

Look what the Lafayette Society was up to in 2015!



Attorney Hal Broadfoot, Rev. Robert Alves, Lafayette Society board member Jan Anderson, and American Friends of Lafayette treasurer Chuck Schwam examine a rare copy of a ca. 1825 “Lafayette map” of Fayetteville that was discovered as part of the settlement of the estate of Dougald and Tori MacMillan. Mrs. MacMillan was a descendant of John McRae, publisher of the original map. (Read more about the map, next page.)



The Lafayette Society was invited to dedicate the Lafayette Ballroom at the new Ft. Bragg Conference and Catering Center on March 9. Society members pose beneath a painting by local artist William Fields from a portrait by Joseph Desire Court (1797-1865).



The American Friends of Lafayette held their annual meeting in June in Yorktown, to coincide with the arrival of the *Hermione*, a replica of the frigate that brought Lafayette back to America in 1780. Construction, using shipbuilding techniques of the 18th century, was started in 1997 in Rochefort, France. Seventeen members of the Lafayette Society, shown here with Lafayette reenactor Mark Schneider, travelled to Yorktown for the annual meeting. Member Abby Mullis was invited to portray Lafayette’s wife Adrienne during the banquet.





Fayetteville bid a final "Adieu" to Lafayette Society founder, community organizer, benefactor, and French native Martha Duell during a memorial service held at St. John's Episcopal Church on August 29. Her ashes were carried from the Lafayette statue to the church in the same carriage used by Lafayette when he visited Fayetteville in 1825.

There's plenty more to come in 2016 - stay tuned!

On May 22, the Lafayette Society and the Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra hosted a reception for a group of French musicians. The musicians, led by American composer Chris Brubeck (pictured here), were in town for the symphony's Memorial Day performance of his jazz composition honoring the D-day anniversary. His father Dave served in WWII and had a jazz hit in the 1960's with "Take Five."



Dr. Lloyd Kramer (right), Professor of History at UNC-Chapel Hill, presented a talk in the Market House on "Lafayette and the Greek Revolution" as part of the annual birthday celebrations. Attendees gathered for a French wine-tasting at the Wine Café to meet him prior to the lecture.



During the annual Lafayette Birthday Celebration, Methodist University hosted an evening of "Arias and Artifacts." Society Board members unveiled a rare copper-plate map of Fayetteville that is believed to have been printed around 1824-25 by John McRae as a memento for Lafayette's visit to Fayetteville. The heirs of John McRae donated the map to the Methodist University Lafayette Collection and the Lafayette Society paid for the restoration and framing.

Cake and ice cream in honor of Lafayette at the statue in Cross Creek Park! Current mayor Nat Robertson and former Mayor Bill Hurley led the singing of *Happy Birthday*.

