

***“Follow the Frenchman through Natchez”***  
**The Return Tour of Lafayette**  
Mississippi Sons of the American Revolution (MS SAR)  
and  
The Natchez Literary & Cinema Celebration (NLCC)  
March 27 – 30, 2025  
Natchez, MS

Thursday, March 27, 2025

8:30AM – 12:30PM – Living History Educational Encampment, West Lawn, Rosalie Mansion  
1:00PM – 4:00PM – **REGISTRATION – MS SAR – Natchez Grand Hotel, Conference Room C**  
**NLCC – Natchez Convention Center, Pre-Function Area**  
3:30PM - Rodney Bus departure  
4:00PM - Grave Marking of Judge Thomas Rodney, Washington, MS  
5:00 - 6:30PM - Donor Reception – Magnolia Hall

Friday, March 28, 2025

8:30AM - 12:30PM - Living History Educational Encampment, West Lawn, Rosalie Mansion  
8:00AM – 5:00PM - **REGISTRATION - MS SAR – Natchez Grand Hotel, Conference Room C**  
**NLCC – Natchez Convention Center, Pre-Function Area**  
  
8:00 – 11:00AM and 1:00 – 3:00PM – Conundrum Book Store, Pre-Function Area,  
Table Exhibits, Authors, Cinemas, Silent Auction – Natchez Room,  
Natchez Convention Center  
8:30AM – **NLCC OPENING CEREMONY**, NLCC Award Presentations, Nashville Room  
Natchez Convention Center  
9:00 - 9:45AM - "Natchez in 1825"  
Tupelo Room, Natchez Convention Center  
  
10:00 – 10:45AM – "Stop the Parade!"  
"America's Gard Nationale"  
and  
"James Armistead Lafayette, Slave, Patriot, Spy & Friend"  
Rev. Jason Philip Bird CH(LTC) Mississippi Army National Guard  
Tupelo Room, Natchez Convention Center  
  
11:00AM – 1:00PM – **LUNCH**, Nashville Room, Natchez Convention Center –  
Will be ticketed to Non-SAR  
Presenter TBA

1:30 – 2:30PM – “Martha Wills, Adrienne de Noailles, Rachel Donelson – Women of Steel”  
(1734 – 1785) (1759 – 1807) (1767 – 1828)  
Presenter, TBA - Tupelo Room, Natchez Convention Center

3:30PM - Bus departs for Gloucester

4:00PM - "Sweet Tea & Lemonade"... on the Porch" - Gloucester  
Grave Marking of Terr. Gov. Winthrop Sargent - Gloucester Cemetery

6:00PM – **MS SOCIETY SAR / NLCC WELCOME RECEPTION** - Buffet Dinner  
MSSDAR Rosalie Mansion, East Lawn Music by Cha Cha Boom  
Will be ticketed to Non-SAR

Saturday, March 29, 2025

6:30 – 8:30AM – MS SAR B’FAST/BUSINESS MEETING, Breakfast Buffet  
Grand Ballroom, Natchez Grand Hotel

8:00AM – **REGISTRATION – MS SAR – Natchez Grand Hotel, Conference Room C**  
**NLCC – Natchez Convention Center, Pre-Function Area**

**GRAND RECEPTION FOR GEN. LAFAYETTE:**

8:30AM – Brass Band performance, Bluff Park

8:55AM - Cannon Salute, Rosalie West Lawn & Bluff Park

9:00AM – Disembarkment, Riverboat Splendor - Gen. Lafayette & Auguste Levasseur  
Dockside reception by City Hosts. Transport to Rosalie West Lawn.

9:20AM – Military Review – Rosalie West Lawn

9:40AM – Cannon Salute, Rosalie West Lawn & Bluff Park

9:45 – 10:00AM - Military/Fife & Drum Procession - Rosalie West Lawn to Bluff Park.

Military Units, Color Guard Units

Arrival, Gen. Lafayette, Secretary Auguste Levasseur, son Georges Washington  
Lafayette, and valet Bastien by Barouche & Carriage

10:00 – 11:00AM – **GRAND CEREMONY** – Bluff Park Bandstand – Rusty Jenkins, MC  
City, State, National Leaders, Veterans

11:00 – 11:30AM – PROCESSION TO LUNCH AT THE “STEAMBOAT HOTEL”  
Natchez Convention Center, Nashville Room

11:30AM – 1:00PM – **LUNCHEON**, Natchez Convention Center, Nashville Room  
MS SAR Youth Awards  
Toasts to Lafayette  
“Lafayette, The Young Eagle (1757-1777)  
Jak McGee Smith, Esq.  
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1:00 – 8:00PM – Silent Auction, Historical Table Exhibits, Authors, Cinema productions  
Natchez Convention Center, Natchez Room  
Conundrum Book Store, Natchez Convention Center, Pre-Function area

AFTERNOON SESSIONS: Natchez Convention Center, Tupelo Room

1:30 – 2:30PM – “Washington’s Favorite Son (1777-1785)”  
Thomas Gerald Lilly, Jr., aka: Gen. Lafayette

2:45 – 4:00PM – “Lafayette and the Regeneration of European Freedom (1789-1824)”,  
Julien Icher, President, The Lafayette Trail, Inc.

AFTERNOON ALTERNATIVE OFFERINGS:

Downtown Shopping, Hop On Hop Off City Tour, Carriage Rides, Pilgrimage Tours  
Natchez Annual Craft Show - Bluff Park  
Natchez Indian Village Annual Powwow - Bluff Park  
NLCC/MS SAR Living History Educational Encampment – West Lawn, Rosalie Mansion

5:30 – 9:30PM – **PRESIDENT’S BANQUET** – Natchez Convention Center, Nashville & Natchez  
Room

Will be ticketed to Non-SAR

Plated Dinner with Toasts  
Welcome and Introductions  
Remarks and MS SAR Awards  
Julien Icher – “Lafayette’s Return to his Beloved America (1824-1825)”  
Special Presentations  
Period Ball – The Booneslick Strings, St. Charles, MO  
Master Martin Aubuchon - Caller  
Grand March

9:00PM – Huzzahs to Lafayette & Levasseur  
Lafayette & Levasseur depart

10:00PM – ACL Splendor departs, Natchez Under the Hill

Sunday, March 30, 2025

9:30 – 10:15AM – Post-convention offering: (On your way home)

Breakfast reception – Springfield Plantation – “A Marriage under Spanish Rule”  
Greetings by Col. & Mrs. Thomas Marston Green, Andrew Jackson and  
Rachel Donelson Robards

Address by: Melinda Gaines, aka: Rachel Jackson, The Hermitage, Nashville, TN  
Steven Johns, 9<sup>th</sup> Great Grandson of Thomas Marston Green, Sr.  
Jack Stephens, MC

Observance of: Green Family Cemetery – pre-marked by:  
The Southern District Color Guard

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