



Fort Monroe Foundation Report for the
Fort Monroe Board of Trustees Meeting
Bay Breeze Conference Center
December 18, 2015

The Fort Monroe Foundation participated in several events this fall and early winter that will provide the resources to produce entertaining and educational events. Through the generous support of the Maloney Foundation, the Bodacious Bazaar, and the donors who supported the *Giving Tuesday* campaign, Fort Monroe will be able to open houses for holiday home tours, provide festive holiday lighting on the Fort, and host a spirited holiday symphony. Concluding the year with these festive events is the capstone to a remarkable year for the Fort Monroe Foundation and planning is already underway for even more exciting events in 2016.

FMF Finances

The FM Foundation cash balance at the close of business on December 8, 2015 was \$112,621.69. The FMF financials through October 2015 are attached.

Foundation Fundraising Activities

The FMF received positive feedback from the successful *Lafayette Returns!* dinner. Revenue from the dinner exceeded expenses and created a positive cash flow for this first time event at Fort Monroe.

Additionally, the FMF participated in the national *Giving Tuesday* campaign. As we approach year-end, the FMF will continue to seek additional support and identify it as part of this year end campaign.

Staff from the FMA volunteered at a booth at the fall Bodacious Bazaar. In addition to the positive networking opportunity with the public, the Bodacious Bazaar is planning to make a year-end contribution to the FMF.

Finally, many thanks to Kim Maloney and the Maloney Foundation for their generous gift to the Fort Monroe Foundation. This contribution helps to ensure children of all ages enjoy holiday festivities at Fort Monroe.

The Waterfront Park Design, Legacy Projects, and 2019 Commemoration

The Waterfront Park Design Team presented the Waterfront Park concepts to the FMA staff to receive input on the presentation and the general concepts of the plan. A similar presentation is planned for the NPS and City of Hampton staffs. As these comments are incorporated into the presentation, meetings will also be held with the Fort Monroe Stakeholders and the general public meeting in early 2016. As stated in previous reports, the final conceptual design of the Waterfront Park will also be the basis for a capital campaign to implement this project into the landscape at Fort Monroe.

Some of the key components of the Waterfront Park Design are a large outdoor venue space, the adaptation of the Library Building into a Visitor Center, and the renovation of the Post Theater into a more useful multi-purpose space. These projects can also become components of the 2019 Commemoration, by serving as support venues for commemorative events and activities. The FMF can be the vehicle to receive private donations for these projects, which will leave a lasting impact on Fort Monroe for the continued education and entertainment of the public.

2016 Music by the Bay Sponsors Reception and Concert Planning

The Fort Monroe Foundation will continue to work with the FMA Special Events staff to identify sponsorship opportunities in 2016. As in previous years, a sponsor's reception is anticipated in April 2016.

Virginia Symphony Concert at Fort Monroe

Discussions continue with the Virginia Symphony Orchestra regarding opportunities to bring the Symphony back to Fort Monroe in 2016.

Foundation Board Membership

The Executive Director recently hosted a meeting with an individual who is interested in joining the FMF Board and remains in discussions with the Chairman about other potential candidates.