

Bicentennial Celebration

JULY 27 & 29, 2025

General Lafayette

received a hero's
welcome when he
returned to our shores in
1824 as the last surviving
general of the American
Revolution, Celebrate
the bicentennial of his
visits to Havre de Grace
and Port Deposit with
these exciting events!





Kickoff Concert



Music from the Life and Tour of Lafayette Sunday, July 27, 2025 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Musicians & music historians David and Ginger Hildebrand present a historical music program with selections performed on period instruments.

Cultural Center at the Opera House 121 N. Union Avenue, Havre de Grace, MD

hdgoperahouse.org









Lafayette Comes Ashore in Maryland Tuesday, July 29, 2025 * Free events

Hail & Farewell in Port Deposit

12:00 noon – 3:30 p.m. Main Street & Center Street

Greet Lafayette as he arrives in the Port Deposit
Town Square, visit vendors with traditional
crafts, hear celebratory speeches, and escort
Lafayette around town accompanied by a fife and
drum corps. At Gerry House, witness Lafayette's
heartfelt reunion with Aquila Deaver of
Darlington, the soldier who reportedly rescued
the general 50 years earlier. Join the common
salute as Lafayette departs by boat across the
Susquehanna River to Havre de Grace.

A Hero's Welcome in Havre de Grace 4:00 pm - 8:00 p.m.

Frank Hutchins Park & Harmer's Town Art Center

Line the banks of the Susquehanna River and greet Lafayette as he comes ashore at Frank Hutchins Park. Mingle with the great general as he joins the festivities in Graw Alley at Harmer's Town. Dine on food and beverages from local food trucks. Enjoy the music and join the action with family-friendly activities at booths lining the park.









