

# 2011 2012 SPEAKER SERIES

Sponsored by The Friends of Valley Forge Park, the Heritage Society – Washington Memorial Chapel, Valley Forge National Historical Park, and Washington Memorial Chapel



Programs are held on Tuesday evenings at Washington Memorial Chapel at 7 pm. Admission is free to members and the public.

OCTOBER 4

**Glenn F. Williams** . . . . . Author and Senior Historian and Team Chief of the Commemorative Office, at the U.S. Army Center of Military History, Fort McNair, DC  
*The Siege of Yorktown: The Decisive Engagement of the American War for Independence*

Illustrated by the events at Yorktown, this presentation explores the intricacies and technical expertise required to carry out an effective and successful 18th century siege.

NOVEMBER 1

**Tim McGrath** . . . . . Author of *John Barry: An American Hero in the Age of Sail* and *Travels with the Commodore*  
*First Among Captains: The Life and Times of Commodore John Barry*

Adventurous and surprising, Commodore John Barry shared a long friendship with General George Washington and a “cattle rustling” escapade with General Anthony Wayne.

JANUARY 3

**Kurt Zwikl** . . . . . Executive Director of the Schuylkill River National and State Heritage Area  
*The Schuylkill: Revolutionary River* – PBS documentary

Introduced by Kurt Zwikl, this film documents the impact and importance of the Schuylkill River to Native Americans, the American Revolution, the Industrial Revolution, and present times.

FEBRUARY 7

**Bob Sullivan** . . . . . Publisher, businessman, re-enactor, volunteer, and prop master  
*Red Tape in the American Revolution*

Ranging in size from small scraps and notes to large, oversize forms, the “paperwork” of the Revolution is, surprisingly, far from a mundane subject.

MARCH 6

**Nancy Webster**  
*Civilian Casualties: Life on the Home Front during the 1777-78 Philadelphia Campaign*

A look at what happened to the communities, and those living in them, when the British and American Armies came through.

APRIL 3

**Philip N. Steel** . . . . . Former CEO of the Steel family importing business and member of the Descendants of Washington’s Army at Valley Forge  
*Early American Jewry – The Steel Family*

Meet the Steel’s – a Jewish family of determination and resilience who came to America in the 1700s and participated in the American Revolution, the War of 1812, the Civil War, the reconstruction of Monticello, the Gold Rush, and much more.

MAY 1

**Dean Malissa** . . . . . Portrays George Washington at Mount Vernon; seen on film, TV, commercials, and stage  
*General George Washington as interpreted by Dean Malissa*

Spend an evening with George Washington, who, more than anyone else in our nation’s history, was central to the formation of the United States and the American character.

**SPECIAL LOCATION!**  
*This program will be held in the Park Theater*



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