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# THE ORDER OF LAFAYETTE

*Under the Patronage of Count Gilbert de Pusy La Fayette*



May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015

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It has been some time since our last communication and, therefore, this newsletter contains the events of both 2013 and 2014.

We have had wonderful developments but setbacks also, much as every life holds. The passing of old friends and members is always difficult but our losses in this period have been heartbreaking.

We were remiss in our last newsletter not to note the death of Rene Joyeuse, M.D., one of the most celebrated figures of World War II.

Dr. Joyeuse was a Captain in the Free French Forces and the U.S. Army Office of Strategic Services from 1943 to 1945. His secret missions, behind enemy lines, became legendary. He was made a Chevalier of the Legion d'Honneur, and received the U.S. Distinguished Service Cross, the Croix de Guerre with Palm, and the Medaille Militaire and many other decorations. After the war he became a physician specializing in trauma and emergency surgery and served at the Mayo Clinic and as Assistant Professor of Medicine at Rutgers University. Dr. Joyeuse was buried at Arlington National Cemetery by special direction of the Secretary of the Army. His sons, Remi and Marc, are both members of the Order and we extend to them our deepest condolences and gratitude for his service.

We also lost our dear friend Bertrand Chatel, who presented the Order's award at West Point in 2006 in what he described as one of the most unforgettable moments of his life. As a Captain of Naval Infantry, (what Americans term 'Marines'), he was severely wounded during the liberation of Strasbourg while commanding a tank. He later stated that it was an extremely difficult military engagement, made even more so because – "I didn't know how to drive a tank". Bertrand later served for many years at the United Nations in the areas of food and refugee relief. He was awarded the Legion d'Honneur, the Order of National Merit and the Croix de Guerre.

Bertrand will be sorely missed as will Claude Henry Kleefield Esq., founder and president of the French-American Bar Association, who helped countless French veterans become American citizens and thus begin new lives in a new land.

Longtime Life Member Philip Snyder passed away as did Dr. Robert D. Wickham, another holder of the Legion d'Honneur which he earned as a medic during the race to the Rhine. Dr. Wickham never forgot the debt we owe to our fellow citizens who don the uniform of our country; he served for many years on the Advisory Board of the Soldiers', Sailors', Marines', Coast Guard & Airmen's Club, which aids the armed services community every day.

Adding to our sadness was learning of the loss of Hon. Peter K. Leisure, LTC George U. Strosnider and our Judge Advocate, Ambassador Edward Ridley Finch Jr. All three were valued members, but the loss of Ambassador Finch is especially grievous. As a result, the Board of Officers will be reorganized this year.

Lastly, I lost my godfather, Rev. Vincent J. Kumjian, who fought in France and there met my godmother. He was a highly respected minister in the Methodist Church and is greatly mourned by that denomination and the Armenian-American community.

But all is not sorrow; there are happy developments to report.

We welcome Mr. Christopher Buonanno as our new Recruiting Officer, and he has already begun a program to replenish our ranks.

We also welcome new members; COL Edward G. Carson, LTC John M. Hubbard, LTC Douglas T. Burruss, World War II veteran, Mr. Joseph M. George, ENS Hobart K. Kistler, LTC Brian J. Yarbrough and Mr. John Patrick Hemingway.

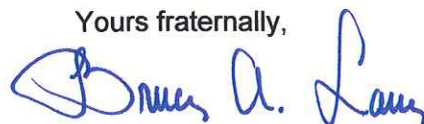
Several of the officers are veterans Afghanistan, were they served with French forces, and we thank them for their dedication to Operation Enduring Freedom.

We hope you are aware of the tremendous effort of the French community in America and the numerous volunteers and contributors in France toward the building and voyage of the 'Hermione', a replica of the ship on which Lafayette returned to the United States in 1780 bringing glad tidings of alliance and vital aid to the cause of our independence. The 'Hermione' will begin her Summer visit at Yorktown on June 5<sup>th</sup> and then proceed to Washington, D.C., Annapolis, Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York City, Greenport, N.Y., Boston and Halifax, Nova Scotia. We urge you to attend one of these welcoming celebrations for this magnificent vessel. More information can be found on their website: [www.hermione2015.com](http://www.hermione2015.com).

Our website has been totally redesigned by my wife Sherry, and it has aided us greatly in recruiting because those interested in membership can now download the application form directly on their computer, along with copies of our newsletters – beginning with this issue. It saves tremendous amounts of time and we thank her for her help and support.

I hope you will visit our website and please share the link with others you feel would be good candidates for the Order: [www.OrderofLafayette.org](http://www.OrderofLafayette.org).

Yours fraternally,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bruce A. Laue". The signature is stylized and cursive.

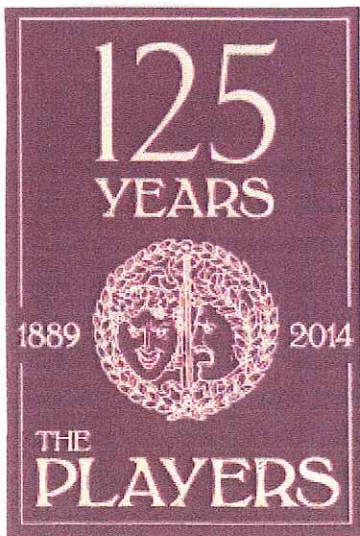
LTC Bruce A. Laue  
President General

On May 28, 2014, Mr. John Patrick Hemingway was inducted as a Life Member of the Order at The Players Club in New York City. Mr. Hemingway, a grandson of the Nobel Prize-winning author, is a resident of Montreal and was en route to Spain when our recruiting officer, Mr. Christopher Buonanno arranged a private induction ceremony.

Ernest Hemingway was present at the D-Day landings and organized French resistance fighters in Rambouillet during the liberation. He was awarded the Bronze Star for bravery but, contrary to legend, did not liberate the Ritz Hotel in Paris.

Our new member is also a writer and stated that he was both pleased and honored to be part of the Order.

Below, L to R – Mr. Christopher Buonanno, Mr. John Patrick Hemingway and President General Laue.

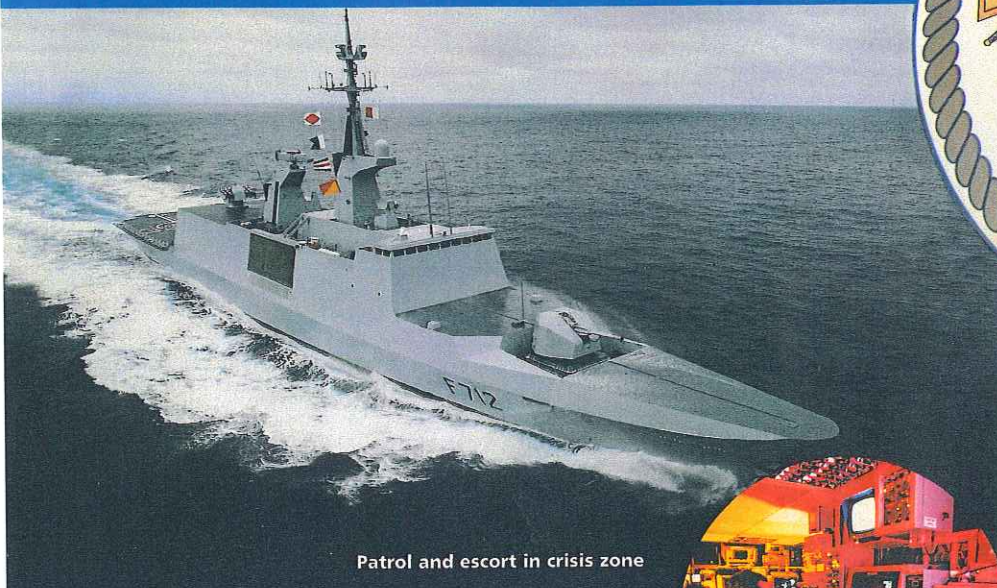


## Bastille Day 2014

In honor of France's national holiday, the French frigate 'Lafayette' visited New York City.








### LA FAYETTE class Frigate (FFH)



Patrol and escort in crisis zone

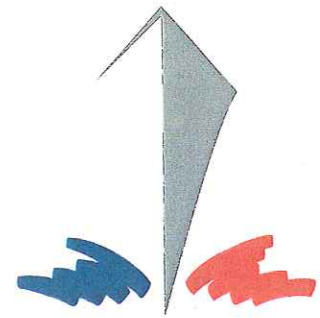


-  Length: 125 m  
Beam: 15.4 m
-  8 x EXOCET MM-40 anti-ship missiles  
1 x CROTALE short range anti-air missile system
-  3,600 tonnes
-  1 x 100 mm and 2 x 20 mm guns
-  4 diesels  
15.4 MW
-  Radars: 1 x air search, 2 x navigation  
2 x DAGAIE decoy launchers  
1 x radar detector
-  25 knots
- SAIGON electronic warfare system  
SYRACUSE communications system  
STI combat system
-  153 sailors
-  1 x Panther

- F 710 LA FAYETTE
- F 711 SURCOUF
- F 712 COURBET
- F 713 ACONIT
- F 714 GUÉPRATTE

The new ship which is also the name of a class of frigates, is 'stealth' in design, making it nearly invisible to radar detection.

There are no outer decks or passageways, adding to its sleek appearance and speed.

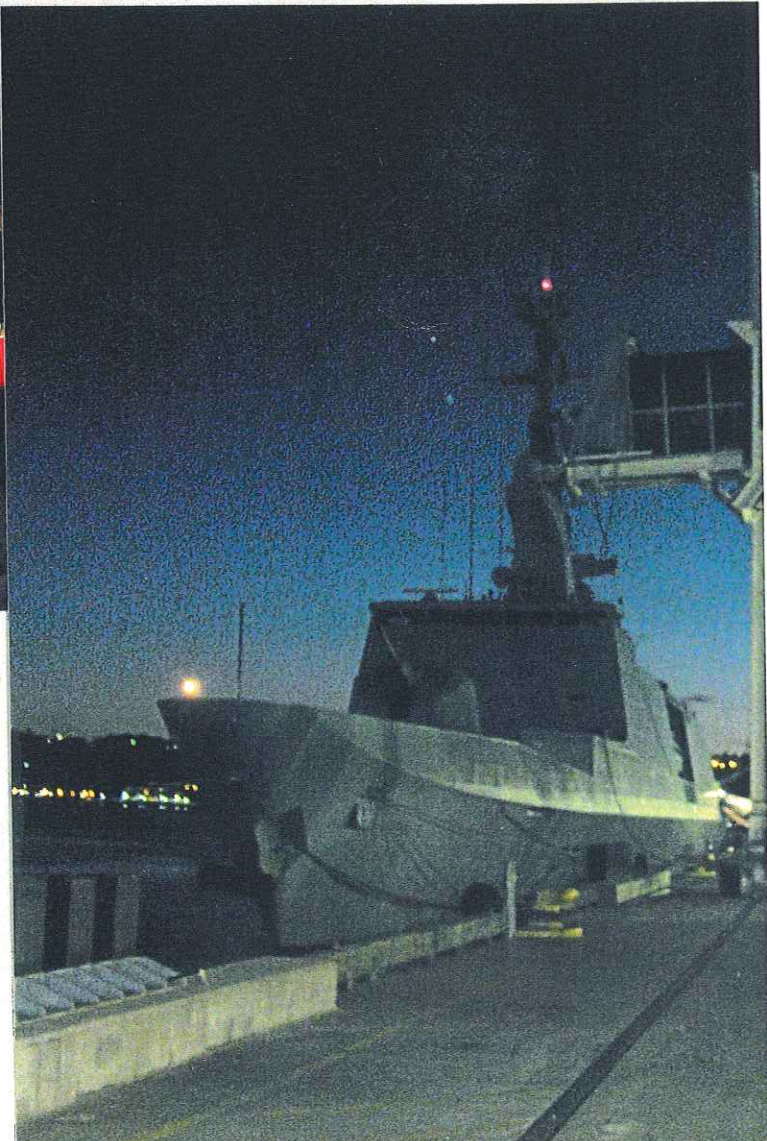


MARINE  
NATIONALE

President General Bruce Laue, his mother Mrs. Yolande V. Laue, speak with officers aboard the 'Lafayette'



Above: the welcome flags aboard the 'Lafayette'.



Right: The 'Lafayette' at anchor in NYC at dusk.

# The French Navy in the world



- 6 Naval Air Stations (NAS):
- Landivisiou
  - Lann-Bihoué
  - Lanveoc-Poulmic
  - Nîmes-Garons
  - Hyeres
  - Tontouta (New Caledonia)
- 59 signal stations

- Naval dockyard
  - Naval base
  - Permanent pre-positioning
  - Command maritime area
- \* French overseas territory

<h3>Naval Action Force</h3> <p>115 combat and support ships - 12,000 personnel</p>	<h3>Naval Air Arm</h3> <p>175 aircraft - 7,300 personnel</p>	<h3>Submarine Forces</h3> <p>10 ships - 3,300 personnel</p>	<h3>Naval Riflemen and Commandos</h3> <p>16 units - 2,000 personnel</p>
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Twenty years ago a small group of visionaries met together in France and imagined reconstructing an exact replica of The Hermione, the French frigate that carried the young Lafayette to General Washington, pledging French support for the American insurgents. The result turned the tide of the American Revolution at the Siege of Yorktown in 1781.

As the year-on-year reconstruction became a regional, now national, attraction in Rochefort, the idea grew to recreate Lafayette's voyage on The Hermione with a historic return to the iconic port cities of the American Revolution. What better way to celebrate the history of French-American friendship, naval alliances over 200 years and the humanitarian spirit of Lafayette, "teen hero" of the American Revolution?

With the support of The Friends of Hermione-Lafayette in America, The Hermione will set sail to the USA in summer of 2015, making landfall at Yorktown and then proceeding up the coast to Mount Vernon, Alexandria/ Washington DC, Annapolis, Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York City, Greenport, Newport, Boston, Castine, Maine, and then on to Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, before heading home.

Along the route, there will be community festivities onboard and pier side, including a Traveling Exhibit, *The Hermione Heritage Village*, concerts of French and American contemporary and period music, major museum exhibits, theatre and film. The Education Program highlights student and Hermione-Lafayette curriculum exchange; the conversion of The Hermione into a digitized STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) Lab; and *The Hermione Game*, an innovative, online educational game that will be nationally distributed to secure the legacy of Hermione Voyage 2015.

We value your support for this once-in-a-lifetime event.

P. Miles Young, President



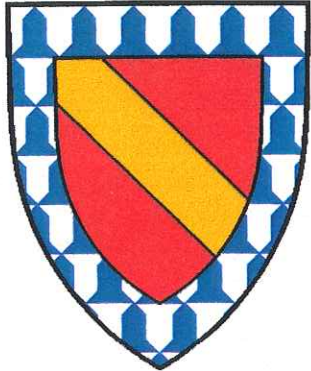
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### UPCOMING EXHIBITIONS



#### Lafayette



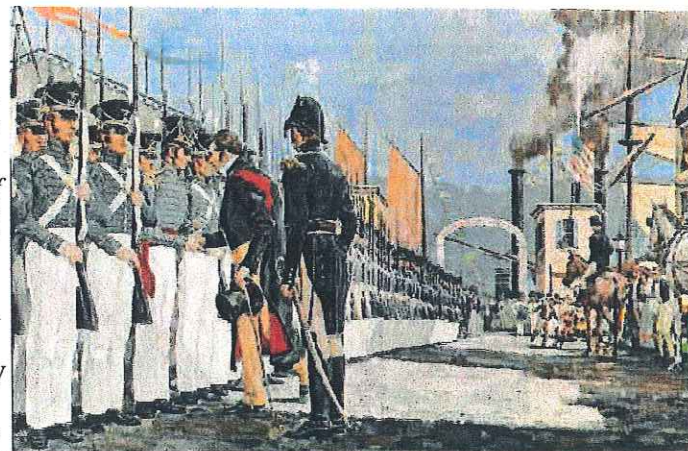
The French Marquis de Lafayette, came to the colonies at the age of 19 with the spirit of freedom. He built a strong and lasting personal relationship with George Washington and became an officer in the Continental army. He is recognized as a hero of the American Revolutionary War. His death in 1834 was mourned across America.

In the exhibition one can view 20 artifacts relating to Lafayette, including his calling card, general's sash and a pair of French officer's pistols.

May 22, 2015 – December 2016

## Lafayette and the National Guard

*New York City, July 14, 1825 - The 2nd Battalion, 2nd Regiment of Artillery, New York State Militia welcomes the visiting hero of the American Revolution Marquis de Lafayette. To honor him on his day of departure home to France, the unit adopted the name "National Guard" in remembrance of the Garde National de Paris, once commanded by Lafayette during the early days of the French Revolution. Taking note of the unit and its new name, Lafayette left his carriage and went down the line of troops clasp hands. Artist rendering from the National Guard Heritage Series.*



During May to June 1806, four companies of artillery were formed in the New York State Militia and were subsequently assigned to the Battalion of Artillery, 1st Artillery Brigade. It was renamed the 2nd Battalion 11th Regiment of Artillery in 1812 and was briefly mustered into federal service for the War of 1812. It was again mustered into federal service in 1814 for a brief period. In January 1825, the unit was redesignated the 2nd Battalion 2nd Regiment of Artillery. In July of that year, the battalion was one of many commands turned out in New York City to welcome the visiting hero Marquis de LaFayette, the French aristocrat who had helped America during its bid for independence and brought France into conflict against the British to aid the new nation. To honor him, the battalion took the name "National Guard" in remembrance of the celebrated Garde Nationale de Paris, which Lafayette had commanded during the early days of the French Revolution.

In 1847, the battalion was reorganized as infantry and redesignated the 7th Regiment. There would be many name changes and new designations throughout its history. Its campaign credits include the War of 1812, the Civil War, World War I (Somme Offensive, Ypres-Lys, Flanders 1918) and World War II (Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes-Alsace, Central Europe, Western Pacific, Leyte, Ryukyus).