

# VIMS Open House for America's Victory Celebration

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## The Victory Celebration

Plans for the victory celebration are moving at full steam toward the October 16 opening date, with crowd expectations upwards of 200,000 over the four days. The overall event is being managed by the Virginia Independence Bicentennial Commission, and it will involve joint programs in Gloucester and York counties. The Gloucester Bicentennial Celebration Committee and the Yorktown Bicentennial Committee are organizing events in their respective areas.

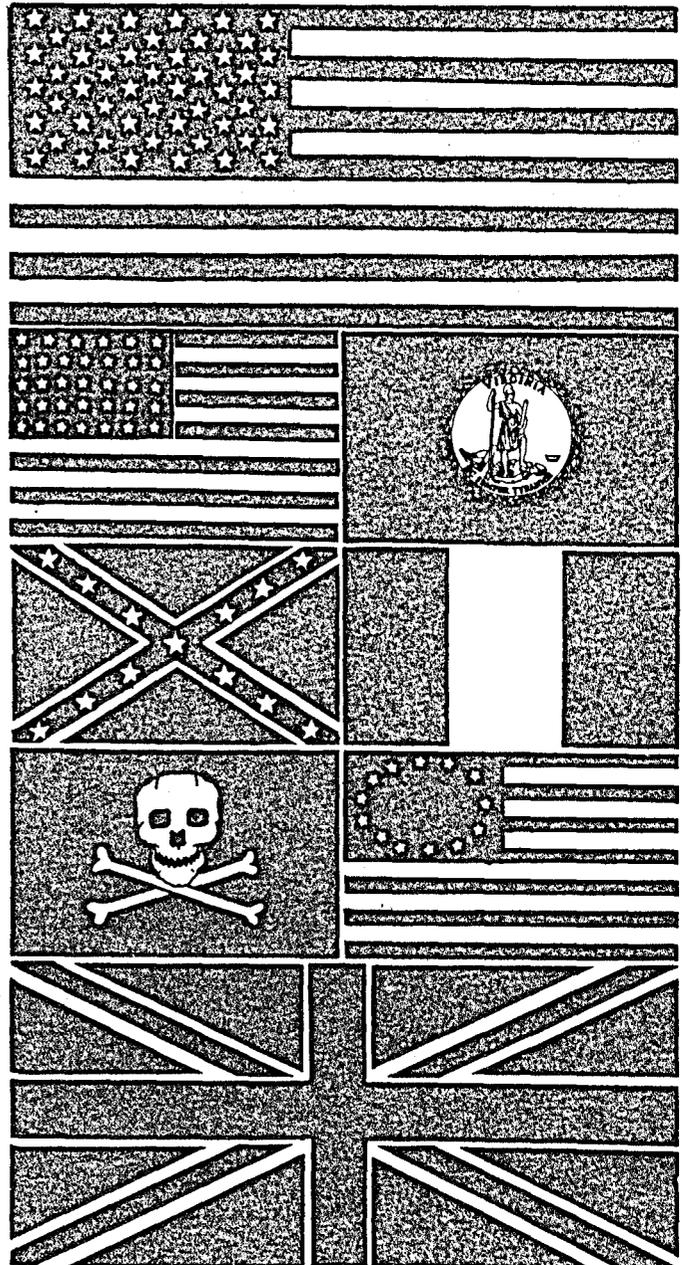
A Gloucester Victory Celebration will take place on Sunday, October 18, 1981 at noon. It will be held in the VIMS fort area across from Maury Hall, and some of the dignitaries expected include Vice President George Bush, Governor John Dalton, President Mitterand of France and others.

The Yorktown Victory Celebration will follow on Monday, October 19, 1981, and it will be highlighted by the presence of President Reagan.

VIMS has promised to hold an Open House for the event during the two days Saturday and Sunday, October 17 and 18. The purpose of this newsletter is to keep you informed of all the activities, with special emphasis on your part in the Open House Event.

This is a rare opportunity for VIMS to demonstrate its unique work, as well as the value of that work, to throngs of people from Virginia and elsewhere.

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# VIMS In The Celebration

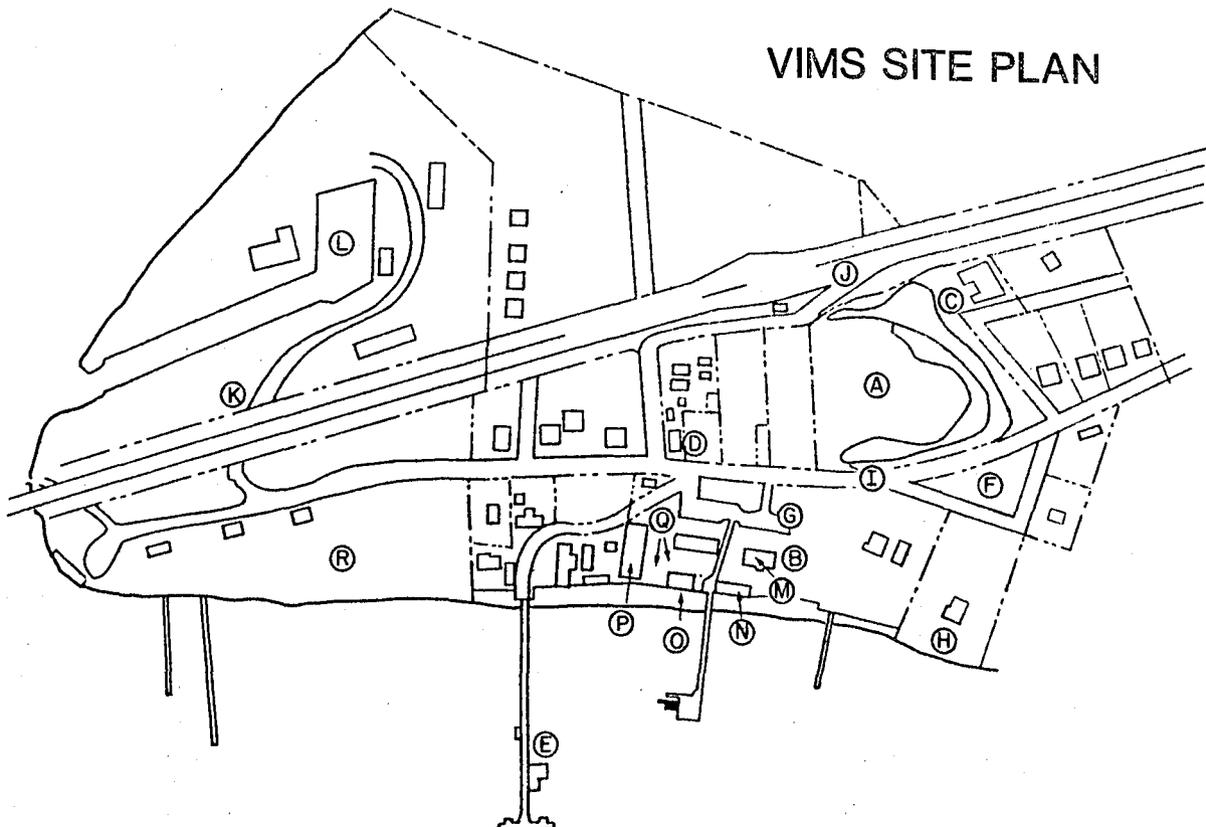
All Institute personnel will be heavily involved in the VIMS Open House portion of the 4-day event, October 16-19 1981. Although the Open House will take place only two of the days, there are other considerations. Also, the VIMS campus will be at the center of Gloucester celebration activities.

We must confine the VIMS Open House to the areas of Maury, Brooke, Byrd and Davis Halls and the Wetlab. Lawns in the area can be used for demonstrating fishery, geology, hydrographic, dredging and similar gear.

Jefferson Hall and the entire Franklin Marine Science Center area will be closed off from the foot traffic. Barricades will be placed at points I, J and K shown on the VIMS Site Plan.

The Gloucester Committee will have numerous activities in the public beach area (R); it's headquarters will be in Ashe House (D); it will use the Fort area (A) for the Victory Celebration on October 18; a First Aid tent will be located by Maury Hall (B); a Sunrise Service will be held Sunday morning, October 18, on the waterfront behind Page (H); an Art Show will be held in the Maury Hall parking lot (G); the DAR will serve coffee from the Ashe House (D); and the triangular parking lot (F) will be a turnaround for buses that will bring guests from parking areas established all over the county by Traffic Control people.

The Byrd Hall Conference Room will be cleared and outfitted for exhibits, demonstrations, posters, etc., for all the programs housed outside the labora-



tories and buildings that will be open to the public. We may also use some classroom space. If units such as Remote Sensing, Wetlands, etc., wish to use their own facilities for demonstrations, it can be arranged.

We tentatively plan for the Marine Education Office to show movies, filmstrips, etc., in Maury Hall Exhibit Room, although it is possible for Page House to be included in the tour as an additional attraction.

Right now, the important thing is to get ideas in progress and to let us know what you plan and need. A small budget has been established for your visual aids, but will have to know your needs soon.

Please contact Fred Biggs, extension 136 or 169.

## Pedestrian Ferry

The large VIMS pier (old ferry dock) will be used by the Bicentennial powers for a pedestrian ferry (no autos!). Plans call for locating a barge at the pier's deepwater end, where the tourboat-ferry will land periodically. The ferry will tour passengers by all the character vessels anchored in the York-Gloucester harbor while in the process of transporting them across the river.

Handrails and other safety gadgets will be installed on the pier for the pedestrian traffic. Several character vessels (skipjack, log canoe and bugeye old-time sailing vessels) will be tied alongside the pier as attractions. Because of these obstacles, it will not be wise to plan an exhibit or scientific demonstration to be located on the pier.

## VIMS Celebration Committee

Dr. Perkins appointed a sizeable VIMS Celebration Committee to organize our Open House and to see to other VIMS involvements in the event. The VIMS Committee is:

Mr. Fred C. Biggs, Chairman  
Mrs. Trish Gurley, Secretary  
Mr. Mike O'Shea, Budget Officer  
Mr. J. Ernest Warinner, Representing Division of Environmental Science and Engineering, Head, Safety Subcommittee  
Dr. Marvin Wass, Representing Division of Biological Oceanography; Head, Protocol Subcommittee  
Dr. John Zeigler, Representing Division of Physical Sciences and Ocean Engineering; Head, Special Activities Subcommittee  
Mr. John Lucy and Ms. Liz Cornell, Representing Division of Special Programs; Head, Exhibits Subcommittee  
Mr. Dexter Haven, Representing Division of Fisheries Science and Services

Dr. Bruce Neilson, Representing Faculty Advisory Committee  
Mr. Tom Chapman, Representing Buildings and Grounds  
Mrs. Kay Stubblefield, Representing VIMS Art Service  
Mr. George Mapp, Representing Graduate Student Participation

The Committee held its first organizational meeting on July 16, 1981. Representatives from each division were urged to get the word to all principal investigators and science administrators to get exhibit and demonstration ideas germinating, and to move poster, sign and other art needs to the Art Service promptly.

The Committee needs one additional member — someone to organize crowd control. Please send suggestions to Dr. Perkins or Fred Biggs. A volunteer would be ideal.

# "America's Victory Celebration"

A THOUGHT

A special task force has been established by the Virginia Bicentennial Commission to effect promotional ideas and actions for the 4-day Victory Celebration, October 16-19. Headed by Jim Rollins, Acting Director of the Yorktown Victory Center, the task force established several public communication ideas.

First, we are calling the entire event "America's Victory Celebration" as a way of getting the message across without using all the lengthy titles involving Gloucester, Yorktown and Virginia commissions, committees, etc.

Secondly, we are announcing expectations of 35,000 participants daily except Monday, October 19, when the big Yorktown Victory Celebration is expected to attract 65,000 or more. These estimates are intentionally conservative.

A hen is only an egg's way of making another egg.

-Samuel Butler (1835-1902)

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Working together on this occasion, we can win enormous public support for the Institute's programs as never before.

We are looking for a quality Open House effort that will do justice to the unprecedented public and political exposure the event should receive. It all begins with good ideas, it involves some planning and hard work, and it ends with some fun and, we hope, a few kudos in the right places. Let's get busy! A successful Open House will depend upon each of us.

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\*The flags represented on the front page have flown over Gloucester Point at some time in history.

