

ANNUAL NARRATIVE REPORT-VIRGINIA DIRECTOR

The most significant work assigned this past year certainly was the acting superintendency of Colonial National Historical Park for 7 months. During this period of time, I performed the normal functions of the superintendent and continued to work on the many other requested work elements.

COLONIAL NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK

Colonial NHP in 2004 is moving towards the significant events in 2006 and 2007 by focusing much of the park employee efforts towards the construction and special events to occur in these two years, while continuing to operate the normal day to day activities. In the arena of the day to day activities the park has successfully managed the visitor services, maintenance and protection functions while continuing to hold the many special events throughout the year including the 4th of July, Yorktown Day, Jamestown Day, holiday events, etc. The park has thus far been able to cope with the budget shortages by eliminating positions, and being conservative in other money matters. The 2005 budget appears that it will be a challenge, but I believe that the park will be able to manage the challenging environment.

In the arena of construction, the park has begun the visitor center at Jamestown, the collection facility, the archaerium (APVA), removed the old visitor center, and begun the transportation elements. The Jamestown construction projects will be a considerable challenge to complete on time, but with concerted efforts, it will be completed, because we simply must succeed.

The park had a number of successes in 2004:

1. The implementation of the test shuttle system at Jamestown and Yorktown
2. The conclusion of the Grace Church easement question and the announcement of the decision to deny the request for additions to the building
3. success in 4 special events-4th of July, Jamestown Day, Yorktown Day, holiday days
4. start of the Jamestown VC and Demolition of Old VC
5. 3 successful DAB's
6. The transfer of the Cheatham lands back to the Navy in August
7. Major clean up of Hurricane Isabel tree contracting

There is much work that must be accomplished in 2005:

1. Introductions and education on issues to new superintendent. It is critical that Dan Smith and Sandy Rives develop a working relationship very quickly in order to accomplish the mutual work that must be completed at Jamestown including the completing of the new agreement with APVA, the development of the operation plan for the curatorial building and visitor center, the development of

the signature events calendars and staff coordination and participation in all these activities.

2. The curatorial building at Yorktown is not under contract, and hopefully, this can be accomplished early in 05.
3. The continuation of the working plan for the Yorktown 225th, and the need for the new superintendent to serve as the co-chairman of this event.
4. I continue to serve on the Jamestown Federal commission with the Director, NPS and the Deputy Secretary. This work entails most of the staff work with the commission's executive director and numerous assignments such as the design of the commemorative coin, British/Jamestown activities, education conferences, etc. This work will continue in 2005 and is expected to increase.
5. We continue to make slow progress on the joint ticketing issue with the Jamestown settlement, and announcements have been made that we will have a joint ticket by 2007. The details of such a tickets need to be developed.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Petersburg..I worked quite well with Bob Kirby on the many WASO and NER briefings on the GMP, and expect that a record of decision can be signed in early March 2005.

Richmond..Cindy McLeod and I have met with Alex Wise on the agreement that must be developed with the Center for the Civil War at Tredegar. I expect that this will be a major issue in 2005 because Alex Wise has been successful in obtaining Defense appropriations for the center.

Green Springs NHD-Louisa..I worked with Doug Morris and Ed Clark on the easement violation an the restraining order regarding the easement at Eastern View. While this case was successful, the case has been referred to the Supreme Court of Virginia for a technical matter that will be decided in Early June of 2005.

Appomattox....Attended many of the GMP meetings and this work will continue in 2005.

Cedar Creek and Belle Grove NHP...Acted at Superintendent until Diann Jacox arrived in April 2004. Sincc then, I have been at the site approximately 1 day a week to work on the GMP and to advise Diann on lands and special events needs. It is critical that Diann hire a planner early in 2005.

Shenandoah NP... Assisted Doug Morris in obtaining funding for the Old Rag parking area.

Ferry Farm Easement...Manage the NPS interests at Ferry Farm in coordination with FRSP and GEWA. Have met with the new executive director at Kenmore and am presently reviewing a request for a building at Ferry Farm in consultation with GEWA and FRSP.

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Other work....served on the interview panel for the superintendent of the Statue of Liberty and Colonial, attended NELC, etc, etc.

2005 MOST URGENT

As noted above, it is critical that very early in Dan Smith's superintendency that we develop the necessary roles to make us both successful and allow the National Park Service to accomplish its work at Colonial National Historical Park.