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Raymond W. Harvey American Legion Post 703 Receives $47,700 Battlefield Preservation Grant

National Park Service supports preservation efforts

WASHINGTON – The Raymond W. Harvey American Legion Post 703 has received a grant of $47,700 from the National Park Service's American Battlefield Protection Program (ABPP) to perform primary source research and conduct an archeological survey for the Battle of Fort Anne.

"We are proud to support projects like this that safeguard and preserve American battlefields," said Jon Jarvis, Director of the National Park Service. "These places are symbols of individual sacrifice and national heritage that we must protect so that this and future generations can understand the struggles that define us as a nation."

This grant is one of 24 National Park Service grants totaling $1.127 million to preserve and protect significant battle sites from all wars fought on American soil. Funded projects preserve battlefields from the Colonial-Indian Wars through World War II and include site mapping (GPS/GIS data collection), archeological studies, National Register of Historic Places nominations, preservation and management plans.

Federal, state, local, and Tribal governments, nonprofit organizations, and educational institutions are eligible for National Park Service battlefield grants which are awarded annually. Since 1996 more than $14 million has been awarded by ABPP to help preserve significant historic battlefields associated with wars on American soil. Additional information is online at www.nps.gov/history/hps/abpp.

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