

“Follow the Frenchman through Natchez”
The Farewell Tour of Lafayette
Mississippi Sons of the American Revolution (MSSAR)
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 – MSSAR – Natchez Grand Hotel, Conference Room C**
NLCC – Pre-Function Area, Natchez Convention Center

1:00PM – 2:00PM – NLCC Opening Ceremony, awards presentation, Tupelo Room,
Natchez Conventions Center

2:00PM – 3:00PM – “Natchez During the Time of Lafayette’s Return”
Tupelo Room, Natchez Convention Center
Mr. Jim Wiggins, Historian, author, retired educator

3:30PM – 4:30PM – “Lafayette visits Mississippi”
Tupelo Room, Natchez Convention Center
Mr. Brother Rogers, Secretary, MS Historical Society
MS Archives and History

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 - MSSAR – Natchez Grand Hotel, Conference Room C**
NLCC – Natchez Convention Center, Pre-Function Area

8:00 – 9:30AM – Grave Marking of Judge Thomas Rodney – Washington, MS
Rodney trollies depart – 8:00AM

9:00 – 11:00AM and 1:00 – 3:00PM – Conundrum Book Store, Pre-Function Area,
Table Exhibits, Silent Auction – Natchez Room, Natchez Convention Center

9:00 – 10:00AM – Book Signing – Author’s Table – Natchez Room

10:00 – 11:00AM – “Stop the Parade”
“America’s Gard Nationale”
and
“James Armistead Lafayette, Slave, Spy, Patriot & Friend”
Tupelo Room, Natchez Convention Center
Jason Philip Bird CH (LTC) Mississippi Army National Guard

11:30AM – 12:30PM – **LUNCH**, Nashville Room, Natchez Convention Center
“Lafayette in the Age of the American Revolution”
Robert Rhodes Crout, Ph.D. Professor Emeritus, College of Charleston

1:00 – 2:00PM – “Lafayette in the Age of the American Revolution – A deeper dive”
Robert Rhodes Crout, Ph.D.,
Tupelo Room, Natchez Convention Center

2:00 – 3:00PM – “Adrienne de Noailles, Woman of Steel”
Speaker TBA
Tupelo Room, Natchez Convention Center

3:30PM - Gloucester trollies depart

4:00PM - "**Sweet Tea & Lemonade" ... in the Garden**" – Gloucester
Tour of the Mansion, Fife & Drum/Color Guard Procession
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 Boo

Saturday, March 29, 2025

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

8:00AM – **REGISTRATION – MSSAR – 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 – Arrival, Gen. Lafayette & Auguste Levasseur,
Georges Washington Lafayette & Bastien
Natchez Under the Hill

9:30AM – Military Review – Rosalie West Lawn

9:45 – 10:00AM – **GRAND PROCESSION** - Rosalie West Lawn to Bluff Park Bandstand
Military Units, Color Guard Units, Fife & Drum Corps, America’s National Guard

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

11:30AM – 1:00PM – **LUNCH**, Nashville Room, Natchez Convention Center
MSSAR/NLCC Youth Awards
Toasts to Lafayette
“Lafayette, The Young Eagle (1757-1777)”
Jak McGee Smith, Esq.

1:00 – 8:00PM – Conundrum Book Store, Natchez Convention Center, Pre-Function area
Book Signing – Author’s Table – 1:00 – 1:30PM, 2:30 – 3:00PM
Table Exhibits, Silent Auction – Natchez Room

AFTERNOON SESSIONS: Tupelo Room, Natchez Convention Center

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

3:00 – 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
Fife & Drum Performance – Bluff Park

5:30 – 9:30PM – **THE GENERAL’S BANQUET** – Nashville Room, Natchez Convention Center
Plated Dinner with Toasts
Welcome and Introductions
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

10:00PM – Gen. Lafayette & Levasseur depart, Natchez Under the Hill