

Notes & Comments

Paoli Transportation Center

In a press release dated June 25, 2012, Tredyffrin Township announced that SEPTA has selected the engineering firm of Gannett Fleming to design the Transportation Center, including parking structures. The Township has hired McMahon Associates to develop recommendations for road improvements in the vicinity of the station. A new website titled *Paoli on the Move* will provide information on the various components of the project. The Historical Society has provided photos from our archives to be used on the website.

American Revolution Center

The architectural design for the new museum was unveiled on June 12, 2012. To be built at 3rd and Chestnut Streets in Philadelphia—and not Valley Forge, as initially proposed—the ARC will house the collection of the Valley Forge Historical Society, among other artifacts and displays telling the full story of the Revolution. At the unveiling, philanthropist Gerry Lenfest announced a \$40 million challenge grant to encourage donations to the \$150 million capital campaign. On July 11, the Oneida Nation pledged a \$10 million gift to the Center, to help tell about the role that Native Americans played in the struggle for our nation's independence.

Montford Point Marines

On June 28, 2012, a ceremony in Washington, D.C. awarded the Congressional Gold Medal to over 400 African American members of the U.S. Marines, among the first blacks to join the Marines Corps. According to Main Line Suburban Life, one of the recipients is Devon resident Thomas Strickland Turner. Turner served in the Pacific Theater as part of an anti-aircraft battery on the Marshall Islands, and would have participated in an invasion of Japan if the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki had not brought about the end of the war.

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