



The American Friends of Lafayette
 ESTABLISHED AT LAFAYETTE COLLEGE
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<www.friendsoflafayette.org> is a historical and patriotic society dedicated to the memory of Major General, the Marquis de Lafayette, to the study of his life and times in America and France, and his contributions to our own nation's struggle for liberty. A goal of *The American Friends of Lafayette* (AFL) is to foster and promote the traditional friendship between America and France through study and research of the American War for Independence and the life of General Lafayette.

AFL was founded by Stuart Wells Jackson and Judge Walter P. Gardner, leading Lafayette collectors. With eleven other enthusiastic admirers of General Lafayette, they formed *The American Friends of Lafayette* on May 20, 1932 at Lafayette College, Easton, PA. The AFL collection of historical documents and memorabilia, along with additional items acquired by the College, is now housed at Lafayette College as *The Marquis de Lafayette Collection* –

<<http://ww2.lafayette.edu/~library/special/home.php>>.

The Gazette of The American Friends of Lafayette is published periodically for all members, and special publications are issued from time-to-time.

AFL's annual meeting is conducted at a location of historical significance to General Lafayette, such as Valley Forge, Williamsburg, and Newport RI. Attendees tour Revolutionary War sites and locations in America visited by Lafayette and share research and knowledge through discussions concerning Lafayette's contributions to American democracy.

The American Friends of Lafayette organization also participates in two other very important annual events:

- 1) AFL is one of the thirteen original associations that sponsors the *Yorktown Day* Celebration on October 19th of each year in Yorktown, Virginia. Yorktown Day commemorates General George Washington's Allied American and French troops' victory over Cornwallis on October 19, 1781.
- 2) Since 1946, AFL has participated in the annual July 4th ceremony at Picpus Cemetery in Paris. At this time, the American flag, which flies over Lafayette's grave throughout the year, is replaced by a new flag, and the Society, along with a few other dignitaries and societies, places a wreath on his tomb.

All who share the goals of the Society are cordially invited to become members!!

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- Active Member \$30 annually
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