



Volunteers needed to assist with French tall ship *Hermione* visit June 5-7

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Volunteer opportunities are available to those interested in becoming a part of the June 5-7 visit of the French tall ship *Hermione*. Volunteers will be needed all three days for full day shifts (8 a.m. to 7 p.m.) and half days shifts (8 a.m. to 2 p.m. & 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.).

The *Hermione* is a replica of the 18th century frigate of the same name that carried the Marquis de Lafayette to America in 1780. The Marquis brought with him the full support of the French government and helped to solidify the independence of the United States. The ship also participated in the naval blockade of Yorktown that prevented Lord Cornwallis from leaving Yorktown and also kept British reinforcements from landing. This full-scale replica of the *Hermione* is making its maiden sail across the Atlantic.

The ship will visit for three days as its first stop in America following its Atlantic crossing. A full weekend of events has been scheduled and will require the assistance of volunteers. The following volunteer opportunities are available:

- Parking Lot Monitors – Responsible for assisting visitors and monitoring available spaces in the lot and keeping traffic flowing throughout historic Yorktown.
- Ticket Distributors – Responsible for issuing timed tickets for the free public deck tours of the *Hermione* and Jamestown Settlement's *Godspeed*.
- Ticket Line Monitors – Responsible for assisting with the queuing of visitors waiting to board the *Hermione* and Jamestown Settlement's *Godspeed* for the free public deck tours.
- Information/Translators – Responsible for assisting French speaking guests visiting the area that weekend.

Volunteers must be at least 18 years of age. Each volunteer that completes a shift will be guaranteed a ticket to tour the *Hermione* and Jamestown Settlement's *Godspeed*. Volunteers that are selected will be notified by email.

To apply for one of the volunteer opportunities, please visit www.hermioneyorktown.com and select the "Volunteer" tab under the "About" heading. The form also can be found by copying and pasting the following URL in your browser: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MJCH77R>. For more information, please call event volunteer coordinator Minnie Sippio at 890-3883.

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