

Carolina Chapter Newsletter

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President's Note

Two hundred and ten years ago Corporal Richard Warfington and his crew began their descent of the Missouri River from Fort Mandan to St. Louis. The date was April 7, and though it was still chilly on the northern plains, Warfington and his men were headed south toward home and warmer weather. Not many details are known of the Return Party's six-week-plus voyage down the Missouri in the keelboat. But we do know that it was a complete success. It is a part of the Expedition's history that is largely underappreciated and overlooked, as is the record of service of Corporal Warfington.

At our meeting on May 23, in Louisburg, N.C., it will be Richard Warfington's day of recognition. We will learn about Warfington's contributions to the Expedition and hear a presentation on the early history of Louisburg. The agenda will include an update on the HBO Lewis and Clark mini-series and more. We will dedicate the Warfington wayside marker purchased by our chapter for the town of Louisburg and, as we meet, learn and dedicate, we want to recognize all veterans of our armed forces.

I look forward to seeing you in Louisburg on May 23.

Trent Strickland, President



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SPRING MEETING

The spring meeting will be held on Saturday, May 23, in Louisburg, N.C., at the Tar River Center for History and Culture (TRCHC) on the campus of Louisburg College. The meeting will begin at 11:00 am, but attendees are urged to come as early as 10:15 a.m. in order to visit the TRCHC and spend time with chapter members. A very full agenda is planned. Chapter member Russ Eagle will give an update on the soon to be filmed HBO mini-series on Lewis and Clark and his recent travels with Clay Jenkinson which include guest hosting "The Thomas Jefferson Hour" radio program. Also, chapter member Tom Dillon will share information about his research and WPO article on Bartram's Garden in Philadelphia.

Mr. Maurice C. York, Director of the TRCHC, will share the early history of Louisburg - the late 1700s - the period when Richard Warfington lived in the area. Trent Strickland, Carolina Chapter President, will share his research on Warfington's outstanding service as a member of the Expedition.

After the meeting at the TRCHC, the group will travel to a nearby restaurant for a self-pay lunch, then (at about 1:30 pm) proceed on to the city-owned Joyner Park for the dedication of the Richard Warfington wayside marker.

The dedication of the marker will be not only to honor Richard Warfington's service but also to honor the service of all veterans and presently serving members of our armed forces. All veterans are encouraged to wear appropriate dress that indicates their branch of service.

MEMBER NEWS

Member Spotlight: Jesse and Shirley Alford

Jesse and Shirley Alford of Zebulon, N.C., have been active members of the Carolina Chapter since 2009. Jesse served the chapter as treasurer for two years. The Alford's are the parents of two children and have four grandchildren. One granddaughter is currently the starting right fielder for the N.C. State Wolfpack softball team. Jesse, a graduate of North Carolina State University, is retired after a long career as Farm Loan Officer for the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Shirley is retired after thirty years of service with the N.C. Division of Service for the Blind.

Memorial

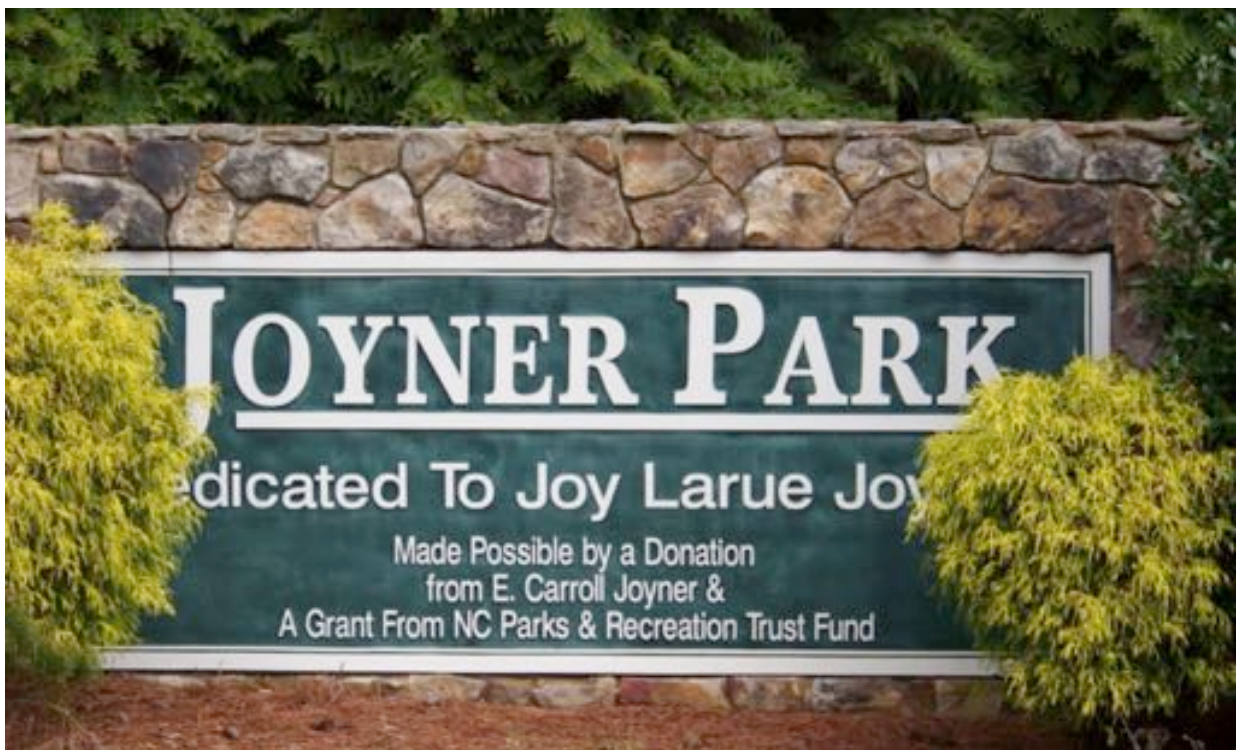
The Carolina Chapter has made a \$100.00 donation to the LCTHF in memory of chapter member Bill Freeman of Sanford, N.C. Bill passed away last September.

Recent WPO Articles by Members

Don't miss Tom Dillon's article, "Meriwether Lewis and William Bartram: Did They Ever Meet?" in the recent February issue of *We Proceeded On*. This was the second consecutive issue that featured an article by one of our members. President Trent Strickland's article, "Fort Southwest Point and the Corps of Discovery," was the cover story in the November issue.



Above is a preview of the signage to be dedicated at our upcoming meeting in Louisburg. Below is the entrance to Joyner Park in Louisburg where the ceremony will take place. Thanks to Jesse Alford for providing these photographs.



Calendar of Events

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FEBRUARY MEETING

The next Carolina Chapter meeting is scheduled for February 23, 2015 in Louisburg. The meeting will include the dedication of the new Richard Warfington signage. More details are on page 2, and directions are at the right.

OTHER MEETING NOTES

The 2015 Annual Meeting is scheduled for Kansas City, MO on August 1-5, 2015. The 2016 Annual Meeting is scheduled for Harper's Ferry, WV on July 24-27, 2016. Continue to monitor the national LCTHF website at www.lewisandclark.org for details as they become available.

Swap and Share

If you have a Lewis and Clark book or item you would like to share with other chapter members, please bring it to the May 23 meeting.

Membership Dues

Members are reminded to please pay their yearly dues, which are \$10.00 for individuals and \$15.00 for families. You can bring your payment to the next meeting, or you can mail your dues to our Treasurer, Jim Hendrix, at P.O. Box 2094, Cashiers, NC. 28717.

Directions to The Tar River Center for History and Culture, and to Joyner Park

The Tar River Center is located on the Louisburg College campus. Driving north take Main Street through the center of town and up the hill to the college. (As you pass through the down town area and pass over the Tar River, note the N.C. Historical Marker to Richard Warfington that our chapter obtained for the city and dedicated in 2009.) As you enter the college campus, the Tar River Center is to the right on the backside of the block on Cedar Street (one block to the left of Main Street). From Main Street one can take E. College or Clifton Street to reach Cedar Street.

Joyner Park is located 0.4 mile off of South Main (west side) on West River Road. The park entrance is on the right. After entering the park one should proceed past the soccer field and turn right into the last parking area. A covered picnic shelter has been reserved for our chapter.

Plans are to car pool from the Tar River Center and the restaurant. For more information contact Trent Strickland at wtrents1@bellsouth.net.

This newsletter was produced by the Carolina Chapter of the Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation. To submit or suggest articles for upcoming issues, please contact Russ Eagle at RussEagle@mac.com. Digital photos for publication are welcome as well.

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