

## **The Final Bold Steps to a Successful Revolution**

As a participant in the W3R 225<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route, the Metlar-Bodine House Museum is pleased to present a panel discussion, "The Final Bold Steps to a Successful Revolution." The event will take place on June 11, 2006, from 2:30pm to 4:00pm, at Kirkpatrick Chapel, Old Queens Campus, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ.

In the summer of 1781, General George Washington and the patriots' French ally, the Comte de Rochambeau, led 7,000 American and French soldiers on a punishing march through New Jersey to Virginia. Their goal was to entrap the British army, under the command of Lord Cornwallis, on the Yorktown Peninsula. The gamble succeeded. Cornwallis surrendered at Yorktown on October 19, 1781.

You are invited to hear how this extraordinary feat was accomplished, how the military generals relied heavily upon Simeon DeWitt, cartographer extraordinaire for the American Army, and about the friendships that developed between three brilliant men. The afternoon's speakers are:

- Bruce Chadwick, renowned author of *The First American Army, The Untold Story of George Washington and the Men Behind America's First Fight for Freedom*. The book tells the story of what it was like to serve during the Revolutionary War from the journals and letters of the soldiers. He lectures on history and film at Rutgers University in New Jersey and he also teaches writing at New Jersey City University.

- Dr. Robert Selig, historian and writer is one of the few experts in North America on the role of French troops under Rochambeau in the Revolutionary War and currently is acting as historical consultant for the W3R 225. He lives in Michigan.

- George Dawson is chair of the New Brunswick Historical Association (a city advisory board on history matters), the designated city historian, and a retired journalist and writer.

A book signing and reception at Winants Hall, Old Queens, will follow the program.

Tickets: Panel Discussion only - \$10

Panel Discussion, book signing, and reception - \$25

For information and tickets call the museum at: 732-463-8363