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Ft. St. Pierre Tercentenary Planning Commission Volunteers

Nancy Bell- Executive Director Vicksburg Foundation for Historic Preservation (VFHP) and member of the Historic Vicksburg Advisory Council (HVAC), she is a well recognized author /editor in historic preservation writing with thirty four years professional experience. She has served as president, officer or member of the Vicksburg Warren County Chamber of Commerce, Vicksburg Main Street Program, United Way of Mississippi, past chairperson for Riverfest 1987-88, member board of directors Vicksburg Riverfront Mural Committee, Friends of the Vicksburg Campaign and Historic Trail, Mississippi Heritage Trust and is current President of the Southern Cultural Heritage Foundation.

Martha Leese-Retired nurse with a great appreciation of the value of historic preservation. She is an officer or member of Magna Carta Dames and Barons, Fort St. Pierre chapter of the Colonial Dames Seventeenth Century, the Ashmead chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). Daughters of 1812, United Daughters of the Confederacy, Order of the First Families of Mississippi, Mississippi Genealogical Society and the Vicksburg Genealogical Society.

Elizabeth Joyner –Retired after thirty four years as Museum Curator for the National Park Service. She is a member of the Fort St. Pierre chapter of the Colonial Dames Seventeenth Century, historian for the Ashmead chapter of the DAR, chair for the DAR Service for Veterans and the Service to America, chair for the DAR Project Patriot.

Dr. Lamar Mcmillin- Retired after thirty five years as a family physician at the Vicksburg clinic, he is a well recognized historic preservation activist, during 1980-1984 he was president of the VFHP and restored his 1920 and his 1846 home, "The Mary Harwood" on Fort Hill. Since retirement he has been working as a National Military Park guide, serves as president of the Vicksburg Lions club and has been restoring "Catherine's Palace (the 1839 Fleckenstein –Coccaro grocery store) at 1501 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard in Vicksburg and plans with VFHP a Celebration Presentation Weekend and House Blessing.

William I Mathews- Attorney at law, retiring from the USACE Vicksburg District at the end of February 2017, William has special interests in local history and archaeology. His family has resided in the Vicksburg region since the 1830's, He is a tour guide for the Vicksburg National Military Park, past President of the Vicksburg Lions Club and Vicksburg J C's and Vicksburg Trail Dusters (responsible for establishing a twenty five mile riding trail in the Rocky Springs area), past Commander of the John C. Pemberton Camp of the Son's of Confederate Veterans (SCV) and was responsible for bringing the National convention of the SCV to Vicksburg in 2013.

Michael Logue-Retired after 35 years as Regional Corporate Communications /Historian USACE International Army Community Relations, Award 2000 Master Communications and Public Relations strategist, co chair/founder Historic Vicksburg Advisory Council. Michael is a Board member of the Old Depot Museum, President Vicksburg Guide Association, Warren County Master Gardener (Heritage Project, Delta Regional Historic Grant), Legends and Legacy Genealogy, recording Warren County family lineages. His family has been in Warren County since 1812.

Dr. Mary Landin-Retired Research Biologist Engineer Research and Development Center (ERDC). Dr. Landin is an accomplished and prolific writer with over 150 publications in Regional, National (multitude of Federal Agencies) and International Publications in her research field. On retirement she was elected to the Waterways Experiment Station Hall of Fame, and designated Woman of the Year and the only woman to win the Department of Defense J.W. Morris Engineer Medalian. She is President of Fort St. Pierre chapter of the Colonial Dames Seventeenth Century and Vicksburg chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. Dr. Landin is a member of the Vicksburg Campaign Program and past President of the Ashmead chapter of the DAR and a member and past Secretary General of the Mississippi Order of the First Families of Mississippi

Dr. Frederick L. Briuer- Retired Research Archaeologist and past Director of the ERDC Center for Cultural Site Preservation Technology, Dr. Briuer is an author with over 100 publications and a former university professor of Archaeology and Anthropology, he served five years as past Treasurer for the Mississippi Heritage Trust. Dr. Briuer is a thirty five year member of the Son's of Confederate Veterans.

Vicksburg Municipal Fort St. Pierre Tercentenary Planning Commission:

Mission Statement and Some Potential Goals

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A plan will emphasize the importance of having one of only two French and Indian period historic archaeological sites in Mississippi that have been designated National Historic Landmarks. Emphasis could also be placed on raising the level of awareness of the public about the importance of this site as well as the French and Indian episode in our heritage. This theme begs for the publication of more information for public dissemination and other educational purposes. A book by Dr. Lisa Marie Malischke, for the public, is in preparation. She will be telling the whole story of Fort St. Pierre. Another critical product of the Tercentenary celebration could be a teacher's guide that summarizes the story for use in the classrooms of our primary and secondary schools. A series of Newspaper articles and public talks for the public about Fort St. Pierre are being given by Dr. Frederick L. Briuer.

The success of the Mobile, Biloxi and Natchez Tercentenary Planning Commissions could serve as models for the Ft. St. Pierre commemoration. The diversity of Tercentenary events that were successfully implemented in those communities could be selectively considered. For example, grants from State granting agencies were successfully obtained for funding certain appropriate activities and events.

A two tiered planning commission was implemented in all three cases. A small but efficient executive committee (9) could be complemented by a broader more inclusive set of volunteer subcommittees with formal goals subject to approval by the nine person Planning Commission. The potential goal for an outdoor public park/picnic area with outdoor weather-proof interpretive exhibits commemorating both Ft. St. Pierre and other Civil War fortifications in the immediate area might also be considered. The location of part of the site on state land with a splendid view shed of the Yazoo River and Floodplain and its immediate proximity to highway 3 are potential assets.

The planning commissions of Mobile, Biloxi and Natchez developed an open view of potential subcommittees and events appropriate for their Tercentenaries. The above thoughts are just a few immediate things that come to mind. A Vicksburg Municipal Fort St. Pierre Tercentenary Planning Commission would be charged with inviting, evaluating, approving or disapproving, all proposals for appropriate Tercentenary celebratory activities and events.