



Champlain Valley National Heritage Partnership



2018 CVNHP Making of Nations Grant

Battle of Plattsburgh Military Muster

Project Summary

The Kent-Delord House Museum received a 2019 CVNHP Making of Nations Grant to broaden the scope of its role in the annual Battle of Plattsburgh Commemoration. For the event, the central attraction had been a living history encampment that featured a camp plus re-enactments of land and sea battles. The historic nature of the house and grounds attracted living historians. Unfortunately, this same scenario had become rather pedestrian and declining re-enactor numbers have made the event less significant.

Needing to implement change, the Military Muster was created to increase attendance and awareness of history during the Battle of Plattsburgh weekend of September 8-9, 2018. A museum committee retained the encampment and re-enactments, but added hands-on activities, interpretative exhibits, a 19th Century church service, artillery demonstrations, a presentation on 19th Century military uniforms, a period fashion show, craft/trade demos and “shapenote” singing.

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Output: The re-branding of the weekend exceeded expectations with a 38 percent increase in visitation to the museum.



Outcome 2011 CVNHP Management

Plan tasks addressed:

Task 9.1.1: Support historical and archeological research and documentation.

Task 9.10.4: Support initiatives that highlight the relationships among stakeholder sites and programs through interpretation, while maintaining the individual character of those sites.

2017 *Opportunities for Action* tasks:

IV.A.5.a: Connect, promote, and improve cultural and natural heritage sites through interpretation.

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