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**The American Society of
Le Souvenir Français Inc.
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2025:

The Year in Pictures



Cover photos:

Top: a memorable moment of 2025, among many...the City of Vendôme, France, honoring Rochambeau on the tricentennial of his birth.

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Editorial

As we celebrate the holidays with our loved ones, we invite you to pause and reflect on the memorable moments that shaped our community this past year. In this special edition, we recap 2025 through the photographs that tell our story best.

This is also a time for gratitude. Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our Society. As we raise a toast to the year ahead, we look forward to reconnecting in January with our regular bulletins and updates on several exciting projects on the horizon.

Wishing you a joyful season and a bright new year!

On behalf of the Board of Directors,
Thierry Chaunu
President, The American Society of Le Souvenir Français, Inc.

French Alliance Day George Washington Memorial Chapel Valley Forge, PA. May 4, 2025



Click <https://youtu.be/Lk9kz5OLXCc?si=HKDyXzpb-w984vPo> or on the photos above to watch the video: "The French Alliance: a Love Story" on YouTube

May 4, 2025: French General Consul in Washington DC was the honored keynote speaker this year and spoke about the historic alliance between the United States and France, its oldest ally.

Raphael de Gouberville, direct descendant of Rochambeau and Life Member of our Society, laid our wreath in front of a newly dedicated marker honoring Lafayette, who spent the winter of 1777 with general Washington and the Continental Army .

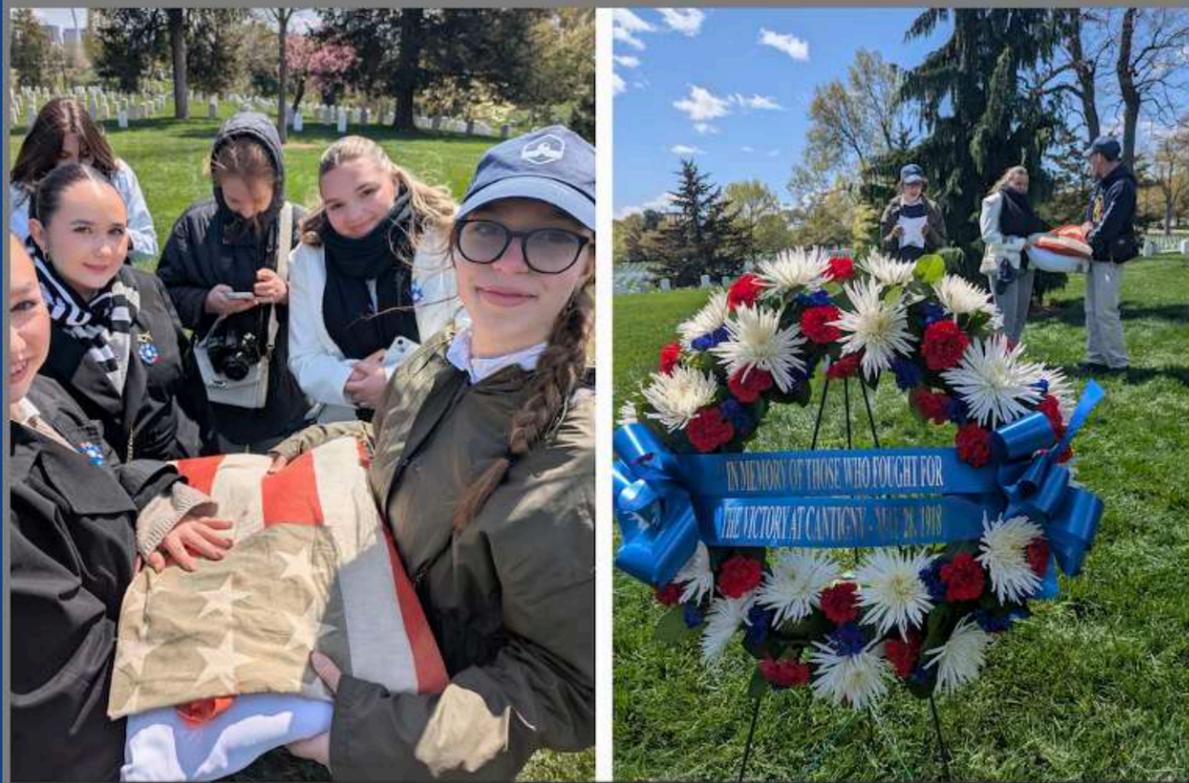
As every year, our Society is honored to be invited on the first Sunday of May by the Washington Memorial Heritage Society to participate at the Annual Mass at George Washington Chapel, Valley Forge, PA. and to lay a wreath to celebrate the Treaties of Alliance, Friendship and Commerce between France and the United States, signed in Paris on February 6, 1778, by which France was the first nation to officially recognize, by treaty, the independence of the United States.

This memorial service was decreed by General George Washington (Congress ratified the Treaty on May 4, 1778).

Our gratitude to Father Tommy Thompson, Rector, and to David Lauhoff, president, Mark R. Thompson, Executive Director, Gardiner Pearson, past president, Pat Nogar, past Warden, and all Members of the Washington Memorial Heritage Society for their warm welcome and friendship.

Photos: TC © ASSFI 2025

**A memorable visit of
French vocational high school students
to Washington D.C.
April 8, 2025**



Students from the vocational high school Edouard Gand in Amiens, Somme, France, led by their history professor Mr. Louis Teyssedou, brought to Washington DC a US flag recently discovered in a trench where American units fought during WWI near Cantigny, where the monument to General Pershing is located. During their stay, the students visited the American Red Cross archives center, met Eleanor Roosevelt's granddaughter to give her the book written last year, and spend a day at the Rochambeau high school in Washington.

A most memorable moment was their visit to Arlington Military Cemetery to pay homage to the Unknown Soldier and General Pershing's grave. Thanks to Richard Azzaro, Co-founder and President, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier Foundation, Co-founder and Past President, Society of the Honor Guard, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, they were able to meet with the famous "Tomb Guards" in their inner sanctum, where they were taught how to properly fold the Star Spangled Banner.

With COL Pierre Oury, US Air Force (Ret) and COL Thomas Labouche, French Army, they also visited the graves of French soldiers who died for France in the United States in 1918, when they were part of the French Military Mission set up by French Ambassador Jean-Jules Jusserand following the Viviani-Joffre mission.

Photos: courtesy Prof. Louis Teyssedou

**Visit of the French Navy ships
Amphibious assault ship *Mistral*
Frigate *Surcouf*
Tribute to the 24 French Navy sailors from WWI**

Cypress Hills National Cemetery V-E Day, May 8, 2025



"Since 1945, May 8 is observed as "Victory in Europe Day" which our Federation marks by paying homage to our departed comrades at Flushing Cemetery and at Cypress Hills National Cemetery. These 25 French sailors had participated in naval operations in the Atlantic and succumbed to the Spanish Flu in 1918 while on active duty near the end of the First World War.

This May 8 was special as the French Navy's "Mission Jeanne d'Arc" made up of Frigate (FLF) Surcouf and Helicopter Carrier (LHD) Mistral was in New York and participated in the traditional ceremony. The naval mission was made up of naval personnel, army aviation (ALAT) and Foreign Legion members. On this occasion the Mission Commander CAPT Quentin Vieux-Rochas, Cedrik Fouriscot, Consul General of France, Patrick du Tertre, President of the French Reserve Officers Association, FFWV President Alain Dupuis and Lt Pierre Gervois of the American Society of Le Souvenir Français laid a wreath in front of the French Sailors monument. Our Federation was represented by Alain Dupuis, President, Paul Garabedian, Vice President, Henri Dubarry, Treasurer, Jean Le Gall, Color Guard and Daniel Falgerho, Vice president. We were honored to have with us LTC USARMY NG NYARNG (USA) David Myones, Executive Officer de la 369th Sustainment Brigade (Harlem Hell Fighters) - (pictured above with COL Arnault Rouger)"

Text & Photos: Daniel Falgerho, Federation of French War Veterans

Celebration of V-E- Day at Eglise Notre-Dame, Manhattan May 4, 2025



"On Sunday May 4, we met at the Church of Notre Dame to hear Mass celebrated by Reverend Peter A. Heasley, Pastor. After Mass, Patrick du Tertre, President of the Association of French Reserve Officers in the US, Colonel Emmanuel Houzé, Police and Security Adviser at the French Mission to the United Nations and Professor Clement Mbom, Professor at CUNY laid a wreath in front of the plaques bearing the names of the dead of the two World War who served with the American Field Service, the Escadrille La Fayette and in the French Armed Forces.

We were pleased that our friends Jean-Jacques de Saint Andrieu, formerly President of the Committee of Francophone Associations and Thomas Vandennebeele, President of the Committee of Francophone Associations and André Moisan, Trustee of the Société Culinaire Philanthropique.

Our Federation was represented by Alain Dupuis, President, Henri Dubarry, Treasurer, Paul Garabedian, Vice President, Jean Le Gall, Color Guard, Maria Le Gall, Michel Dumerchat, Color Guard, Nancy Dumerchat and Daniel Falgerho, Vice President. .

After Mass we met for lunch and were pleased that Father Peter Heasley could join us."

Text & Photos: Daniel Falgerho, FFWV

**Rochambeau Festival
Yorktown Heights, NY
May 17-18**



Congratulations to Lynn Briggs, Chairman, Washington Rochambeau Revolutionary Route-New York, Incorporated, for organizing the 3rd edition of the annual Rochambeau Festival in Yorktown, NY. This Festival is held on the Grange Fairgrounds, the very same site where the French Army camped from Sept. 24 until Oct. 20, 1782, on its way back from the victory in Yorktown, VA. a year before, en route to re-embark in Boston. Children and adults could meet General Rochambeau impersonated by Eric Dutaud, and were awed by the equestrian skills of a hussar from the Duc de Lauzun' Legion, impersonated by John Koopman. They were entertained by singers and other re-enactors under their tents. Mme Myriam Gil, Deputy General Consul of France in NY, delivered remarks along with Senator Peter Harckham (40th District, New York State Senate), Senator Shelley Mayer (37th District, New York Senate, Chair, State Senate Education Committee), and Ed Lachterman, Supervisor, (Town of Yorktown, New York). Dr. Robert A. Selig, Ph.D. offered historical background and answered questions from the public. Raphael de Gouberville, Raphael de Gouberville, direct descendant of Rochambeau and Life Member of our Society, was in attendance.

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**Memorial Day in New York
With the Veterans of the Seventh Regiment
May 25, 2025**

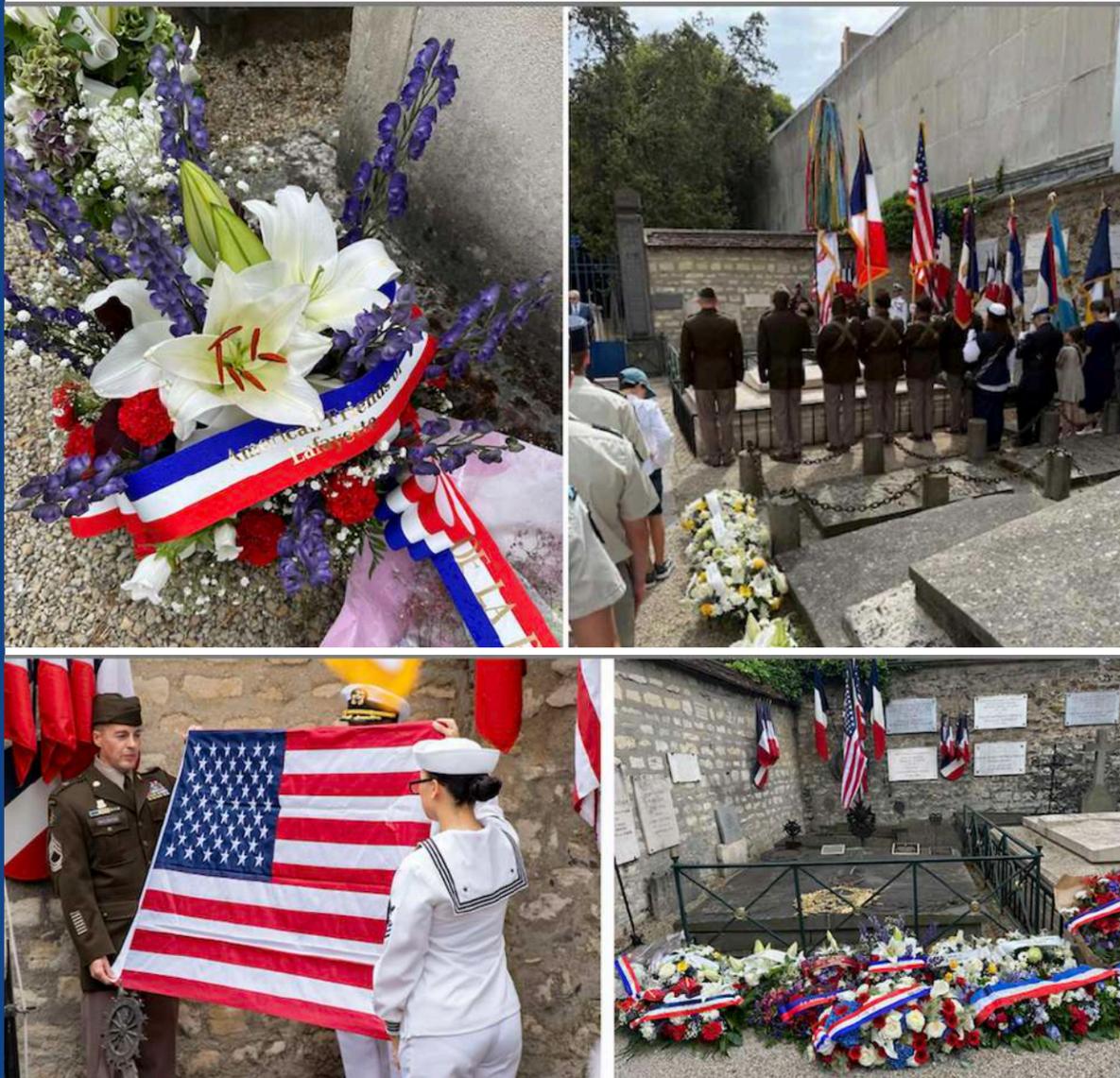


"We were honored to participate in the Veterans of the Seventh Regiment's Memorial Day March to the 107th Regiment Memorial and the Presentation of Wreaths by BG Thomas J. Principe, President, Veterans of the Seventh Regiment, MAJ Simon Hu, American Legion Post #107, Ms. Myriam Gil, Deputy Consul General of France, LtCol. Patrick du Tertre, President, Association of French Reserve Officers in the US, LtCdr. Thierry Chaunu, French Navy (H), President, American Society of Le Souvenir Français, Inc. and Marc A. Hermann, Military Historian, and Gérard Epelbaum, elected representative of the French community in NY.

We marched back to the Park Avenue Armory. After Posting of the Colors and the National Anthem, BG Thomas J. Principe addressed the audience and introduced the guest speakers, Ms. Myriam Gil and Marc A. Hermann."

Text & Photos: Daniel Falgerho, FFWV

**Annual Changing of the Flag
Ceremony at the tomb of Lafayette
Picpus Cemetery, Paris
June 25, 2025**





On June 25, we were honored to lay a wreath of the American Friends of Lafayette at the tomb of Lafayette.

"The Marquis de Lafayette rests in the Cimetière de Picpus in Paris's 12th arrondissement—a site where his deep and enduring friendship with the United States is forever honored.

At his own request, Lafayette was buried beneath both French and American soil, the latter gathered from Bunker Hill. His son, Georges Washington de Lafayette, carried the sacred earth during their 1824–1825 tour of the United States and covered his father's casket with it after Lafayette laid the cornerstone of the Bunker Hill Monument.

During World War I, General John J. Pershing and his troops visited Lafayette's grave on Independence Day. It was then that Colonel Charles E. Stanton delivered the now-famous tribute: "Lafayette, we are here." To this day, a ceremony is held annually to replace the flag, preserving the symbol of Franco-American solidarity".

Text: The American Friends of Lafayette

Photos: © Lenka Hudakova, Digital Production Coordinator, U.S. Embassy Paris

**Symposium on the 300th anniversary
of Rochambeau
Les Amis de Rochambeau
Vendôme, France
June 27-28, 2025**

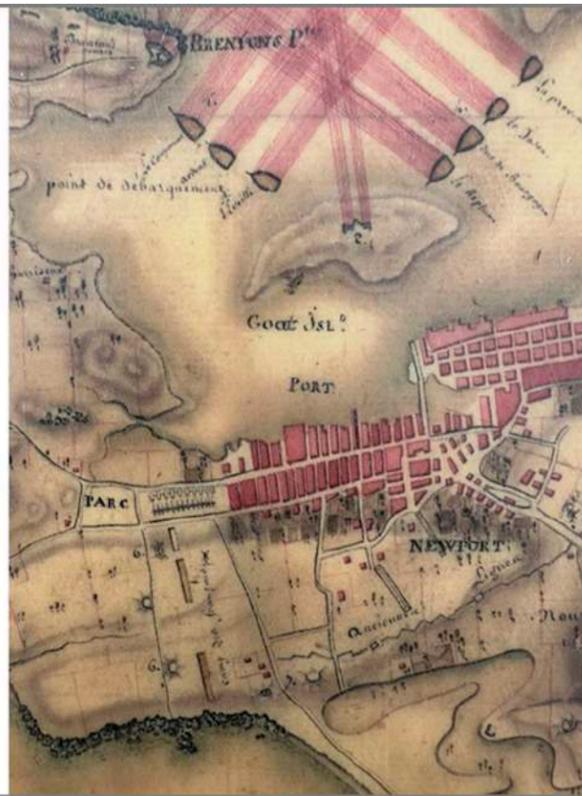




Organized by Les Amis de Rochambeau, led by descendant Nathalie de Gouberville and her husband Philippe, twenty French and American scholars discussed the legacy of the illustrious general, (who later became Maréchal de France) in a two-day symposium held at Vendôme, France, on June 27-28, 2025. Among them, Members and friends of the American Society of Le Souvenir Français: Dr. Robert A. Selig, Ph.D., Dr. Iris de rode, Ph.D., Rebecca Bertrand, executive Director, Newport Historical Society. Brig. Gen. Vincent de Kytspotter, Ph.D., Head of Military and Defense Mission , French Permanent Mission to the United Nations, (seen in the photo at the middle bottom right) captivated the audience, professional historians and the general public alike, with his insights and remarks rooted in his vast military experience as well as his academic research (a book on the joint American-French victory at Yorktown is soon to be published).

Photos: TC © ASSFI 2025

**Annual Tribute
to Rochambeau
and to the admiral de Ternay
Newport, R.I.,
July 12, 2025**



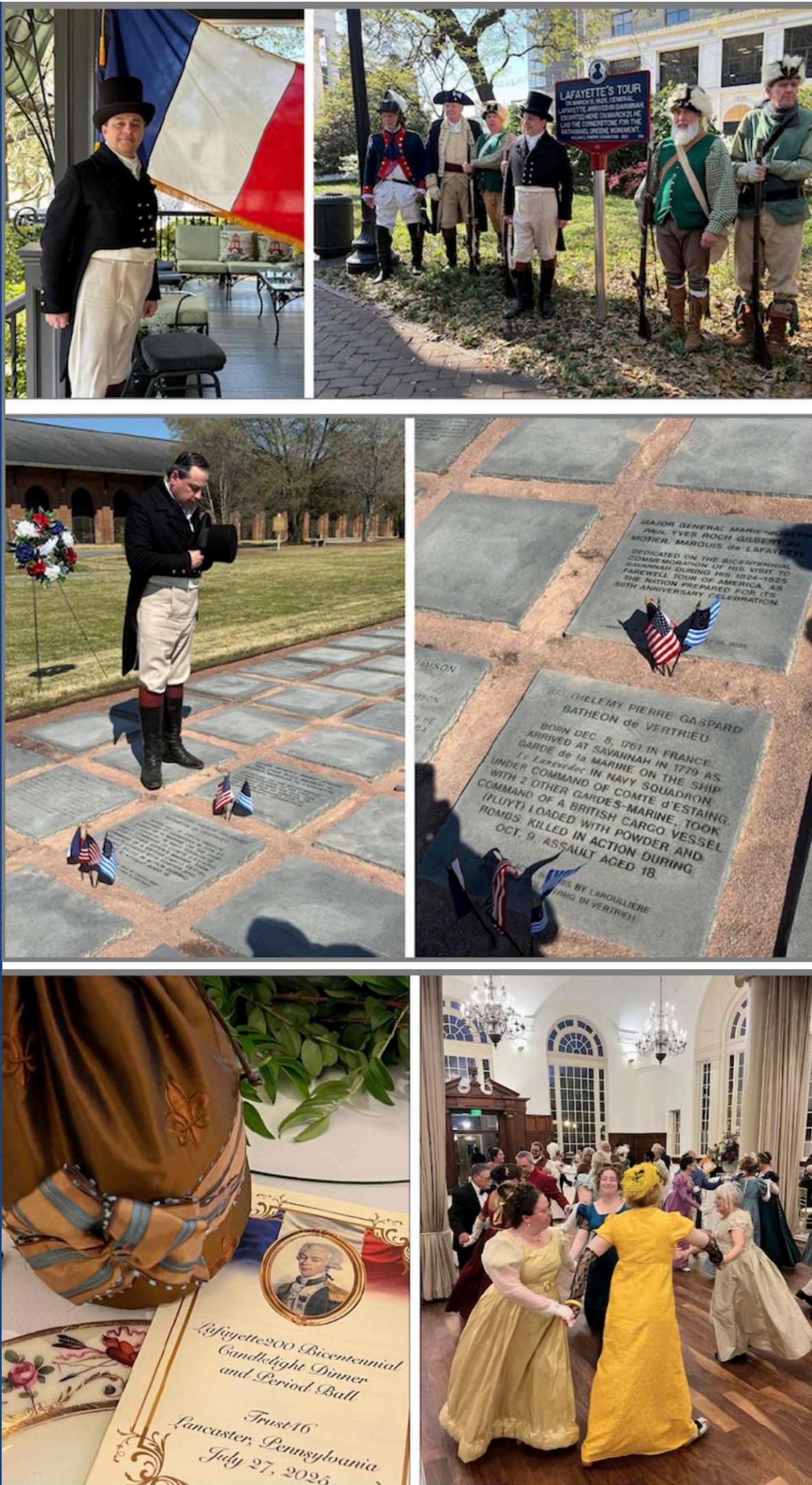


Annual wreath-laying at the Statue of Rochambeau, Monument to the French Fleet, and tomb of Admiral de Ternay, Newport, RI.

On Saturday, July 12, as we do every year, our Society paid tribute to Rochambeau by laying a wreath at the foot of his statue, on the occasion of a ceremony organized by the Alliance Française of Newport (Barry Bailey, president) and the National Park Service (Johnny Carawan, Trail administrator, Washington Rochambeau Revolutionary Route), during the annual the weekend of festivities celebrating the French presence in 1780-1781 organized by the Newport Historical Society (Rebecca Bertrand, Executive Director). Our General Secretary Yves de Ternay also laid a bouquet on the tomb of his ancestor admiral de Ternay at the historical Trinity churchyard. Prof. Norman Desmarais, Regional Delegate of Le Souvenir Français for New England was present (photo above) and also gave a lecture to the Alliance Française de Newport the following Monday, July 14. We were honored to be joined by the Battle of Rhode Island association co-founder Joseph Studlick and U.S. Ambassador (ret.) George Krol, Board member (photo top left).

Photos: © ASSFI 2025

**Farewell, Lafayette!
End of the Bicentennial of Lafayette's Farewell Tour
September 9, 2025**



What the American Friends of Lafayette accomplished to celebrate Lafayette and his triumphal tour of the United States 200 years ago—a true tour de force—could fill several bulletins.

We tried to pay homage to the efforts of so many local committees and their volunteers in each of our monthly bulletins from August 2024 to September 2025. In particular, Chuck Schwam, Bonnie Fritz, Alan Hoffman, Susan and Mark Minker, Dr. Patti Maclay, M.D., who worked tirelessly with so many local Committees and so many devoted members and volunteers in 24 states. They all deserve our gratitude and admiration for the colossal achievements and the education of the general public.

For this specific 'Year in Pictures' recap, it was very, very hard to choose photos among the multitude that were taken.

In September, Lafayette returned home with a heavy heart. So did we, when we closed the chapter on this memorable Bicentennial. Yet, the values of freedom and democracy defended by our 'dear Marquis' remain more than ever worth fighting for.

Photos: American Friends of Lafayette, Lafayette at Savannah, GA, March 2025, and at Lancaster, PA., July 2025.

Tribute to 8 French soldiers buried at Old St. Peter's Church

Cortlandt, NY September 20, 2025



On Saturday, September 20, 2025, we had the honor of attending the annual commemoration organized by the Cortlandt Historical Society and W3R. The ceremony pays tribute to eight French soldiers from Rochambeau's army who died of illness and are buried alongside other Revolutionary War patriots. These soldiers perished while Old St. Peter's Church—built in 1766 and remarkably preserved—served as a hospital during the war. Three of them (Paquais, Bonnair and Duguin) died in 1781 on the way to Yorktown, the others died during the return march of 1782, on the way to Boston. Our Society's President, Thierry Chaunu, accompanied by Bertrand Jost, Board Member, delivered remarks before the formal ceremony, which featured period re-enactors firing three musket salutes. The event concluded with a reception where guests enjoyed birthday cake in celebration of the 300th anniversary of Rochambeau's birth. We extend our sincere gratitude to Jeff Canning and all the volunteers, including Anne de neuville, who made this meaningful commemoration possible. Photos: courtesy Jeff Canning, (seen at bottom left), historian and editor of the W3R Bulletin.

"The French Army in Westchester County" 1781-1782 A lecture at Scarsdale Public Library, NY Alliance Française de Westchester September 24, 2025



From Michel Perez, President, Alliance Française of Westchester:
"On September 24, 2025, at the public library of Scarsdale, NY, le Souvenir Français, the Scarsdale Forum and Alliance Française de Westchester hosted a joint event on the role of *"The French Army in Westchester during the American Revolution"*. The distinguished lecturer, Thierry Chaunu, president of The American Society of Le Souvenir Français and author of *Memories of France*, explained to an audience of more than sixty participants the crucial role in the summer of 1781 of the army from France led by count Rochambeau which joined forces in Westchester with the American troops led by General George Washington. They went on to Virginia to secure the siege of Yorktown. The surrender of the British forces of general Cornwallis to generals Washington and Rochambeau on October 19, 1781 was the final military episode of the Revolutionary War and secured the independence of the United States of America. The lecturer lively retraced the many challenges faced by the American and French soldiers and captivated the audience by his thorough knowledge."

Photos: *Right*: K. Graytok - *Left*: © courtesy of Lisa VanGundy, Scarsdale Forum Photographer

Battle of the Hook Commemorative Ceremony 2025 October 3, 2025



We unveiled our two historical panels in 2023 and our granite stele in 2024, and recounted the Battle of the Hook in our **September 2023 bulletin: "the Duc de Lauzun and his Legion of hussars"**

<https://conta.cc/460bXLT> (original version in English)

<https://conta.cc/3tb3hni> (version en français)

- This gave rise to a commemoration, initiated by W. Robert Kelly, Jr., Vice President of the American Friends of Lafayette, which will hopefully become an annual event, held every October 3rd. It was attended by children from Abingdon Elementary School, located on the exact site of the battle, by Nicole Yancey, Board Member and Regional Delegate of our Society, former Honorary Consul of France in Virginia, and by officers from the French Armed Forces stationed at NATO Headquarters in Norfolk. From Robert Kelly, Jr., Historic Resources Supervisor, Parks, Recreation & Tourism, Gloucester County, Virginia, who made possible our series of markers and memorials inaugurated in 2022, 2023 and 2024: "Dear Friends and Supporters of Gloucester County History:

I want to thank you all again for participating in the 3 October 2025 Commemoration of the Battle of the Hook. Please enjoy photos and a full video of the ceremony by clicking the links below. Many thanks to my colleague, Susan Ammons, for documenting the ceremony with her amazing photographic skills! "

Photos: <https://susanammons.pixieset.com/battleofthehookceremony/>

Video: [Battle of the Hook Commemorative Ceremony 2025](#)

Huzzah!"

**Luncheon celebration at
George Washington Chapel, Valley Forge
with
Nathalie de Gouberville
Descendant of General Rochambeau
and Philippe de Gouberville
October 14, 2025**



On October 14, our partners and friends of the Washington Memorial Heritage, who organizes the annual "French Alliance Day", hosted a lunch at the Rectory of the magnificent George Washington Memorial Chapel in Valley Forge to welcome Nathalie de Gouberville, descendant of Rochambeau, and her husband Philippe de Gouberville. Renowned sculptor Pierre Lefebvre, (who is a longtime Member of our Society) presented on behalf of the Washington Memorial Heritage a very special present to Nathalie de Gouberville. You can see his bust of Rochambeau in the background.

Photos courtesy of Washington Memorial Heritage

**Commemoration of the
Saratoga & Yorktown victories
St. Paul Chapel, Broadway, NY
October 18, 2025**



"On October 18, 2025, we attended the Twelfth Annual Commemoration of the American and Yorktown organized by the Lower Manhattan Historical Association and The Sons of the Revolution in the State of New York. These battles were major turning points in the struggle for American Independence. Our friend Thierry Chaunu, President of the American Society of Le Souvenir Français received the Frederic P. Vigneron Award in recognition of his efforts to keep alive the long history of friendship between the United States and France. The speakers included Susan Seal, President of Friends of Odell House Rochambeau Headquarters, Ambrose Richardson III, President of the Lower Manhattan Historical Association, James S. Kaplan, Chairman of the Lower Manhattan Historical Association, and Myriam Gil, Deputy Consul General of France."

Text & Photos: Daniel Falgerho, Federation of French War Veterans

244th Anniversary of the Joint French-American Victory at Yorktown October 19, 2025



This year, due to the government shutdown, it was not possible to do the traditional wreath laying at the French Cemetery, which was off limits, unfortunately. However, celebrations took place at the American Revolution Museum. **Nicole Yancey**, Regional Delegate and Board Member of our Society, (and former Honorary Consul of France in Virginia) placed our Society's wreath along other patriotic associations such as the W3R-US (Lawrence Abell, president) in front the French Monument. The American Friends of Lafayette, as every year, hosted a memorable cocktail reception, with a special tribute in honor of Rochambeau, with his descendants present.

Photo courtesy of Philippe de Gouberville.

104th Anniversary of the Return of the Unknown Soldier Society of the Honor Guard / Tomb of Unknown Soldier Washington Navy Yard

October 25, 2025



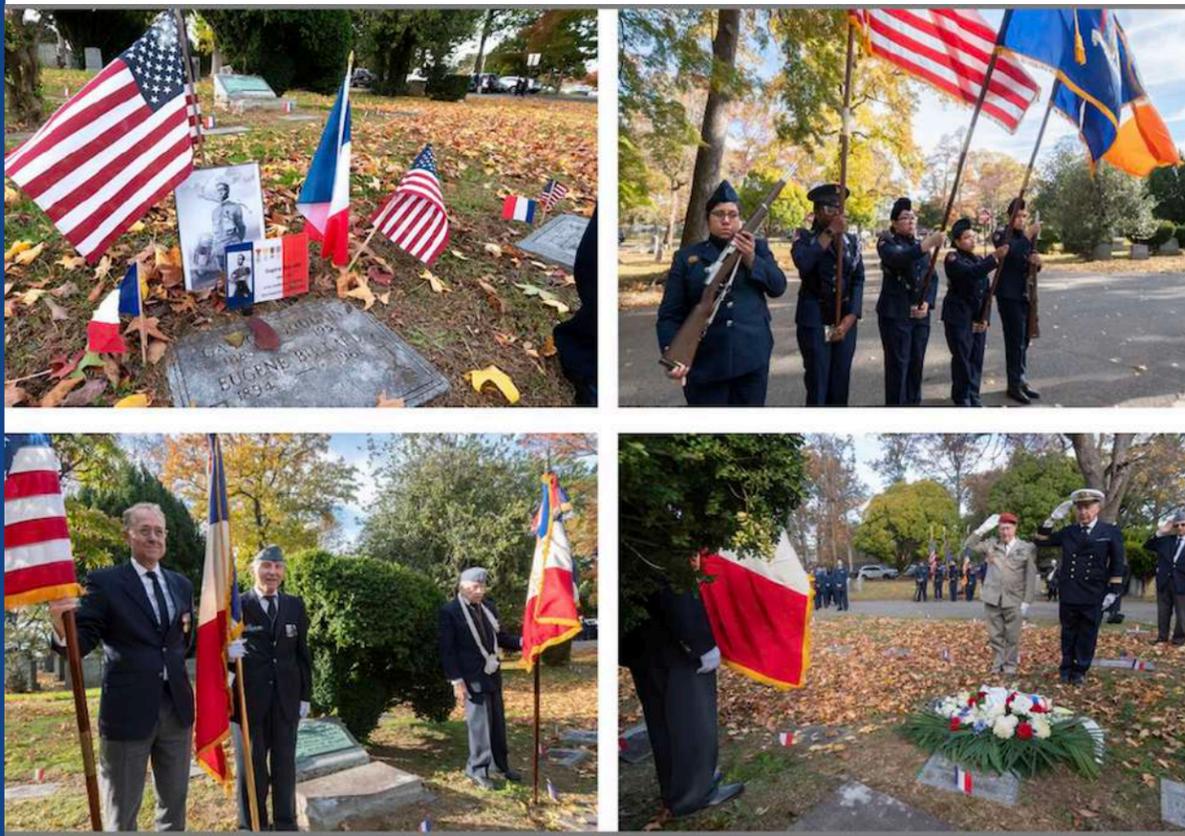
Every year, the Society of the Honor Guard, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, organizes a ceremony to commemorate the return home from France on October 25, 1921 of the Unknown Soldier of WWI. It is joined by the American Gold Star Mothers, Inc., and Sons and Daughters In Touch.

"On behalf of the Society of the Honor Guard, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to each of you for your participation and support during the 104th Anniversary Commemoration aboard the USS *Olympia* at the Washington Navy Yard. Your presence and contributions made this event a truly meaningful tribute. Honoring the historic voyage that brought home our Nation's Unknown Soldier and preserving the spirit of remembrance that unites us all.

SSG (R) Joseph L. Hull, CEO, LCSW
 SGHTUS BoD and Commemorative Chair"

Photos: Society of the Honor Guard, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

**Annual ceremony
 French War Veterans Lot, Flushing Cemetery
 French Sailors Lot, Cypress Hill National Cemetery
 November 1st, 2025**





"Following tradition, we met to pay homage to our departed comrades at the French War Veterans section of Flushing Cemetery where an and at Cypress Hills National Cemetery where twenty five French sailors were buried in 1918.

Thanks to our friend Terrance Halliday, former Commissioner of Veterans' Affairs and Major Fanton, US Air Force, a Color Guard of Air Force ROTC Cadets joined us in both ceremonies.

An American hero, Eugene Bullard was buried in 1961 among the French War Veterans, Having traveled to Europe, he joined the French Foreign Legion in 1914, served in Infantry then learned to fly and served in the French Air Service.

Myriam Gil, Deputy Consul General of France, Patrick du Tertre, President of the Association of French Reserve Officers and Thierry Chaunu, President of the American Society of Le Souvenir Français laid wreaths at Bullard's tomb and at the French War Veterans' memorial monument."

Text & Photos: Daniel Falgerho, Federation of French War Veterans

**Homage to French Soldiers and
American Veterans
Providence, R.I.
November 6, 2025**



Thanks to volunteers including re-enactors of the Bourbonnais Regiment, with Prof. Norman Desmarais, Professor Emeritus, Providence College, author of numerous books and articles, and Regional Delegate of our Society, a ceremony is held every year in November to honor the French soldiers of the American Revolution and all the American Revolutionary War Patriots buried in North Burial Ground, Providence, Rhode Island. We are deeply appreciative and grateful for keeping these French soldiers in our memory. Photos: courtesy Raymond Patnaude

**Annual Tribute to 463 "Morts Pour la France"
Église Notre-Dame
Manhattan, NY
Sunday November 9, 2025**



A wreath from the Federation of French War Veterans, our Society and ACREFEU was laid in front of the plaques listing the 463 "Morts Pour la France" originating from the East Coast in WWI and WWII. "The World War One veterans who created our association in 1919 established the tradition of meeting for mass on the Sunday closest to Veterans' Day. Keeping this tradition alive, we met last Sunday at the Church of Notre Dame to attend mass celebrated by Rev. Peter Heasley, Pastor. We had the pleasure to see our friends Roxane Siroto, Ling Yu, Antoine Treuille and Anne Marie, Professor Clement Mbom, Jacqueline Vanier and Claire Lesteven-Williams.

In a ceremony of homage to our dead Colonel Arnault Rouger of the French Military Mission to the UN, Colonel Antoine Treuille and Lieutenant-Colonel Patrick du Tertre, President of the Association of French Reserve Officers in the US laid a wreath in front of the plaques bearing the names of American Volunteers of the American Field Service, of members of the Escadrille La Fayette and of French Combatants who died in the two World Wars.

Our friend Jacques Letalon, Director of the Cadets La Fayette performed the traditional themes and the National Anthems.

The Federation of French War Veterans was represented by Alain Dupuis, President, Henri Dubarry, Treasurer, Jean Le Gall, Color Guard, Michel Dumerchat, Color Guard, Michel Longchamp and Daniel Falgerho, Vice President.

We met for lunch with at Brasserie Le Monde with Roxane Siroto, Jacqueline Vanier, Ling Yu, Antoine Treuille and Anne Marie, Jean Le Gall and Maria, Michel Dumerchat and Nancy, Clement Mbom, Patrick du Tertre and Alain Dupuis."

Text & Photos: Daniel Falgerho

Veterans Day Armistice Day, November 11 Houston, TX.



November 11: For the Houston Veterans Day parade, Bruno **Cateni**, Regional Delegate of the American Society of Le Souvenir Français, Inc. built a float featuring the Hermione, a.k.a. the "Freedom Frigate". The Souvenir Français featured a float representing the historical Frigate L' Hermione that carried the Marquis de Lafayette to America, to his decisive intervention in securing the American Patriots' victory in the Revolutionary War.

The Souvenir Français also provided historical French Flags that flew in the USA during key events. We thank US Veterans for their steadfast courage and service. We continue to honor the fallen of the Great War and the Second World War, those citizens like us, from all walks of life, who wielded might and strength, guided by sound leadership and faith. They charged against evil itself, forging decisive victories for free nations. We must never take for granted the peace that has held strong in our homelands for over eighty years—a fragile gift, hard-won, paid with the ultimate price of death, deep wounds and generational scars. The void left by these strong generations of fallen men is certainly felt more today, as weakness creeps into our societies.

Their sacrifices are the foundations of our freedom. As French veterans in Texas, we carry their torch—as a reminder on how to forge the path ahead.

May their legacy endure on this dawn of the 250-year anniversary of the US Independence.

Vive la France! Vive les États Unis et Vive la Liberté!

Thank you."

Text: **French Veterans of Texas** (a non profit organization of Former French Military Personnel from Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Louisiana) - Photos Credit: Chris Hernandez Genevieve Bati

Veterans Day Parade 5th Avenue, New York November 11, 2025



Under a freezing wind and rain, members of the Federation of French War Veterans, of the Association of French Reserve Officers in the United States, and of the American Society of Le Souvenir Français got together under the umbrellas of TheFrenchWillNeverForget.net. We were joined by Scouts of Troop#1.

**November 16, 2025
A French town remembers...
Goesnou, Brittany**



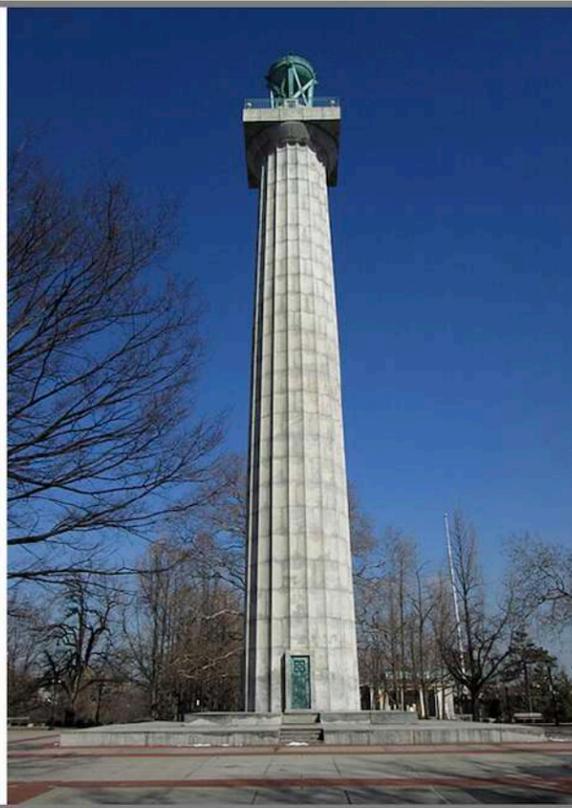


On November 16, 2025, the town of Gouesnou in Brittany, France inaugurated an impressive memorial honoring 229 American soldiers who gave their lives liberating the area from Nazi occupation eighty-one years earlier. The monument, created by sculptor Jean-Philippe Drévilion, features a life-size American soldier seated in exhaustion with his rifle, backed by a monumental door engraved with the names of the identified fallen soldiers, and leaving room for some additional ones who may be added in the future. The door serves as a powerful symbol—a threshold between war and peace, shadow and light, representing the freedom these young Americans died to restore. Located on the actual battleground sites where fierce fighting occurred between August 7 and September 4, 1944 during the siege of Brest, the memorial stands as what Mayor Stéphane Roudaut describes not merely as a statue, but as an expression of gratitude and a living bridge between France and America.

The project represents an unprecedented undertaking for the town of 6,500 residents, driven by years of meticulous historical research initiated by local historians Dimitri Poupon, Denis Bertin and supported by J.R. Neubeiser, historian of the Tomb Guards, his son Kevin (USMC), and Richard Azzaro, co-founder of the Foundation of the Unknown Soldier, all under the leadership Thomas Even, City Manager. The \$300,000 memorial was funded through an international donation campaign spanning both nations, reflecting the shared nature of this history. The initiative gained crucial support from American organizations including the American Society of Le Souvenir Français and the Society of the Honor Guard - Tomb of the Unknown Soldier from Arlington, Virginia. The memorial serves not only as a place of remembrance but also as an educational site, with workshops organized in local schools to ensure that the sacrifice of these young Americans continues to resonate with future generations, embodying the enduring Franco-American friendship forged in the hedgerows of Brittany eight decades ago. On your next trip to Brittany, do not miss visiting this very moving monument!

Photos: courtesy Thomas Evans, City Manager, Ville de Gouesnou, Brittany

**Revolutionary War P.O.W.'s honored
Prisoner Ship Martyrs Memorial
Brooklyn, NY
November 22, 2025**



We were grateful for the invitation extended to us by Mr. Gary Lane, Vice President, Battle of Brooklyn Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, to attend the Prison Martyrs Ship Ceremony on Saturday, November 22, 2025. We were represented by Lt. Pierre Gervois, French Air Force (Reserve), who laid a wreath from our Society and the French Reserve Officers in the USA (ACREFEU). This commemoration honoring the P.O.W's held captive on British jail ships in New York during the Revolutionary War will become an annual event. The memorial at Fort Greene Park in Brooklyn honors over 11,500 American prisoners of war who perished in captivity on sixteen British prison ships during the American Revolutionary War. Prisoners who died were either quickly buried on the shore or thrown overboard. A small portion of those who died on the ships are buried in a crypt beneath the monument. It is estimated that 221 French sailors (from the French Merchant Navy) died while Prisoners of War on these British ships. Their names are being compiled (November 2025) to be added to our Society's Honor Roll. During the Bicentennial Year – 1976, King Juan Carlos of Spain dedicated a plaque to honor the 700 Spaniards who died on the prison ships. Our Society projects to honor the French P.O.W.'s with a long overdue additional bronze plaque.

Photos: courtesy Gary Lane, S.A.R. - photo of Prison Ship Martyrs' monument: By Beyond My Ken - Own work, CC BY-SA 4.0, <https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?curid=24702440>

Our Members honored in 2025



- We congratulate our Board Member **Jean-Hugues Monier**, partner emeritus, McKinsey Co, was made Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur on May 5, 2025 by His Excellency Mr. Laurent Bili, Ambassador of France to the United States. Jean-Hugues has been a longtime member of our Society and generous supporter of many projects, in particular our sculpture of Le Petit Prince in front of Villa Albertine on Fifth Avenue, New York.
- We also heartily congratulate **Susan Seal**, president of the Friends of Odell House Rochambeau Headquarters, who was made a knight of the Ordre National du Mérite on October 24, 2025. Susan and her husband David are longtime Members of our Society. Thanks to Susan tireless efforts, we will

inaugurate in the coming months a memorial to 4 Soldiers of the Royal Deux-Ponts Regiment who died in the vicinity in 1781 (see details further below)

- On December 11, 2025, our former Board Member **Henri Dubarry**, Vice President of the Federation of French War Veterans, was made Chevalier de l'Ordre National du Mérite at the General Consulate of France in New York. Our heartfelt congratulations to Jean-Hugues, Susan and Henri for their long devotion to the cause of French-American alliance and friendship.



The screenshot shows a New York Times article. The main image is a man in a Napoleon Bonaparte costume standing in a field of tall grass. To the right, there are two smaller images: one of a man in a military uniform sitting at a table, and another of a man in a military uniform standing next to a statue of a man in a military uniform. The text of the article is partially visible.

The New York Times

Image: Max Pinckers

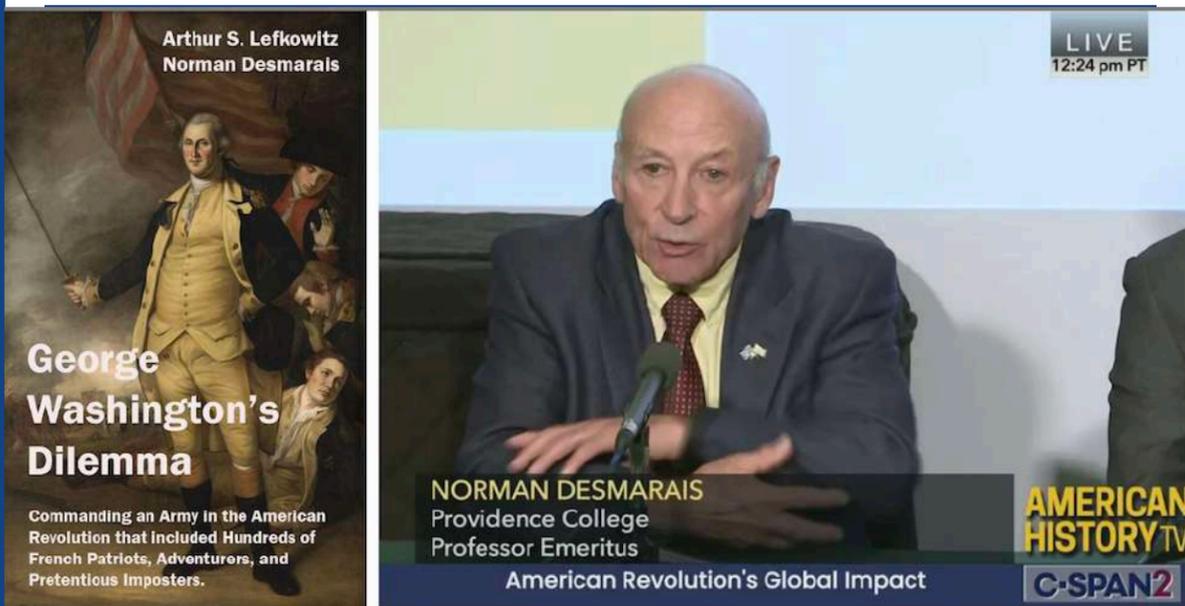
Mark Schneider, "secured the job over other would-be Napoleons [...] in part because of his unrivaled ability to command respect on the battlefield."

Thanks to his excellent work with the American Friends of Lafayette around the bicentennial of the Farewell Tour of America's Favorite Fighting Frenchman.

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Our friend **Mark Schneider**, noted historian and actor who impersonated general Lafayette in many Bicentennial events, (and the Duc de Lauzun at our marker's dedication ceremony in Gloucester, VA in 2023) was the subject of a remarkable article in The New York Times on July 5, 2025!

<https://www.nytimes.com/2025/07/05/world/europe/waterloo-reenactment-american-napoleon.html?smid=url-share>



The image shows a book cover on the left and a video thumbnail on the right. The book cover features a portrait of George Washington and the title 'George Washington's Dilemma' by Arthur S. Lefkowitz and Norman Desmarais. The video thumbnail shows Norman Desmarais speaking at a podium, with a 'LIVE' indicator and '12:24 pm PT' in the top right corner. The video title is 'American Revolution's Global Impact' and it is on 'AMERICAN HISTORY TV' and 'C-SPAN2'.

Arthur S. Lefkowitz
Norman Desmarais

George Washington's Dilemma

Commanding an Army in the American Revolution that Included Hundreds of French Patriots, Adventurers, and Pretentious Imposters.

NORMAN DESMARAIS
Providence College
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American Revolution's Global Impact

From **Professor Norman Desmarais**, Regional Delegate of our Society for New England: "I am happy to announce the publication of my 51st book, *George Washington's Dilemma*, co-authored with Arthur S. Lefkowitz. This is first ever account of the 200 French volunteers who joined the Continental Army. They volunteered to serve prior to the entry of France into the war as America's ally. The Continental Congress commissioned them as officers and told them to report to General Washington for assignments.

Washington had to decide which of the volunteers had valuable military experience while others were frauds who bluffed their way into the Patriot Army." Available on [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)



On February 2, 2025, our Member **Jeff Livingston** was honored by National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution President General Pamela Wright with the Historic Preservation medal. Jeff Livingston spearheaded the restoration of the Hawai'i Merci boxcar with the help of many volunteers from the Aloha Chapter. We congratulate Jeff and all the volunteers for this remarkable work, as we extend as well our gratitude to all the volunteers and Members of the National Boxcar Association, 40&8, throughout the nation for their dedication to preserve this tangible symbol of French-American friendship. Photos courtesy of Laura Ingenhuyff, D.A.R.

Announcements

An Atlantic crossing from Brest to New York by sailboat to celebrate 400 years of the French Navy

250 YEARS OF AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE & 400 YEARS OF THE FRENCH NAVY

TRANSATLANTIC INTREPIDE SAIL FOR LIBERTY

As a symbol of enduring friendship, cadets from the French Naval Academy and the U.S. Naval Academy will cross the Atlantic in May 2026 aboard the "Intrepide".

This sailboat, acquired in 2023, is named after the 74-gun ship that distinguished itself in the American Revolutionary War. After sailing 10,000 nautical miles from Brest to Norfolk, the crew will continue to Annapolis and finally New York for the 250th July 4th celebrations.

Beyond a sporting feat, this challenge provides officer cadets with vital hands-on training that strengthens leadership and combat readiness, while honoring a shared legacy and promoting the reputation of both navies.

WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US AS A PARTNER!

"Intrepid is a life-changing investment for us since it reinforces our cooperation today and prepares us for interoperability for tomorrow. We know 10 years from now we will meet again, during our careers and the bonds the Intrepid already creates is just the starting point of a new adventure for all our schools."

John, midship

THE PROJECT

CELEBRATING A 250-YEAR OLD FRIENDSHIP

SEPTEMBER 5, 1781: BATTLE OF THE CHESAPEAKE

The first French-American naval cooperation. Although mostly known to maritime historians, this crucial naval battle was strategically decisive in the outcome of the American Revolution, and is to this day remembered by the French Naval Academy and units of the French Navy. The relationship between France and the United States is deeply rooted in shared history, common values, and a strong alliance that spans military, economic, and diplomatic cooperation. France, as the U.S.'s oldest treaty ally, provided crucial support during the American Revolution. Through their enduring friendship and shared objectives, France and the United States continue, on this day, to strengthen their alliance for a peaceful, prosperous, and secure world.

Thus, in addition to strengthening ties within the French-American crew of the "Intrepide", another goal of this demanding crossing is to continue exchanges of ideas, reinforcing the bonds of friendship between our two nations.

THE TEAM

As the undergraduate college of the country's naval service, the US Naval Academy prepares young men and women to become professional officers of competence, character, and compassion in the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps. Cadets from the USNA undergo a rigorous academic and military education, preparing them to navigate the complexities of modern naval operations. Just like their American counterparts, French naval officers are trained to handle the most sophisticated and challenging systems, contributing to both the French Navy and to global maritime security.

The participation of both French and American officer midships in this transatlantic crossing will be a unique opportunity for them to forge stronger bonds as future defenders of their respective nations.

The shared experience at sea, and navigating the challenges of a transatlantic voyage together, will create lasting connections and deeper mutual understanding between them.

Cadets from the USNA and French Naval Academy and 4 skippers from the French Naval Academy (Ecole navale)

A CHALLENGE OF LEADERSHIP AND RESILIENCE AT SEA

This crossing offers the officer cadets a unique opportunity to develop both technical and human skills that are crucial for their future command roles. They will need to prepare to manage a large sailing vessel, applying precise navigation techniques, coordinating maneuvers, and assuming various responsibilities on board.

In the face of the challenges posed by the crossing and unpredictable weather conditions, they will need to demonstrate resilience. Managing sleep, nutrition, and task distribution on board will be crucial to maintaining their endurance throughout the journey. The role of watch leader and the organization of shifts will highlight their ability to lead and maintain a smooth and efficient organization. This crossing will thus serve as a true training ground for combativeness, where success will depend on collective effort, perseverance, and solidarity.

A UNIQUE MARITIME JOURNEY

To complete this 10,000-nautical-mile crossing, the crew will have to prepare themselves physically, train to maneuver the exceptional and demanding sailboat "Intrépide", and complete offshore training, World Sailing course, first-aid training, etc.

SCHEDULING

2025 - EARLY 2026 : PREPARATION

- Spring 2025 : refit of the Intrépide, overhaul of hull, rigging and fittings. Purchase of a new mainsail.
- Autumn 2025 : 20 days of ocean sailing. Training courses for crew members: first aid, and rescue.
- Winter 2025 : sailboat configuration for the transatlantic journey and short navigation voyages.
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MAY TO AUGUST 2026 : THE TRANSATLANTIC

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- End of July : Return to France

BUDGET

By supporting us, you will be actively participating in every stage of this journey. Every 10 nautical miles covered represents a contribution of \$290 towards the following costs:

- Preparation: Upgrading and acquisition of a new mainsail
- Equipment required: for a long-distance crossing
- Specific training for the crew
- Logistics: expenses

The total estimated budget for the crossing is 290,000 US dollars.

The Intrépide

74 gun ship of the line, built in Brest from 1745-47

Designed to challenge the Royal Navy, the Intrépide took part in several major conflicts: the War of the Austrian Succession, the Seven Years' War, and the American War of Independence. Armed with 74 cannons and carrying 750 crew members, it distinguished itself in the Second Battle of Cape Finistere (1747), the Battle of Quiberon Bay (1759), and the Battle of Martinique (1762).

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- Celebrate the enduring French-American friendship
- Help showcase the excellence and reputation of our two navies worldwide

COMPANIES

REASONS TO SUPPORT

- To have visibility during the crossing and at various stopovers and events
- To participate in exclusive moments around the celebrations of these anniversaries
- The chance to benefit from the feedback of our midships

Contact us for more information: partenariats@ecole-navale.fr

INDIVIDUALS

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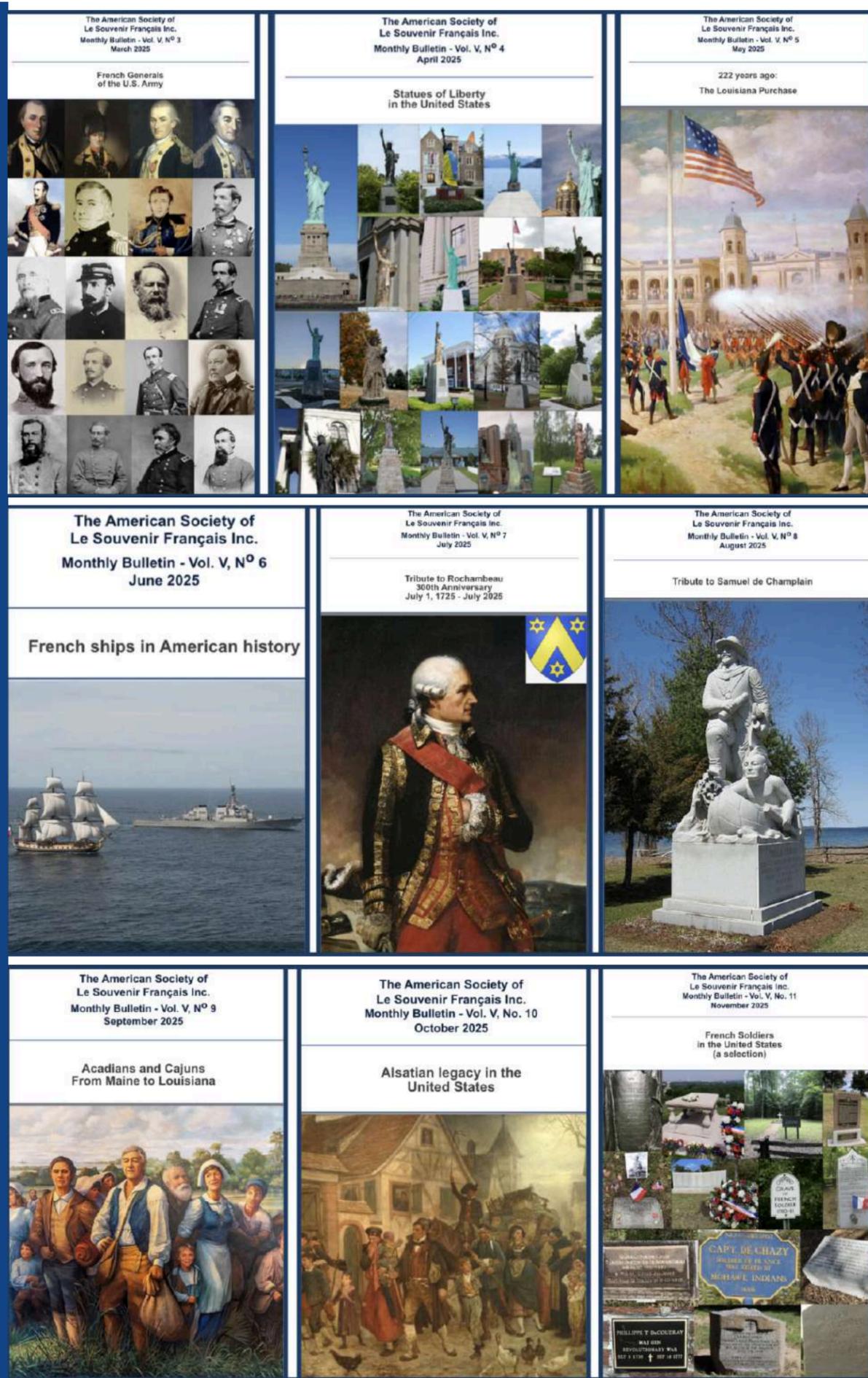
Our monthly Bulletins of 2025

The American Society of Le Souvenir Français Inc.
Monthly Bulletin - Vol. V, N° 1 - January 2025

A chronicle of French Envoys in the United States (1778-1938)

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The Battle of Savannah
and a special tribute to the
Chasseurs Volontaires de Saint Domingue



We are deeply humbled to learn that our monthly Bulletins are appreciated and shared. What is more, that they are read by the younger generations, and as importantly, by those who will be defending our children and grandchildren' freedoms. Tyler Martelly-Masdoumier, a senior, Four year cadet at Valley Forge Military Academy & College, athlete, color guard, Rifle club, cadet officer, and he enlisted in the Army reserve last year (11B infantry). Tyler completed boot camp last summer. He has been accepted for ROTC in College. Incidentally, his quote in the yearbook is: "Courage isn't having the strength to go on - it is going on when you don't have strength." — Napoleon Bonaparte

We thank VFMA History Chair Chris Bechtel for telling us about this young bright student, and our congratulations and best wishes to Tyler, undoubtedly a future leader.

Our free monthly bulletins are widely read, with close to 2,000 readers on both sides of the Atlantic!

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Our goal: To turn the spotlight on a famous, or less famous, episode or historical figure during the long shared history between France and the United States, with illustrations and anecdotes.

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Welcome

Welcome! Bienvenue!

Welcome to the American Society of Le Souvenir Français!

We are dedicated to honoring the memories of all the French soldiers and sailors who gave their lives for the cause of freedom and are buried in the United States since 1777.

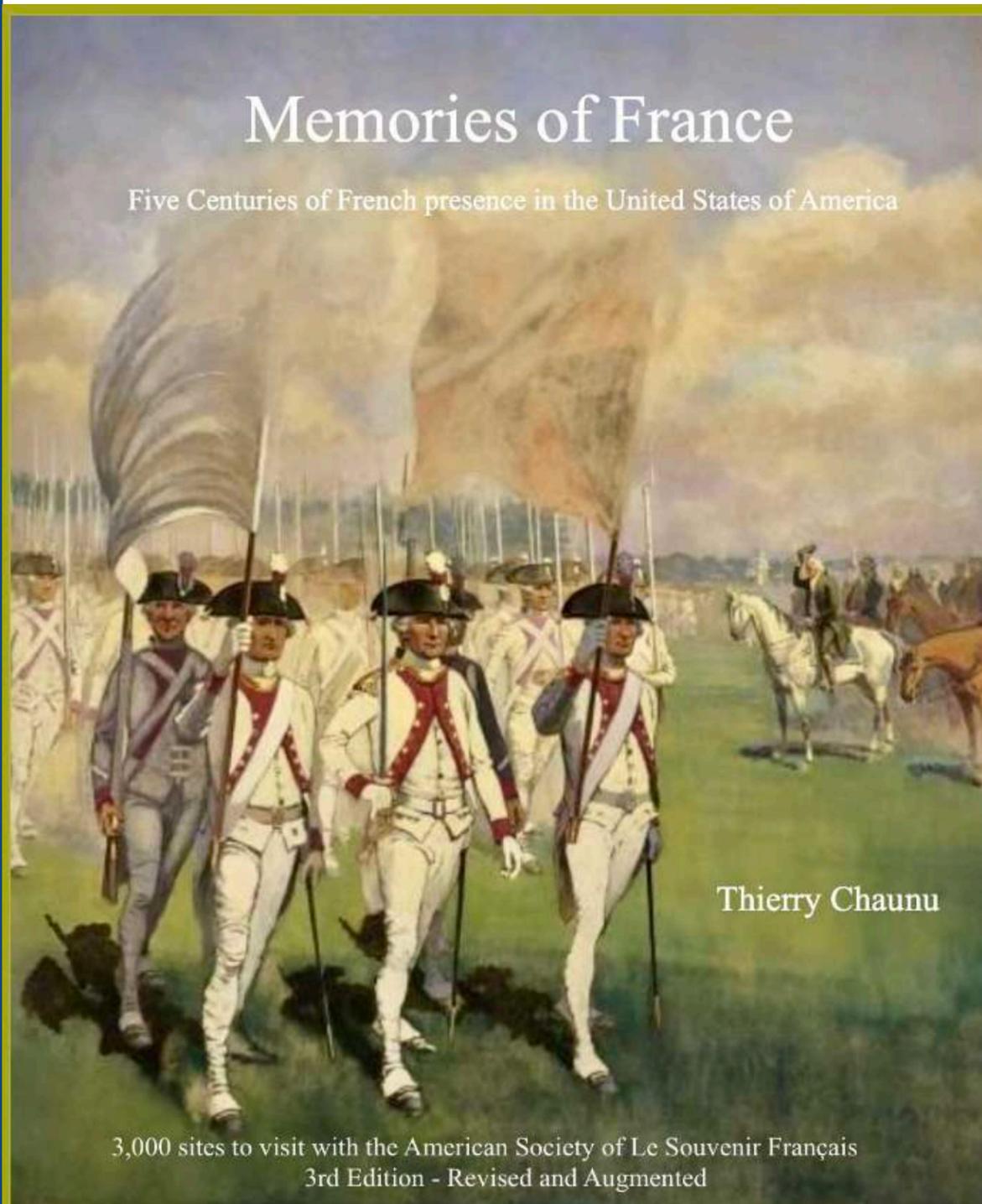
We are also dedicated to remembering all the French explorers and illustrious immigrants who helped discover the immensity of America and contributed to its greatness.

Join us in our mission to celebrate and perpetuate the multi-secular historic ties that bind France and the United States, unique in the history of nations.

"Bienvenue" to our pages, and "Merci" for your visit!

Thanks to Board Member Domitille Marchal-Lemoine, our bilingual website has been revamped with an updated look. We will continue to improve it and publish new articles, with a completely new Roll of Honor page in 2026.

**December 2025: publication of
"Memories of France"
(3rd edition, Revised and Augmented)
3,000 sites of French presence in the United States**



December 2025: The 3rd edition of Memories of France (Revised & Augmented) is now available on Amazon. This edition documents 3,000 sites of French presence across all 50 states and five centuries of American history, up from 2,000 from the previous edition.

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Projects for 2026

Inauguration of a Memorial honoring 4 soldiers of the Royal Deux-Ponts Odell Rochambeau Museum Greenburgh, NY Spring 2026 (date to be announced)



This Spring, once the final landscape of the future Odell Rochambeau Museum is completed, we will inaugurate a granite memorial honoring 4 Soldiers of the French Army who died in the vicinity while American and French troops camped side-by-side. This was the site of Rochambeau's headquarters from July 6 to August 19, 1781, and the site where Rochambeau and George Washington met to adopt the winning strategy to march to Yorktown.

The names of the 4 Soldiers of the Royal Deux-Ponts Regiments engraved on the memorial are:

David Petter, † July 18, 1781

Antoine Houllier, † July 31, 1781

Adam Steel, † July 14, 1781

Johannes Anneury, † August 9, 1781

A date will be announced by Friends of Odell House Rochambeau Headquarters and their president Susan Seal.

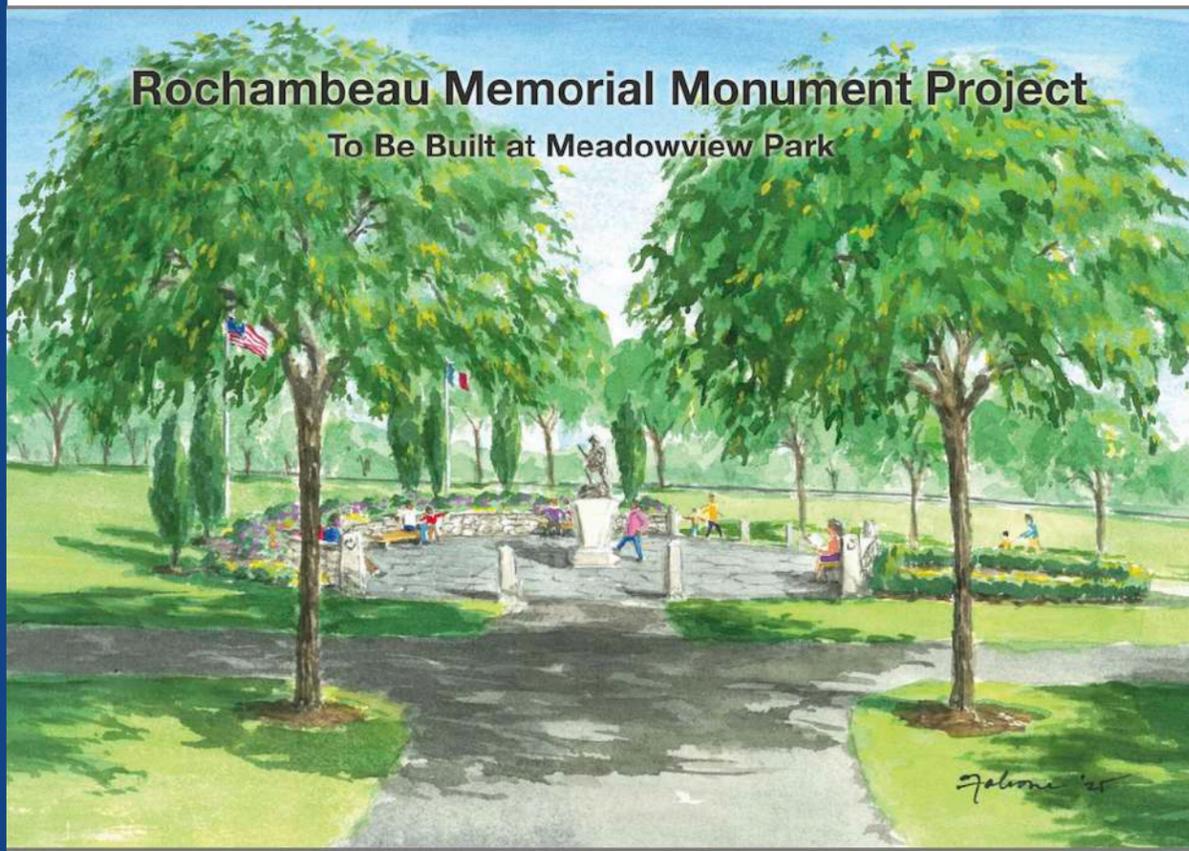
Click on the photos above to watch the video produced by the Odell Rochambeau Museum, "Dear France, thank you"

Re-dedication of the Lapérouse Memorial and inauguration of our Society's marker Maui, Hawaii May 2026 (date to be announced)

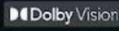


This restoration of the lava rock monument and installation of the marker would not have been possible without the constant support of **Marc Onetto**, West Coast Regional Delegate. We will announce the exact day of the ceremony (most likely in May 2026) in a future bulletin!

**Inauguration
The Rochambeau Monument Project
Meadowview Park, Middlebury, CT
June 27, 2026**



Patrick Dutertre Comments



On October 7, 2025, a groundbreaking ceremony took place in Middlebury, CT, where the French Army camped from June 27 through June 30, 1781, and again on October 26/27, 1782, on their way back to Providence. The Middlebury Historical Society and the town of Middlebury will erect a beautiful memorial with a bronze statue of an ordinary French soldier.

Benefactor Larry Janesky, who with his wife Marie pledged \$100,000 to the project, recalled that their home sits on the site of the original French encampment. *"No French Army coming through Middlebury, no United States,"* he said. *"We're moving forward on faith and optimism to create something permanent for this community."*

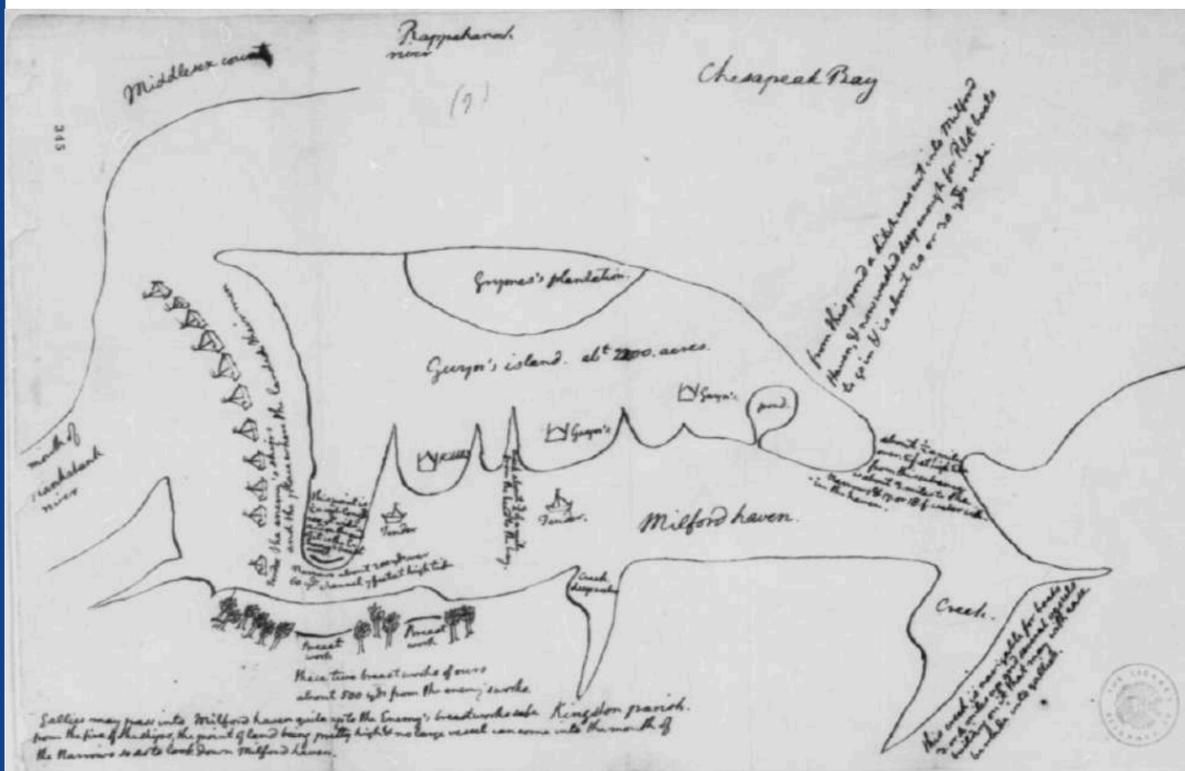
The featured address came from Lieutenant-colonel **Patrick Du Tertre**, French Army (Reserve), 1st Vice President of The American Society of Le Souvenir Français, who traveled from Bethel to represent the French-American heritage organization. In uniform, he paid tribute to both nations' shared struggle for liberty, declaring, *"Our duty today is to protect this heritage, to cherish and defend all that unites us—for the good of the world and of the next generations."*

With history looking on, benefactors and public officials took up their shovels and a bit of French spirit to break ground for Middlebury's Rochambeau Memorial. Left to right: State Representative Bill Pizzuto; Marie and Larry Janesky; First Selectman Edward B. St. John; Middlebury Historical Society President Robert Rafford; and Selectmen Jennifer Mahr and J. Paul Vance. Photo courtesy of Robert Mastroiani.

Click on the photo to view the video of Larry Janesky and Patrick du Tertre's remarks.

Text, photos and videos courtesy of Middlebury Historical Association & Robert Troiani

**Inauguration of marker honoring
Capt. Louis d'Ohicky Arunder
First French officer Volunteer killed
of the American Revolutionary War
Gwynn Island, VA.
July 9, 1776 - July 9, 2026**



On July 9, 2026, we will inaugurate a bronze marker funded by our Society honoring Capt. Louis d'Ohicky Arundel at a ceremony organized by the Virginia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, exactly 250 years later after the tragic death of the first French casualty of the War of Independence.

In our March 2025 Bulletin, <https://conta.cc/4hongcW>, we publicized an article written by Mr. Patrick Hannum published in the Journal of the American Revolution of February 26, 2025.

<https://allthingsliberty.com/2025/02/cricket-hill-and-gwynns-island-captain-arundels-only-fight/>

Above: Map of Action at Gwyn's Island, Chesapeake Bay, By Thomas Jefferson, July 1776, - Library of Congress, Public Domain, <https://www.loc.gov/item/mtjbib000158/>

Stay tuned for more details!

Marker honoring the

**French military Engineers
who worked at Butts Hill Fort,
Plymouth, Rhode Island
July 1780 - June 1781**



On July 11, 2026 (TBC), we plan to unveil, in partnership with the Battle of Rhode Island Association (BoRIA), an interpretive marker recounting the story of the French military engineers who worked on consolidating the fortifications of Butts Hill Fort. Thanks to Dr. Robert A. Selig, the foremost historian on French participation in the American Revolutionary War, the text and illustrations selected for this interpretive marker will be informative, extremely accurate, and inspiring. More details will be announced soon!

**Inauguration of our
Memorial to French Navy Sailors
Riverwalk, Yorktown, VA
October 18, 2026**



Location of granite memorial

In 2022, we installed an interpretive marker dedicated to Admiral de Grasse explaining the crucial role of the French Navy 1778-1783. It has been seen by thousands of tourists on the Riverwalk, a few steps from the 4 sculptures of General Washington, Rochambeau, Lafayette and admiral de Grasse. We have received the authorization from Yorktown authorities to install a granite memorial "to the Memory of 3,520 French Navy sailors who lost their lives for American independence", who do not have tombs as there are resting at the bottom of the ocean. We have received the support from the Virginia Society, Sons of the American Revolution. The inauguration is planned for October 18, 2025, on the eve of the 245th anniversary of the joint French-American victory.

**Our sculpture of
Antoine de Saint Exupéry and The Little Prince**

Miami, Florida November 2026



A Bronze sculpture of Antoine de Saint Exupéry and The Little Prince will grace the entrance of the Frost Museum of Sciences & Planetarium, downtown Miami, a very popular destination for families and tourists.

The Steering Committee Miami is working hard to finalize the fund raising, with a goal to inaugurate it in November 2026. Please consider helping us by donating for this wonderful project!

Click on the photo above for all details, and links to send your tax-deductible donation! Any amount will be duly publicly recognized.

The Frost Museum has committed to keeping the sculpture for a minimum of 30 years at its entrance.

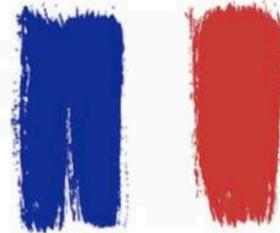
We have no doubt that it will be loved by Miami residents and tourists from around the world. Such is the case with our sculpture in New York inaugurated in 2023.

Earlier this week, an anonymous admirer laid a bouquet of roses on The Little Prince's laps. Such is the power of Antoine de Saint Exupéry's creation: a universal symbol of peace and wisdom, translated in more than 600 languages and dialects, the second most translated book after the Holy Bible...

Photo below: courtesy Domitille Marchal-Lemoine, NY, December 15, 2025



**We look forward to another year of great memories in 2026,
the 250th anniversary of
the United States of America!
Happy New Year!**



OUR MISSIONS:

- To preserve the memory of the French soldiers, sailors and airmen who gave their lives for freedom, and who are buried in the United States.
- To honor French Citizens who did great deeds in the United States, or with a strong connection with the United States,
- To promote the appreciation for French culture and heritage in the United States, and the ideals that unite our two nations, in order to pass the torch of memory to younger generations.
- To strengthen the long-standing traditional bonds of friendship between the American and French peoples, and to this end: erect or maintain memorials and monuments and encourage historical research, public presentations and publications in the media.

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