



November 2006 BRPA Annual  
 French & Indian War Seminar  
 Send registration form and fees to:  
 Jumonville History Seminar  
 887 Jumonville Rd., Hopwood, PA 15445  
 or sign up on line @ [www.braddockroadpa.org](http://www.braddockroadpa.org)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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- Please reserve \_\_\_ places for the seminar.  
 \_\_\_ reservations @ \$45/person (includes Friday night and/or Saturday)  
 \_\_\_ reservations @ \$15/student (includes Friday night and/or Saturday)
- I would like to make \_\_\_ reservations for Saturday lunch. (\$7/person)
- Please reserve \_\_\_ 2007 BRPA calendar(s) for me. \$10/calendar is enclosed.
- I'm also making a contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to help with BRPA expenses.  
 Please contact the Jumonville office if you are in need of lodging for Friday evening.

Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to cover my/our total fees.

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## A Stellar Cast for the 2006 Seminar

The 18th annual French and Indian War Seminar is presenting a diverse and exciting program at Jumonville on Friday and Saturday November 3 and 4. This is the fourth in a series of 250th anniversaries of important historical events. First, it was George Washington's first mission to Fort LeBoeuf (2003), then Fort Necessity (2004) and Braddock's Defeat (2005). The 2006 Braddock Road Preservation Association seminar commences with the customary Friday evening reception at Wesley Hall from 7-9. The speakers and several vendors will be present, and light food and beverages will be served. This is your chance to meet French and Indian War scholars and enthusiasts, and beat everyone else to the best books and other rare materials offered by dealers. The highlight of Friday's session will be a look back at Benjamin Franklin on another important anniversary—the 300th anniversary of his 1706 birth.



*Dr. Patricia Brady*



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Lady Joan Reid, historian of the Benjamin Franklin House in London, will “cross the pond” to address the seminar about Franklin’s role as colonial agent for Pennsylvania, and about the Benjamin Franklin House, which opened earlier this year. The four-story home at 36 Craven Street was Franklin’s residence for 16 years, and it was here that he entertained the likes of Adam Smith, Joseph Priestley, and Thomas Paine.

Saturday morning we get back to the 250th anniversaries with a retrospective look at the critical 1756 raid on Kittanning that was led by Col. John Armstrong. Jeff Wood is an historian from Carlisle who is Vice-President of the Cumberland County Historical Society and editor of *Cumberland County History*, the journal of the Society. He is best known to many seminar participants as the owner of The Whistlestop Bookshop. His talk is entitled: “The War on Terror, 1756: Armstrong’s Raid on Kittanning.”

Immediately following Jeff’s presentation, and prior to the first break, Paladin Communications will offer a tantalizing few minutes of the recently completed feature documentary, *Pursuit of Honor: The Rise of George Washington*.

Speaker two on Saturday is one of the featured historians appearing in *Pursuit of Honor*. Patricia Brady of New Orleans is a lecturer, author, and expert on the Washington Family, particularly Eleanor Parke Custis, Martha Washington’s granddaughter. Dr. Brady is author of the recent bestseller, *Martha Washington: An American Life* (Viking, 2005), which Publishers Weekly described as “a richly woven tapestry of social history and biography.”

Following lunch, the BRPA will ask attendees to vote on officers nominated to serve on the board of directors in 2007. Then the presentations resume with BRPA board member Joan Mancuso, who has spent the past few years documenting all major F&I 250 events with her camera. Joan will present a series of remarkable slides that looks back at these unique commemorations. Some of these images can be seen on the 2007 BRPA Braddock’s Road photo calendar, which will be available for sale at the seminar.

Joan will be followed by David Armour, former Deputy Director of the Mackinac Island Park System, who will discuss his long association with Fort Michilimackinac. Dr. Armour has written several books on the subject. He also instituted the fort’s living history program, and led restoration efforts to recreate the French village and outpost that later, in British hands, was the site of a notorious attack during Pontiac’s Rebellion.

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## BRPA Website Gets a Redesign

Have you been to the BRPA website recently? If you have, then you should have noticed that the entire site was redesigned in an attempt to make it more user friendly (see sample below). The website was redesigned by Larry Beatty, BRPA Secretary/Treasurer and Jumonville President. “The overall content is basically the same, but it was redesigned to make navigation to the various parts of the website easier,” says Beatty. “We have received several very positive comments regarding the new look and user friendly navigation.”

Did you know that the entire Braddock’s Road postcard collection by Lacock is available to view on the website? You can also use the website to sign up and make payment online for our annual seminar. If you have comments or suggestions regarding the website, please contact our webmaster, Larry Beatty, at [larry@jumonville.org](mailto:larry@jumonville.org).



Braddock Road  
Preservation Association



our logo

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### Statement of Purpose

The Braddock Road Preservation Association is an advisory organization that seeks to research, develop, interpret and promote the French and Indian War history of Jumonville, Dunbar Camp, and the Braddock Road. A secondary purpose is to research, develop, interpret and promote the history of the Pennsylvania Soldiers' Orphans' School. The Association functions in an advisory capacity to the Board of Directors of *Jumonville, Inc.*

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### our annual seminar...

The Braddock Road Preservation Association was formed in 1989 as the Jumonville Preservation Association. Its first meeting was attended by a few interested history buffs, and has grown in size every year since then. The annual French and Indian War seminar at Jumonville, held the first Friday and Saturday of November, is now the largest such annual gathering in Pennsylvania and one of the largest in the country. It features:

- Guest speakers, including some of the top historians and museum directors in the field.
- Slide shows, music presentations, and in 2000 the premiere of a major documentary film.
- Exhibits of period artifacts.
- Displays by antiquarian book and rare print dealers.
- Participation by the National Park Service.

new home page of the Braddock Road Preservation Association website  
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passionate redhead with an explosive temper—a man of incredible drive and ambition.

Shot over 18 months, produced in cooperation with George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate & Gardens, Colonial Williamsburg, Alexandria's historic Carlyle House, and several other historic sites, and backed by the foundation community, *Pursuit of Honor* used hundreds of reenactors and dozens of consulting historians to depict the real George Washington and his experiences—including a vivid recreation of Braddock's Defeat.

Some familiar names and faces helped Paladin tell Washington's story. They include Fred Anderson (*Crucible of War* and *Dominion of War*), Stephen Brumwell (*Redcoats* and *White Devil*), and Bruce Egli (one of BRPA's founders). Newcomers include Peter Henriques (the recent *Realistic Visionary*), Patricia Brady (*Martha Washington: An American Life*), Dennis Pogue (associate director of Mount Vernon), and James Cameron (living historian and owner of Revolutionary Tours in Williamsburg).

Next up for Paladin is a site film for Jumonville, recounting the history of this unique piece of ground—in the French & Indian War and beyond.

## What's Ahead for the BRPA

November is always a big month for Pennsylvania's largest French & Indian War seminar, and if we look ahead to 2008, the Braddock Road Preservation Association anticipates another landmark event: the Forbes Conference held in partnership with the Fort Ligonier Foundation. This event will commemorate the capture of Fort Duquesne (a November event) and founding of Pittsburgh.

Tentative plans also call for events to take place at both Jumonville and the British Loyalhanna Camp at Fort Ligonier, which served as the staging ground for attacks on Fort Duquesne—and received an attack by French forces one month before the Forks fell to Gen. John Forbes, Col. Henry Bouquet, and Col. George Washington.

Stay tuned for updates about this important 2008 event. It's just one of many BRPA activities as our organization helps Americans understand this rich French & Indian heritage. There's no question—America began here in Southwestern Pennsylvania. We welcome your help to make our seminars a rousing success. Call us and volunteer; become a member of our board; visit us on the web at

This year's seminar features the sixth annual silent auction of rare books and other history-related items. Seminar attendees will have the opportunity to bid on these items, with the proceeds benefiting BRPA initiatives. In addition, floor space at Wesley Hall will again allow for the maximum number of dealer tables.

We look forward to seeing you on November 3rd!



## Paladin's 'Pursuit of Honor' Ready for Release

In the year 2000, several BRPA founding members appeared in *When the Forest Ran Red: Washington, Braddock & a Doomed Army*, which had its sneak preview at the 12th annual BRPA seminar. Since that time, Jumonville has continued to serve as an important partner in the work of Paladin Communications. That partnership now includes the release of *Pursuit of Honor: the Rise of George Washington*, for which Jumonville and BRPA served as a conduit for grants awarded by Pennsylvania foundations—grants significant enough to allow completion of the motion picture.

With *Pursuit of Honor*, Paladin Communications sifted through 26 volumes of Washington's own writings, involved the nation's leading scholars, and traced Washington's footsteps, following the trail of America's most elusive founding father. The result is the first non-broadcast, independent motion picture ever attempted to cover such an ambitious and unknown topic. The Washington that emerges is not born of legend and broadcast television—a white-haired man with a square jaw and an imperious nature. He is a strapping, young,

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18th Annual

## 2006 Jumonville French & Indian War Seminar



### Friday, Nov. 3, 2006

- 7:00 PM Registration & Reception Begins  
 8:00 PM "Benjamin Franklin in London-Colonial Agent for PA" by Lady Joan Reid, Historian, London, England.

### Saturday, Nov. 4, 2006

- 8:00 AM Registration - Coffee and Donuts  
 8:45 AM Introductory Remarks  
 9:00 AM "John Armstrong and the Kittanning Raid" by Jeff Wood, Historian, Carlisle, Pennsylvania  
 10:15 AM "Pursuit of Honor: The Rise of George Washington" movie trailer by Robert Matzen and Paladin Communications  
 10:30 AM Break  
 10:45 AM "Martha Washington" by Pat Brady, historian and author from New Orleans  
 12:00 AM Annual Meeting of BRPA & Election of Board Members  
 12:15 PM Fort Necessity Update  
 12:30 PM Family Style Lunch  
 1:45 PM "Photo Perspectives on the French & Indian War Commemoration" by Joan Mancuso, BRPA Board member  
 3:00 PM Break  
 3:15 PM "Fort Michilmackinac" by David Armour, former Deputy Director of the Mackinac Island Park System  
 4:30 PM Seminar ends



## Braddock Road Signage Project Update

Our striking Braddock Road signs which were designed by BRPA board member Robert Adamovich are still available for sale for only \$125. There is also an option of having the signs personalized. Additional information is available regarding ordering signs by checking out the BRPA website at [www.braddockroadpa.org](http://www.braddockroadpa.org) or by contacting the Jumonville office at (724) 439-4912.

## BRPA 2007 250th Anniversary Calendar For Sale

BRPA board member Joan Mancuso presented a great idea at one of our BRPA board meetings this past year. She has been attending as many of the 250th anniversary events as possible and took some great photos. She approached the BRPA board with a proposal to publish the photos as a BRPA 2007 Calendar and make them available as a fundraiser for the BRPA. The board enthusiastically supported the idea which is now a reality. The limited edition calendars will be available at the fall seminar and can be preordered on the seminar registration form on the back of this newsletter. The calendars are being sold for \$10 (plus shipping if applicable).

