

Biography of Jerry Lilly

Jerry Lilly hails from Lafayette County, Mississippi. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Davidson College, a Masters in Anthropology from the University of Mississippi, and an International M.B.A. from the University of South Carolina. His personal experiences of living and studying in France, Austria, Mexico and Japan continue to inspire his love of history, culture, art and storytelling.

Jerry is a principal data architect with CoreLogic, Inc. and he has served as a technologist, at analyst, software engineer and director levels, for international corporations for over 25 years. Prior to that, he was a surveyor and archaeologist in the Southeastern US and Mexico. It was in this chapter of life that Jerry met his wife now of 30 years, also an archaeologist, writer and teacher. They have three incredible and talented children.

In 2013, Jerry joined the Sons of the American Revolution in Oxford, Mississippi through the extensive genealogical research of his father, a rear admiral. Jerry has worked through the organization to support youth education programs and awards and has served as an officer at both state and chapter levels, most recently as State Secretary and District Director.

Jerry's portrayal of Lafayette began in 2019 as a calling to inspire in others a deeper appreciation of the past through living history. With the Mississippi SAR Color Guard, he has presented colors as General Lafayette at over 25 public ceremonies, parades, and patriot and veteran grave markings. He has immersed himself in Lafayette's life through books, letters, and years of research and is thrilled to share in this unique celebration of a founding father and defender of liberty and equality, whose momentous return visit 200 years ago spawned the naming of hundreds of US cities and counties, lest we forget.