

THIS YEAR ANNAPOLIS CELEBRATES THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MARQUIS DE LAFAYETTE'S FAREWELL TOUR OF AMERICA IN 1824 – 1825.

INVITED AS A "GUEST OF THE NATION" BY PRESIDENT JAMES MONROE, LAFAYETTE WAS WELCOMED WITH MUCH ENTHUSIASM AND CELEBRATION BY AMERICANS IN ALL 24 STATES IN THE UNION. AS THE LAST SURVIVING GENERAL OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, LAFAYETTE INSPIRED A PATRIOTIC RETROSPECTIVE FOR AMERICANS IN THE POST-REVOLUTIONARY WAR PERIOD.

IN DECEMBER OF 1824, AFTER A 40-YEAR ABSENCE, LAFAYETTE MADE ONE LAST TRIP TO ANNAPOLIS ACCOMPANIED BY HIS SON, GEORGE WASHINGTON LAFAYETTE. AS PART OF HIS 13-MONTH FAREWELL "GRAND TOUR" OF THE UNITED STATES, HE SPENT FOUR DAYS IN ANNAPOLIS IN DECEMBER 1824, ALLOWING A NEW GENERATION OF TOWNSPEOPLE A GLIMPSE OF ONE OF THE NATION'S MOST REVERED HEROES. FESTIVITIES INCLUDED A MILITARY PROCESSION AND EXHIBITION, AN OFFICIAL RECEPTION IN THE STATE HOUSE, AND A DINNER AND BALL AT ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE.

THE CITY OF ANNAPOLIS HAS LONG HELD AFFECTION FOR THE MARQUIS DE LAFAYETTE. FROM HIS EARLY DAYS AS A YOUNG, IDEALISTIC SOLDIER TO LATER IN LIFE AS A SEASONED STATESMAN, LAFAYETTE HAD A PERSONAL CONNECTION TO THE CAPITAL CITY OF MARYLAND THAT IS STILL HONORED TODAY.



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ANNAPOLIS' CELEBRATION OF THE RETURN OF *General Lafayette*



COMMEMORATE
AMERICA'S
FAVORITE
FIGHTING
FRENCHMAN

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13TH
THROUGH
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15TH

OPEN HOUSE WEEKEND FOR THE FOLLOWING MUSEUMS:

Chase Lloyd House Dependency, Maryland Avenue & King George Street (Sunday only)

Hammond Harwood House, 19 Maryland Avenue

Museum of Historic Annapolis, 99 Main Street

United States Naval Academy Museum (Preble Hall): Maryland Avenue and Decatur Road. Valid government ID required for access to Naval Academy grounds.

Watermark, 188 Main Street (Saturday Only)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Friday, December 13th – Sunday, December 15th

Remembering Lafayette at the Museum of Historic Annapolis
11:00am – 3:00pm

Location: 99 Main Street

Cost: Included with Admission to the Museum - \$7.00 General Admission (8+); FREE for Children 7 and under, HA Members, and SNAP/WIC through the *Museums for All* program

Saturday, December 14th

Children's Games from Long Ago
presented by Chesapeake Children's Museum
10:00am – 12:00pm

Location: Annapolis Visitors Center, 26 West Street

Cost: Free

Storytime at the Museum: *A Spy Called James*
11:00am and 1:00pm

Location: 99 Main Street

Cost: Included with admission to the Museum - \$7.00 General Admission (8+); Free for Children 7 and under, HA Members, and SNAP/WIC through the *Museums for All* program

Open House and Author's Storytime with children's author, Selene Castrovilla, "*Revolutionary: Friends General George Washington and the Marquis de Lafayette.*"

12:00pm – 4:00pm, book talks at 1:00pm and 3:00pm

Location: Watermark, 188 Main Street

Cost: Free

Colonial Walking Tour with Lafayette focus (USNA add-on option)
10:00am

Location: Watermark, 188 Main Street

Cost: Adults - \$20.00, Children - \$12.00

Maryland State House Tour with Lafayette focus
1:30pm

Location: Watermark, 188 Main Street

Cost: Adults - \$18.00, Children - \$9.00

Book Talk and Signing by Bruce Mowday, author of "The Battle of Brandywine," hosted by St. John's College
11:00am – 12:30pm

Location: St. John's College Bookstore at Edensword Hall, 60 College Avenue

Cost: Free

Music for Marquis de Lafayette at Chesapeake Children's Museum
2:00pm and 3:00pm

Location: 25 Silopanna Road

Cost: Free; Supported by a grant from the Institute for Museum and Library Sciences.

A Night of Splendour and Elegance: Lafayette Bicentennial Grand Ball
7:30pm – 10:30pm

Location: McDowell Hall at St. John's College, 60 College Avenue

Cost: \$150.00

Dress: Cocktail attire. Period attire encouraged.

Sunday, December 15th

Brunch with General Lafayette and Mary Nevette Steele
9:30am – 11:30am

Location: O'Brien's Restaurant, 113 Main Street

Cost: \$50.00 per person

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10:00am

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Cost: Adults - \$20.00, Children - \$12.00

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ASO Youth Orchestra playing music of the time of Marquis de Lafayette
12:30pm – 1:30pm

Location: Chase Lloyd House, Dependency Building, 235 King George Street

Cost: Free

Bicentennial Concert at State House for General Lafayette
2:30pm – 4:00pm

Location: Maryland State House

Cost: Free; MUST BRING STATE ID TO ENTER STATE HOUSE

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All events subject to change without notice, please confirm with venue prior to attending.