into him. Of course, he can always use more volunteers!

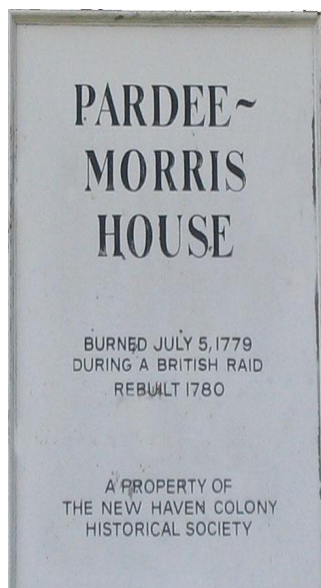
Civil War Roundtable

The Civil War Roundtable announces the annual Wreath Laying Ceremony honoring the 9th Connecticut Volunteer Infantry Regiment (Irish Volunteers) will be held at Bay View Park in City Point on Sunday, November 12th at 11 AM. The public is invited to attend this free event; a reception will follow at the Gaelic Club on Venice Place, East Haven (across from the Municipal Golf Course on Laurel Street).

Sponsored each year by the Civil War Roundtable, The Irish American Historical Society, Irish History Roundtable and the Ancient Order of Hibernians, this brief ceremony honors those brave Irish colonists from Connecticut who served their country in the Civil War.

Their regular monthly meetings are held at 7:30 PM on the second Monday of the month, the Miller Library in Hamden. At each meeting, a guest speaker discusses various Civil War topics. Their next meeting is scheduled for November 13th.

Directions to Bay View Park—Take I95 South to Long Wharf Exit. Left off exit to Howard Ave. Left at Howard Ave. Bay View Park is on your immediate left.



The Pardee Morris House was burned during the Battle of New Haven when over 3000 British troops invaded New Haven's Eastern and Western Shores.

This Historic Landmark is currently closed to visitors, however, it is located at 325 Lighthouse Rd, near Light House Park in New Haven and the exterior can be viewed. It is part of the New Haven Eastern Shore where Fort Nathan Hale is located.

About Fort Adams

Fort Adams is a National Historic Landmark and an official "Save America Treasures" project. It is owned by the State of Rhode Island and managed by the non-profit Fort Adams Trust. Their mission is to direct and support the stabilization, restoration and maintenance and operation of Fort Adams. For the past six years, Newport Collaborative of Architects has focused its efforts on the preservation and rehabilitation of this historic site. Built between 1824 and 1857, it is one of the largest and most complex fortifications in the United States.

Restoration has been completed on the exterior and interior of the north casements, now totaling 7200 square feet of exhibit and event space. Also completed was the restoration and waterproofing of earthen Ramparts. Terraplin chimneys were repaired and rebuilt. Deteriorated cordon stones were repaired or replaced.

NCA has designed the conversion of four casements into a Youth Overnight Center. They have designed and installed, after collaboration with historians, 14 interpretive panels that tell visitors about Fort Adams history, technology and significant personalities.

The work completed at Fort Adams shows what dedication to historic restoration can accomplish. An inspiring example and we are encouraged as we contemplate what's next with Fort Nathan Hale Restoration Projects Inc.

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Our thanks to Christopher Cinque and his wife Jennifer for their efforts in publishing our newsletter.

We appreciate their professional output!

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