

# “Making Waves Through History”

2020-2021

## The Battle of Great Bridge

The Battle of Great Bridge was fought on December 9, 1775, at a small bridge which crossed the Southern Branch of the Elizabeth River approximately twelve miles south of the City of Norfolk. It was one of the earliest, smallest, shortest, least known yet most important actions of the American Revolution. It played a critical role in the Revolutionary War and the subsequent creation of our great nation. This Patriot victory forced John Murray, fourth Earl of Dunmore, whom at that time was the British Royal Governor of Virginia, and his soldiers to evacuate and ultimately leave Virginia within 7 months after the battle. Patriot and British soldiers faced each other in the area for eleven days and skirmished amid constant cannon fire before the climactic Battle of Great Bridge. Which only lasted a half-hour. This was the first Patriot victory of the Revolutionary War. In winning the Battle of Great Bridge on December 9, the Patriots effectively stopped the British from taking Norfolk, the finest sea port between New York and Charleston.

## GOAL

V.S.C.A.R. has set a goal to help the Great Bridge Battlefield & Waterways Historical Foundation secure funding to reproduce four historic flags to be displayed in display cases at the newly opened museum.

The Project's 4 Flags are

- The King's Colours
- 14th Regiment of Foot Colours
- Culpeper Minuteman Flag
- 2nd Virginia Regiment Flag



Fundraising Goal: \$10,000 (\$2,000-\$2,500 each)

The museum will be grateful regardless if we raise funds for one flag or all four!

