2018 CVNHP Local Heritage Grant

The Green Mountain Boys: Founders of the Vermont Republic

Project Summary

The Ethan Allen Homestead (EAH) utilized a 2018 CVNHP Local Heritage Grant to create a traveling exhibit that focused on the history of the Green Mountain Boys from the original outlaw organization to the modern Vermont National Guard. The exhibit highlights military exploits of Vermont soldiers throughout American history. The exhibits also interpret the story of women, people of color, and Indigenous Vermonters in the Green Mountain Boys. The EAH drew upon several historians to create the exhibit, as well as documents from the National Archives, and images obtained from the Vermont Historical Society to develop a visually engaging exhibit that includes multimedia and supplemental materials.

Output: A traveling interpretive exhibit that includes multimedia and supplemental materials.

Outcome: Tasks addressed in the 2011 CVNHP Management Plan:

Task 9.1.1: Support historical and archeological research and documentation.
Task 9.1.2: Support ethnographic research and documentation of the cultures within the CVNHP.
Task 9.8.2: Support tourism information centers, marketing organizations, regional byway initiatives and the Non-motorized Tourism Clearinghouse, to coordinate and disseminate information on opportunities for year-round use of recreational, natural, cultural, and historic resources of the CVNHP. These and similar programs will be encouraged to develop additional materials for distribution.

Tasks addressed in 2017 Opportunities for Action:

III.C.1.a: Provide support for needed historical and archeological research, and accelerate the identification, evaluation, protection, and interpretation of heritage resources, including ethnographies of the cultures within the CVNHP.
IV.A.5.a: Connect, promote, and improve cultural and natural heritage sites through interpretation.

The display began its travels at 2018 CVNHP International Summit and visited the State House on Jan. 15, 2019 for Vermont Independence Day.

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