

2004 Current Fiscal Year Report: Chalmette Battlefield Task Force

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1. Department or Agency

Department of the Interior

2. Fiscal Year

2004

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Chalmette Battlefield Task Force

3b. GSA Committee No.

16560

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
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No	08/23/2002	08/23/2004
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8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

Yes

8b. Specific Termination Authority

Not Required

8c. Actual Term Date

08/23/2004

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Terminate

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

No

10b. Legislation Pending?

11. Establishment Authority

Authorized by Law

12. Specific Establishment Authority

P.L. 91-383

13. Effective Date

08/18/1970

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee

Other Committee

16a. Total Number of Reports

1

16b. Report Date

Report Title

08/18/2004	Chalmette Battlefield Task Force 2002-2004 Report
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Number of Committee Reports Listed: 1

17a. Open	6	17b. Closed	0	17c. Partially Closed	0	Other Activities	0	17d. Total	6
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Meetings and Dates

Purpose

Start

End

10/22/03 Minutes for the 7/03/03 meeting were adopted; The task force discussed the battlefield & cemetery site visits; the NPS Project Agreement, & the General Management Plan/Development Concept Plan(GMP/DCP)focus groups & public meetings scheduled in 1/04. The Milestones 2004 handout for tasks to be accomplished prior to the expiration 8/04 for the Task Force was reviewed. The next meeting date set was 12/16/03.

10/22/2003 - 10/22/2003

12/16/03 Meeting rescheduled for 3/03/04 by Ms. Elizabeth McDougall, chairperson. A voting quorum was not in attendance. The 10/22/03 meeting minutes cannot be approved until the next meeting, 3/4/04. The GMP/DCP public meetings and focus groups are scheduled for January 2004.

12/16/2003 - 12/16/2003

3/4/04 Minutes for 10/22/03 meeting were approved. Four concept designs were discussed as result of the public GMP/DCP meetings in 1/04. Status of the LA State Historic Preservation Office representative was reviewed. A sub-committee will meet in 4/04 to develop their draft recommendations to Congress for review at the 5/26/04 meeting. The final report will be submitted on 8/18/04 the last task force meeting.

03/04/2004 - 03/04/2004

5/26/04 New Business : Review of Draft Task Force Sub-committee Report. Old Business : Review Of Development Concepts Historic Continuum Concept, Battlefield Experience Concept, Enhanced Interpretation Concept The sub committee will meet June 1, 2004 to review and finalize the committee report. Minutes for 3/03/04 were approved and signed at the June 16, 2004 meeting.

05/26/2004 - 05/26/2004

6/16/04 New Business: Review of Draft Task Force Sub-committee Report - Several items and concepts in the draft report mailed were discussed and will be included in the final report by Faith Moran. The report will be submitted to T. Bemisderfer, FDO at the August 18, 2004 meeting. T. Bemisderfer reviewed the progress and time line for the GMP/DCP project. He suggested that the present task force members continue as a focus group for the GMP project. The 5/26/04 minutes were approved and signed.

06/16/2004 - 06/16/2004

8/18/04 Last Meeting of Task Force E.

McDougall, Committee Chairperson
accepted the committee final report with no
minority opinions for attachment. T.

Bemisderfer, FDO accepted the final report
and will forward it with the action plan to the
Regional Director. Ms. McDougall stated that
the task force has enabled members to have
an open dialogue between the NPS and the
Chalmette community. Superintendent
Geraldine Smith expressed her thanks to the
task force committee members on behalf of
the staff on Jean Lafitte National Park and
Preserve for the time and efforts they
provided to the Chalmette Battlefield Task
Force.

08/18/2004 - 08/18/2004

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 6

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$18,500.00	\$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$2,500.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$750.00	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$21,750.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.30	0.00

**20a. How does the Committee accomplish its
purpose?**

The purpose of the Task Force is to advise the National Park Service and make recommendations for suggested improvements to the Chalmette Battlefield site within Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve. The Task Force will only review the condition of federally-owned facilities and artifacts within the boundary of the Chalmette National Cemetery and Chalmette Battlefield units of Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve. Recommendations of the Task Force should address non-Federal cost sharing. The Task Force recommendations will be analyzed and a plan of action developed.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The 12 members of the Chalmette Battlefield Task Force represent the Louisiana Society of U.S. Daughters of 1812; St. Bernard Parish Government; Louisiana State Historic Preservation Office; Lake Borgne Port & Harbor Terminal District; St. Bernard Parish Government & Tourism Industry; St. Bernard Parish Council; St. Bernard Historical Society; New Orleans Regional Chamber of Commerce; Jackson Barracks Unit of the Louisiana Army National Guard; Fanendeville Decendents, and Jean Lafitte National Historical Park & Preserve.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

Six meetings were held in fiscal year 2003. Two meetings were site visits at the battlefield and cemetery. The site visits provided an opportunity for task force members, park staff and members of the public to observe and discuss issues and conditions of the battlefield and cemetery. All meetings are attended by appointed Task Force members, the Designated Federal Officer, Jean

Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve management staff, and members of the public. The Task Force continued to meet bi-monthly in fiscal year 2004 until August, 2004 when the committee submitted its final report and was terminated.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

The Chalmette Battlefield Task Force is made up of local residents of the community, businessmen, and retirees. Task Force meetings provide a means for members, park staff, and concerned public citizens to meet face to face to discuss park projects and issues. The Purpose of the Task Force is to advise the National Park Service on the recommendations for suggested improvements to the Chalmette Battlefield site within Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve. The Task Force will review the condition of only federally-owned buildings and artifacts within the boundary of the Chalmette National Cemetery and Chalmette Battlefield units of Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve. Recommendations of the Task Force address non-Federal cost sharing. The task Force recommendations were analyzed and a plan of action developed.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

All meetings were open to the public and are announced in the Federal Register.

21. Remarks

The Chalmette Battlefield Task Force was established by authority of the Secretary of the Interior under Section 3 c) of Public Law 91-383, August 3, 1970 (16 U.S.C. 1a-2(c)). The Task Force is subject to the Provisions of the Federal

Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. Appendix and shall take no action unless the charter filing requirements of Sections 9 and 14(b) of the Act have been complied with. The Task Force is subject to biennial review and will terminate 2 years from the date of the charter is filled, unless, prior to that time the charter is renewed in accordance with Section 14 of FACA. The 12 members of the committee were appointed by the Secretary of the Interior for terms until 8/23/2004. The committee submitted a final report to the FDO on 08/23/04. An action plan was produced by NPS to document current and future implementation measures. The action plan provides methods that will allow committee members and other stakeholders to track progress on future implementation actions in subsequent planning documents. Action Plan Document is posted to this web site with the Task Force Final Report.

Designated Federal Officer

Timothy R. Bemisderfer Federal Designated Officer

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Cager, Eric	08/23/2002	08/23/2004	Fazendeville Descendants	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Cook, Bonnie	08/23/2002	08/23/2004	St. Bernard Historical Society	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Davis, George	08/23/2002	08/23/2004	Louisiana Society of United States Daughters of 1812	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Fernandez, Anthony	08/23/2002	08/23/2004	St. Bernard Parish Council	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Guillot, Alvin	08/23/2002	08/23/2004	Lake Borgne Basin Levee District	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Heaphy, Drew	08/23/2002	08/23/2004	St. Bernard Port, Harbor and Terminal District	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
McDougall, Elizabeth	08/23/2002	08/23/2004	St. Bernard Parish Government & Tourism Industry	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Moran, Faith	08/23/2002	08/23/2004	St. Bernard Parish Council	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Perez, Paul	08/23/2002	08/23/2004	New Orleans Regional Chamber of Commerce	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Pugh, John	08/23/2002	08/23/2004	Jackson Barracks Unit of the Louisiana Army National Guard	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Smith, Geraldine	08/23/2002	08/23/2004	Superintendent, Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Varnado, Michael	02/11/2004	08/23/2004	Louisiana State Historic Preservation Architectural Historian	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 12

Narrative Description

The committee provides recommendatons and suggestions on improvements to the Chalmette Battlefield and National Cemetery

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if
Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

NA

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Cost Savings Comments

NA

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

37

Number of Recommendations Comments

As listed in the committee's final report dated 08/23/04. The committee's final report and the corresponding NPS Action Plan can be downloaded from the reports section of this website. Please note that the NPS Action Plan and the committee's final report have been combined and appear under the title Chalmette Battlefield Task Force 2002-2004 Report.

<http://www.nps.gov/jela/Task%20Force.htm>

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

80%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

Please refer to NPS Action Plan. The NPS Action Plan and the committee's final report can be downloaded from the reports section of this website. Please note that the NPS Action Plan and the committee's final report have been combined and appear under the title Chalmette Battlefield Task Force 2002-2004 Report.

<http://www.nps.gov/jela/Task%20Force.htm>

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

20%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

Please refer to NPS Action Plan <http://www.nps.gov/jela/Task%20Force.htm>

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

An action plan was produced by NPS to document current and future implementation measures. The document provides methods that will allow stakeholders to track progress on future implementation actions in subsequent planning documents.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

NA

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

NA

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments

Committee was actively engaged in a parallel General Management Plan Amendment and Development Concept Planning process.