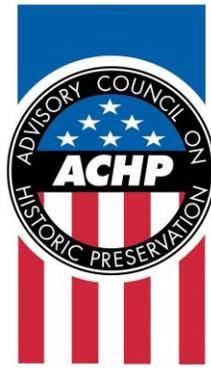


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## **Marine Corps Quantico Civil War Preservation Project Receives Advisory Council on Historic Preservation Award**

**Washington, DC** – Marine Corps Base Quantico today received the Chairman's Award for Achievement in Historic Preservation today for efforts to preserve, survey, research, interpret and list three Civil War era winter camps on the National Register of Historic Places.

“Listing Camp French, Rising Hill Camp and Tennessee Camp on the National Register of Historic Places not only was an exemplary response to provisions of the National Historic Preservation Act, but it revived an important but little known episode in Civil War history,” said Milford Wayne Donaldson, FAIA, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP).

The award was presented to Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy Donald R. Schregardus, Brig. Gen. John W. Bullard Jr., and Col. Patrick Redmon at the ACHP's spring business meeting. Gen. Bullard represented the Marine Corps Commandant and Col. Redmon represented the Commander of Marine Corps Base Quantico at the ceremony.

The award recognizes the listing on the National Register of three Confederate camps dating to the first year of the Civil War. These sites were involved in the Battle of the Potomac, a struggle by both sides to control navigation from the nation's capital from immediately after Virginia's secession in April 1861 until March 1862. Among the military highlights associated with this campaign to control the Potomac River were the first use of an aircraft carrier in history; first Medal of Honor presented to a Navy recipient for actions in the Civil War; first use of a floating anti-ship mine in American waters; and, the issuance by President Abraham Lincoln of General War Order 3 mandating immediate military action to relieve the Confederate blockade of Washington, D.C.

Also honored were the partners who worked with Marine Corps Base Quantico and shared in the award. Others recognized in the ceremony were: Kathleen S. Kilpatrick, Virginia State Historic Preservation Officer, Joseph F. Balicki, associate director, cultural resources, John Milner Associates, Inc; Robb Hampton, director, National Public Lands Day, National Environmental Education Foundation; William Utey, project manager, Institute of Maritime History; Carmelo Melendez, director of Facilities Division, Marine Corps Base Quantico (MCBQ); Bruce Frizzell, head, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Branch, MCBQ; Elizabeth Kimmerly, head, National Environmental Policy Act Coordination Section, MCBQ; and, John Haynes, base archaeologist, MCBQ.

**About the ACHP:** An independent federal agency, the ACHP promotes the economic, educational, environmental, sustainability, and cultural values of historic preservation and advises the President and Congress on national historic preservation policy. It also influences federal activities, programs, and policies that affect historic and cultural properties. See [www.achp.gov](http://www.achp.gov) for more information.

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