JAMES H. BILLINGTON
LIBRARIAN OF
CONGRESS, IS AN
HONORARY MEMBER

EASTON, PA — Mr. James H. Billington, the Librarian of Congress, accepted honorary membership in The American Friends of Lafayette, it was announced by Dr. Robert R. Crout, president of the Society.

A couple of years ago the Library was given authorization to film the extensive collection of Lafayette family manuscripts by our member, Count Rene de Chambrun, a descendant of Lafayette. That film is now available to all readers in the Manuscript Room of the Library in Washington, D.C.

JAMES H. BILLINGTON

James Hadley Billington was sworn in as The Librarian of Congress on September 14, 1987. He is the 13th incumbent of that position since the Library was established in 1800. Under his leadership, the Library has expanded its public outreach, most notably in major international exhibits and through the establishment of a new National Digital Library and other electronic services for users in remote locations.

BULLETIN:
Counsul General
Accepts Invitation
The Hon. Gilles Montagnie, Consul General of France, notified our Society on May 2 that he will attend our annual dinner.

PROF. CHRIS REYNS-CHIKUMA WILL BE CELEBRATION SPEAKER

EASTON, PA — Prof. Chris Reyns-Chikuma, our speaker for our 70th anniversary, was born in Belgium and spent several years in Spain and Japan. He came to the United States in 1994 to start a Ph.D. program at the University of Colorado (Boulder) and arrived at Lafayette College in 2000.

He earned his M.A. in Japanese, August 2000; his Ph.D. in French, May 1998 at Colorado University; and a Masters in Romance Languages, Spanish/French, at the University of Louvain, Belgium.

Prof. Reyns-Chikuma’s professional career includes his position as Assistant Professor in Foreign Languages and Literature at Lafayette College; a visiting assistant professor in French and comparative literature at Colorado College, 1998-2000, and instructor in French and Humanities at Colorado University (Boulder) 1993-1998.

His works have been published and he has been associated with several conferences.

Fellowships: He was selected for the seminar on “Beauty and its Discontents” organized at Colorado University, 1998-99; School of theory and Criticism financial in 1998; Lowe-Reynolds fellowship 1997-98; and a Japanese Government scholarship at Sophia University, Tokyo, Japan, summer 1997.

SOCIETY HAS ARRANGED A SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR ITS 70TH ANNIVERSARY

EASTON, PA — The 70th Anniversary of The American Friends of Lafayette will take place June 13-15 at Lafayette College. The committee in charge of arrangements has prepared a special celebration program for the occasion.

We are delighted to announce as our guest speaker Prof. Reyns-Chikuma of Lafayette College at the annual dinner. He has chosen for his topic: "French in America From the Caribbean and Quebec to Lafayette College." He will discuss what the European studies are and how and why they came to America and the region of Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware, and finally to Lafayette College.

On Thursday evening, June 13, we will attend a reception at Chateau Chavaniac, Lafayette College’s entertainment and conference center. Chavaniac contains a number of interesting items pertaining to the Marquis de Lafayette. The center was donated to Lafayette College by the F. M. Kirby Foundation, Inc. in 1983. It was the Easton residence of Allan P. Kirby, Sr., Lafayette Class of ’15, which he designed in the Norman French style and named it for the birthplace of Lafayette near Clermont-Ferrand. The reception will take place at 6 P.M. A buffet dinner will be served at 7 P.M.

The Friday program will begin at 9 A.M. when the members will board transportation and journey to Historic Bethlehem. We will tour sites visited by the Marquis during his recuperation from his wounds suffered at Brandywine, including the Moravian chapel where he worshiped. We will
MEMBERSHIP
DATES TO 1947

NEWPORT, RI — It was in 1947 that Jane MacIntire of Waban, Mass., a past vice president and Gazette editor of The American Friends of Lafayette, signed up Monique M. Panaggio as a member of the Society.

The Versailles-born member was the Public Relations Director for the Preservation Society of Newport County and in 1954 conceived the idea of a Washington-Rochambeau Celebration marking the 175th anniversary of the arrival of the Count de Rochambeau and 6,000 French troops that debarked at Newport in July, 1780. France sent its battleship Jean Bart to the celebration and 400 of its crew marched in an outstanding military parade.

Among the numerous dignitaries involved in a week-long program in July 1955 were His Excellency Maurice Couve de Murville, Ambassador of France; the Hon. C. Douglas Dillon, United States Ambassador to France; Count Jean Guvian de Lagarde, Minister Plenipotentiary, Consul General of France; M. Charles Roux, French Consul General of Boston; Rear Adm. Andre Jubelin, Naval Attaché of the French Embassy; Vice Admiral Lynde D. McCormick, President of the Naval War College among many other distinguished personalities. Mr. Samuel Walter Washington, a collateral descendant of George Washington, represented his illustrious ancestor.

The battleship brought to Newport the Marquis de Rochambeau, Count Jean de Rochambeau and Count Phillippe de Lafayette.

In 1959, in recognition of the event, the French Consul General of Boston, traveled to Newport to confer upon Mrs. Panaggio the Silver Medal of the Department of Foreign Affairs, France.

She has served three separate terms as President of the Newport Chapter, Alliance Francaise, and has served on the past Executive Council and Nominating Committee of The American Friends of Lafayette.

JAMES H. BILLINGTON Cont’d.

Born in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, on June 1, 1929, Dr. Billington was educated in the public schools of the Philadelphia area. He was class valedictorian at both Lower Merion High School and Princeton University, where he graduated with highest honors in 1950. Three years later, he earned his doctorate from Oxford University, where he was a Rhodes Scholar at Balliol College. Following service with the U. S. Army, he taught history at Harvard University from 1957 to 1962, then moved to the faculty of Princeton University, where he was professor of history from 1964 to 1974.

From 1973 to 1987, Dr. Billington was director of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, the official national memorial in Washington, D.C., to America’s 28th President. Under his directorship, eight new programs were established at the Center, beginning with the Kennan Institute for Advanced Russian studies in 1974. Dr. Billington founded the Wilson Quarterly in 1976 and initiated a series of scholars’ guides to educational resources in Washington.

An author and historian, Dr. Billington is the author of Mikhailovsky and Russian Populism (1956), The Icon and the Axe (1966), Fire in the Minds of Men (1980), Russia Transformed: Breakthrough to Hope, August 1991 (1992), and The Face of Russia (1998), the companion book to the three-part television series, The Face of Russia, that he wrote and narrated for airing on Public Broadcasting Stations in June 1998 exploring the history and promise of the Russian people through their art and culture. Dr. Billington has been host, commentator, or consultant on numerous other educational and network television programs, and he has accompanied a number of congressional delegations as well as a library and a church delegation to the USSR and the Russian Federation. In June 1989, he accompanied President and Mrs. Reagan to the Soviet Summit in Moscow.

Dr. Billington has received 22 honorary degrees and, in 1992, the Woodrow Wilson Award from Princeton University. He has been decorated as Chevalier and then again as a Commander of the Order of Arts and Letters of France, as a Knight Commander’s Cross of the Order of Merit by the Federal Republic of Germany, and has received the Gwanghwa Medal from the Republic of Korea.

Dr. Billington was a longtime member of the editorial advisory boards of Foreign Affairs and of Theology Today, and a member of the Board of Foreign Scholarships in 1971-76 (chairman, 1971-73), which has executive responsibility for academic exchanges worldwide under the Fulbright-Hays Act. He is on the Board of the Center for Theological Inquiry and a member of the American Philosophical Society and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

HISTORIC BETHLEHEM ON OUR TOUR

EASTON, PA — It was on Christmas Eve in 1741 when a party of Moravian missionaries from Saxony and Bohemia arrived and settled what they named Bethlehem. The party was led by David Zeisberger. A second group, led by Count Nicholas von Zinzendorf, bishop of the Moravian Church, joined the original settlers.

In an article written by Lee S. Butterfield which appeared in the Gazette No. 41, January 1975, we learn that the visit of Lafayette to Bethlehem "is a treasured moment in town history."

It was at Brandywine that Lafayette heroically stopped the route of General Sullivan's army. The Marquis suffered a wound to his leg which worried Washington. Fortunately the bullet did not hit a bone, but evidently the young nobleman didn't think too much about the wound until, it is said, his boot began to fill with blood.

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CAROLINE LAREUSE
RECIPIENT OF ANOTHER HONOR

NEW YORK, NY — Caroline Lareuse, Honorary Consul of France in New Jersey, was honored at a Ceremony held in the Consul General’s office in New York on October 26. She received the badge of a Chevalier of the French National Order of Merit from Consul General Richard Duqué in the presence of family and friends.

Consul General Duqué, when bestowing the honor, declared, “You have represented France with talent and devotion. You have contributed successfully in reinforcing the friendship between New Jersey and France, and promoting the culture and French interests.”

We congratulate Mrs. Lareuse who has been a dedicated member of The American Friends of Lafayette for many years.

LAFAYETTE — A VALUABLE NAME

EASTON, PA — The name of the Marquis de Lafayette is a valuable name. Banks, libraries, cities, villages, among others, use the name. Dr. Robert R. Crout has brought to our attention that there is a Hotel Lafayette in New Orleans.

This hotel, built in 1916, is a Historical Landmark building. It overlooks Lafayette Square and is a member of the prestigious Small Luxury Hotels of the World. It has 44 rooms and from the old world architecture, French doors and wrought iron balconies — and French-milled soap. The front desk is of French polished mahogany.

By referring to the GAZETTE, issue of May, 1999, you can see that 26 states have villages, towns, counties and cities named for Lafayette. Compiled by our former treasurer, Daniel A. Evans, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania claims the most use of the name as applied to places — Lafayette, Lafayette Hill, Lafayette City, Fayetteville, Fayette (17049) and Fayette (16156).

Easton has a bank which uses the name of Lafayette. And Fall River, Mass, also has its Lafayette Federal Savings Bank. There are others.

What places have you visited that may have a plaque, monument, statue; street, hotel, etc. using the name of Lafayette. Send the information to the Editor and we will all learn the value of the name of Lafayette.

OUR THANKS TO LAFAYETTE COLLEGE

We take this opportunity to thank Dr. Arthur J. Rothkopf, president of Lafayette College, and members of his staff, faculty and departments involved in making this 70th anniversary one we will always remember.

WHIRLWIND TOUR
OF VIRGINIA
CEREMONIES AND EVENTS

PRINCETON, NJ — Caroline Lareuse and Jean Hultgren left their home town on October 18 to attend, or participate, in various programs in Virginia. Their travels included the vast area from the Atlantic Ocean at Virginia Beach to the Blue Ridge Mountain area of Charlottesville. All this with their arrival back in Princeton at midnight October 21.

The first stop was at Yorktown for the annual Yorktown Day Ceremony. Here they met up with members of our Society — P. Hairston Seawell, Esq., who represents the organization on the Yorktown Day Committee, Gene Hardin who has served as our secretary, John Scotton and Betty McPherson. Jean Hulgren was the honorary flag bearer. Mrs. Lareuse represented The American Friends of Lafayette on the platform, along with a dozen other patriotic sponsoring organizations.

Mesdames Lareuse and Hultgren at the National D-Day Memorial, Bedford, VA.

The weather was perfect for the event which was sponsored by the Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. About 15 Sons came from the branch in France especially for the ceremony and to show their support after the September 11th terrorism.

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LAFAYETTE COLLEGE
FOUNDED IN 1826

EASTON, PA — As The American Friends of Lafayette observes its 70th anniversary, it seemed only proper that we note that Lafayette College, where our Society was established in 1932, was founded in 1826.

Diane Windham Shaw, College Archivist, sent us three pictures of the College which was chartered in 1826 a year after the Marquis de Lafayette, accompanied by his son, George Washington Lafayette, concluded his triumphal 1824-25 tour of the United States.

The undated pictures are from the David Bishop Skillman Library and appeared in the 1932 volume 1 edition of The Biography of a College. The College opened in 1832. Easton is situated at the fork of the Delaware and Lehigh Rivers at which place a bridge crosses from Philipsburg, New Jersey.

THE COLLEGE EDIFICE
FRONT VIEW
From map published 1850

THE COLLEGE EDIFICE
REAR VIEW
From map published 1850
A SPARKLING SOIREE FRANÇAISE
AT GORE PLACE

WALTHAM, MA — Celebrating a French and American alliance of more than 200 years, 80 members of Boston’s leading French American societies came together on October 11 for the first time at a Soirée Française at the estate of Massachusetts Governor and U.S. Senator Christopher Gore (1758-1827) at historic “Gore Place.”

The evening, co-sponsored by the French Consulate in Boston, the Massachusetts Lafayette Society and Gore Place, was also the first preliminary official event of the Gore Place Bicentennial which will be held in 2006.

William P. Dunham, Jr., past president of the Massachusetts Lafayette Society, deserves the lion’s share of the credit for making the Soirée a reality, and the Lafayette members were the most well-represented that evening.

The festivities included a wine reception in the 1793 Carriage House, followed by remarks by Consul General Stephane Chmelewsky, followed by a slide lecture about the visit to Paris in 1801 by the Gores. The Gores were frequent visitors to Paris during Mr. Gore’s diplomatic posting in England from 1796-1804. Senator and Mrs. Gore hosted the Marquis de Lafayette at Gore Place in 1824.

Among the many distinguished guests was Dr. Hélène Day, Consul of Monaco and founding president of the Ligue Francophone who declared the event “a lovely party.”

From left: Gérard Moufflet, French Library of Boston; Madeleine Appfel, Massachusetts Lafayette Society; Joan Dimancescu, Présidente, Vive les Arts-Boston; Mary Louise Burke, Présidente, Association Boston-Strasbourg; Consul General Stéphane Chmelewsky; Michèle Marinthe, Vice-Présidente, Club Richelieu-Alain Briotet; Ray Holliday, Director, Ecole Bilingue; Dr. Hélène Day, Présidente Fondatrice de la Ligue Francophone de la N.A.; Paul Harold, President, Massachusetts Lafayette Society; Thaxter P. Spencer, President, Gore Place Society. Not pictured: Elaine Uzan Leary, Director, French Library of Boston; Maurice Gervais, Président, Chambre de Commerce Franco-Americaine.

PLAQUE ADDED TO FRENCH MEMORIAL

NEWPORT, RI — A plaque listing the names of the French soldiers and sailors who arrived at Newport on July 11, 1780 and who died here during the occupation was added to the pyramidal-shaped monument at King Park. It was at that place that General Count de Rochambeau debarked 6,000 troops who remained here until June 1781 when they began the march to Yorktown.

The ceremony also marked the beginning of the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route. Col. Serge Gabriel, AUS (Ret), President of the New England committee of Le Souvenir Francais, headed up the committee of arrangements. The plaque was unveiled by the Hon. Stephane Chmelewsky, Consul General of France in Boston; C.V. Stephane Regnier, commanding officer of the French helicopter carrier Jeanne d’Arc, and the Hon. Richard C. Sardella, Mayor of Newport.

Dr. Robert J. McKenna, representing The American Friends of Lafayette, introduced the Rhode Island delegation of officials.

It was said that after a very rough crossing of 70 days at sea, more than 1,800 of the soldiers and sailors from the fleet of 33 vessels debarked with scurvy and were hospitalized.

Eighteen ensigns from the Jeanne d’Arc, which was docked at Boston, joined in the colorful ceremony and made an impressive appearance. A statue of Rochambeau overlooks Newport Harbor at King Park.

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FRIGATE HERMIONE

Frigate Hermione was a newly built warship when Lafayette embarked on it on March 21, 1780 to return to America. Upon his arrival he hastened to join Washington to announce the imminent arrival of French reinforcements. The replica of this ship is being constructed by the Association Hermione-Lafayette, Place Amiral Dupont, BP 177, 17308 Rochefort cedex, France.
PHILADELPHIA WAS A REVELATION

PHILADELPHIA, PA — Our 69th annual meeting was held in Philadelphia where so much of our nation’s history is alive, from Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell to historic Germantown. Arrangements for the three day visit (June 8-10) were made by Peggy and John Wynn of Gladwyne.

On the 9th we visited two of Germantown’s historic houses, Cliveden and Wyck, which were outstanding examples of Colonial architecture. At Wyck we learned that nine generations of the same Quaker family, the Wistars and the Haines, giving us an overview of the history of the way of life in this family. The garden intrigued our members, especially the ladies, who learned that Wyck’s grounds included a nationally known garden of more than 30 varieties of old roses which grow in their original plan dating from the 1820’s. Outbuildings of this charming house featured a smoke house, an ice house and a carriage house.

Cliveden figured in the Battle of Germantown on October 4, 1777, which proved disastrous for the Americans. Cliveden, the mansion of Judge Benjamin Chew, was occupied by the British. A siege by the patriots resulted in 53 dead and many wounded. The house of stone, built 1763-1767, sustained much damage on that occasion.

We next visited the Barren Hill area where Lafayette outwitted a superior British force with a miraculous escape from an almost certain trap. Here John Wynn played a tape, describing the area, narrated by Rudy Cusomano. We visited St. Peter’s Church, just a few steps from the cemetery where the Barren Hill story was heard.

The 1778 church has a historic connection with Gen. John Peter Gabriel Muhlenberg, whose father was a pastor of the church. There in a special room, we viewed maps and documents of historic significance. From there we visited the General Lafayette Inn, just down the hill from the church. After socializing there and meeting with the innkeeper we boarded the bus to Philadelphia for lunch at the historic City Tavern.

The afternoon began with a visit to the Library Company of Philadelphia. Its origin goes back to Benjamin Franklin and 1743. It is now occupied by the American Philosophical Society. At the Library staff members spoke on a variety of subjects and answered numerous questions. Next, we crossed the street to the American Philosophical Society building where we were given an exclusive visit of that property and viewed a special exhibit of scientific instruments. These included an Astronomical Clock, 1768-69, Dialytical Telescope (Vienna, 1834) and a pair of globes (terrestrial and celestial, London 1795-99). The day’s program ended with a visit to nearby Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell.

The reception and dinner took place at our headquarters hotel, the Crowne Plaza. Caroline Lareuse in her position as the Honorary Consul for France in New Jersey brought us the greetings of the Republic of France.

Dr. Robert Crout was the principal speaker. He chose for his topic “Lafayette and His Ladies” which was informative and entertaining and delivered in a truly scholarly fashion.

On Saturday, the 10th, a very hot and sultry day, many of us made the trek to the Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of Pennsylvania, the Masonic Temple of Philadelphia. There in a very large museum section we viewed many historic artifacts and relics pertaining to the Masons. Our express purpose, however, was to view the Masonic Apron of George Washington. This outstanding apron was hand embroidered by Madame de Lafayette. It was presented to Washington by Lafayette in August, 1784. Among the places where the nation’s first chief executive wore it was September 18, 1793, when he laid the cornerstone of the Capitol, Washington, D.C. We also learned that almost half of the nation’s chief executives were members of the Masonic order.

Cliveden, the Chew Mansion, where American soldiers suffered a disastrous defeat by the British in the Philadelphia campaign.
PHILADELPHIA  
JUNE 2001

Wyck, residence of generations of Wistar and Haines families.  
L.J. Panaggio photo

Assembled on Barren Hill we learn how Lafayette and his force escaped a 6,000 man British trap.  
R. R. Crout photo

The owner of the General Lafayette Inn, in dark shirt, came out to greet a busload of Society members.  
R. R. Crout photo

Monique and Len Panaggio at the Liberty Bell.  
R. R. Crout photo

MASONIC APRON

of

Washington
have lunch at the historic Sun Inn. The 1758-built inn was a resting place for many Revolutionary War leaders including George Washington, John Adams and Lafayette. The tour will include a visit to the restored 1753 Bachman Tavern in Easton. It is the oldest standing building and served as an important social center in Colonial Easton. We will also view the Easton Flag, one of the United States' early standards. The Society's annual dinner and program will be held that evening in the Faculty Dining Room on Lafayette Campus where we will assemble at 6:30 P.M. with dinner being served at 7 P.M.

The Hon. Gilles Montagnie, Consul General from the Embassy of France, Washington, D.C. will be our honored guest. A highlight of the evening will be the presentation of the Lafayette Liberty Award of The American Friends of Lafayette to Mr. Allan P. Kirby, Jr.

Ms. Diane Windham Shaw, librarian and archivist at Lafayette College, has arranged a special exhibit — "Lafayette and Slavery." — which we will see on Saturday morning at the David Bishop Skillman Library. We will learn that Lafayette opposed the institution of slavery, which began at some point late in the American Revolution and continued throughout his life. Displayed will be materials relating to the following: James Armistead, a slave who served Lafayette with distinction as a spy for the Continental Army; "La Belle Gabrielle," the plantation purchased by the Marquis in the French colony of Cayenne where he set up his experiment for the gradual emancipation of 70 slaves; Lafayette's correspondence with American statesmen and reformers about slavery, including George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison and Francis Wright. We will also view the Ary Scheffer portrait of Lafayette and other historical paintings on display at the College's Kirby Hall of Civil Rights. Our annual business meeting will be held Saturday morning at a campus location with adjournment by noon.

The Lafayette Inn, just off the campus of the College, will be our headquarters. The daily rate is $99 plus tax, and suites, of which there are three, are $109 plus tax. The rooms are air conditioned and parking is free. Breakfasts are included in the room rates. Reservations should be made directly with the Inn — (610) 253-4500. Please state that you are a member of The American Friends of Lafayette. We have arranged a special package that will include registration, tour transportation and any museum charges along with the June 13 buffet dinner, and June 14 lunch and dinner for only $85. Please make out checks to The American Friends of Lafayette and mail to Mr. Philip Schroeder, Executive Assistant to the President, Lafayette College, Easton, PA 18042. Please mail checks before June 7 as we must provide counts for dinners and luncheon.

YOUR 70TH ANNIVERSARY ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE

Dr. Robert R. Crout
Diane Windham Shaw
Philip Schroeder
Leonard J. Panaggio

MARQUIS de LAFAYETTE MICROFILM COLLECTION

CLEVELAND, OH — The Cleveland State University Library Special Collections has the Marquis de Lafayette Microfilm Collection which contains documents kept in the archives at Chateau LaGrange in France. This rich source of information contains 6,400 feet of microfilm containing 50,000 sheets covering 25,000 items.

The acquisition of this microfilm collection by the Library was funded through the French/American Library Book Fund arranged by its major benefactor John Horton, a personal friend of our Society's member, Comte René de Chambrun, a direct descendant of Lafayette. Comte de Chambrun approved of the collection since the original agreement between the Library of Congress and the Comte did not allow for copying the microfilm.

We are pleased to learn that a member of The American Friends of Lafayette, Albert Oberst, is a member of The Lafayette Collection Founders Committee.

June K. Burton, Ph.D., LL.D., was chosen a winner of the Marquis de Lafayette Microfilm Collection Essay Competition. The judges awarded her a prize of $250 in the category of Best scholarly Essay Written by a Non-Student. Karen L. Mounsey was also awarded $250 for her Best Essay Written in French Submitted by a Student.

Dr. Burton authored "Adrienne Noailles Lafayette (1759 - 1807) As Medical Patient: Lafayette's "Better Half" In The Worst of Times." This became the first publication published by The American Friends of Lafayette in 1999 as the revival of similar publications published by the Society in the past.
GAZETTE OF THE AMERICAN FRIENDS OF LAFAYETTE

MOLAND HOUSE
PLANNING 225th ANNIVERSARY PROGRAM

WARWICK TOWNSHIP, PA — Historic Moland House, where the Marquis de Lafayette joined the American cause in August 1777 and received his commission as a major general in the Continental Army, has become the center of activities for this year, according to information received from the Warwick Township Historical Society.

The principal project is the 225th anniversary of a 1777 encampment August 10 and 11. Jackie Schneck, writing in The Moland Gazette, noted that the encampment is part of a much larger celebration that is being held in Philadelphia and the surrounding counties, "but we are the beginning of the Pennsylvania events in 2002."

The encampment correlates with the Continental Army’s activities in 1777 when the Commander-in-Chief and his 11,000 men marched from New Jersey and settled at the Moland House for 13 days in August.

The article stated that for many years Brandywine began the campaign, but research now recognizes this area and “we are now recognized in the proper time slot in history.” It was also learned that the encampment will be known as the Moland House Neshamini Encampment as the reenactors have more knowledge of the event under the latter name.

President Warren Williams reports a letter from Washington to Colonel Daniel Morgan dated “Neshamini Camp, August 16, 1777.” Washington had information that the British were recruiting Indians to terrorize the New England frontier areas. His solution to the problem was to dispatch Morgan and his crack riflemen.

The letter reads: “Sir: After you receive this, you will march with the Corps under your Command, as soon as possible, to Peeks Kill, taking with you all the baggage belonging to it. When you arrive there, you will take directions from Gen. Putnam, who, I expect, will have Vessels provided to carry you to Albany. The approach of the Enemy, in that Quarter, has made a further reinforcement necessary, and I know of no corps so likely to check their progress in proportion to their number, as the one you Command. I have great dependence on you, your Officers and Men, and am firmly persuaded, you will do honor to yourselves and essential Service to your Country.”

On May 19 the Society sponsored a High Tea with Martha Washington at Moland House for ladies only. A variety of teas, tea sandwiches, preserves, sweets and scones with clotted cream were offered. The highlight was a visit with Martha for tea and conversation. Irene Ferguson portrayed Martha who shared her wonderful stories of life with General Washington.

The American Friends of Lafayette began its association with Moland House when Peter Brunner made a special visit to Newport and conferred with then President Leonard J. Panaggio. In the process of time, the Society gave the Moland House “the break it has sought for many years,” according to Mr. Brunner. That took place at our annual meeting in Mendenhall, Pennsylvania in 1995 when a delegation from Moland House attended our annual dinner and met with our special guest, the Hon. Claude Fay, the Consul General of France. At the meeting Mr. Fay said he would visit Moland House which he did on October 31. Press coverage was “terrific” and the Philadelphia Inquirer was on hand to record the event. On May 10, 1996 about 25 members of our Society met with a large Moland House group and visited the house associated with Lafayette. At that time restoration was beginning. As of now, we understand, a lot has been accomplished with the installation of heating and cooling systems and planned electrical and fire suppression systems.

At that time we noted that “When you get two small organizations together, as we did at Moland House, you create a crowd. We were all happy to meet the

Caroline Lareuse sent this photo which was taken on July 4 last year at the grave of the Marquis de Lafayette at Picpus Cemetery, Paris. She has represented The American Friends of Lafayette at this patriotic ceremony for several years and will be among the dignitaries who will observe the event in July.

In Memoriam

We have just learned of the death of Mr. Edwin P. Hazen of Newport News, VA which occurred on May 1. We send our sympathy to Mrs. Hazen. We will publish his obituary in our next issue.

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THE USS LAFAYETTE
(SSBN-616)

The USS Lafayette (SSBN-616) was the world’s most powerful submarine when she was commissioned in 1963. On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of The American Friends of Lafayette three members of her crew attended the event which was held at Lafayette College. The representatives were Lieutenant Thomas A. Lauzon, Sonar Technician First Class Harvey D. McFadden and Machinist Mate Second Class Henry W. Robinson, Jr.

On Saturday, November 3, 1963 members of our Society met at the General Dynamics Corporation, Electric Boat Division, at Groton, Connecticut to dedicate a plaque which was placed in the Ward Room. The ceremony was attended by many of the officers and enlisted personnel.

The French Embassy was represented by Admiral Michel Prache. The Consul General at New York, M. Michel Legendre, was also present. Mrs. Emery Bassett, Librarian of the Submarine Library at the base, attended as well as about 35 members of our Society.

After the Invocation by Chaplain F. X. Bergen, Commander Patrick J. Hannifin made an address. This was followed by a presentation of an engraving of Lafayette by Mrs. Alan Maclntire and the gift of a handsome Lafayette paperweight by Paul X. Bergen, Commander Patrick J. McFadden and Machinist Mate Second Class Henry W. Robinson, Jr.

The ceremony was sponsored by the Alliance Francaise (DeGrasse Chapter) and the city of Virginia Beach.

The next stop was made via a long drive from the ocean to the Blue Ridge area of Charlottesville. There they attended a tree-planting ceremony in honor of Colonel Crozet. A native of Clermont-Ferrand, born at the end of King Louis XVI’s reign, he emigrated to the United States where he died on the eve of the Civil War. He was a co-founder of the Virginia Military Institute where his son, Alfred, was a cadet. Col. Crozet was involved in the construction of canals and tunnels to allow railway expansion. Recognized as one of the great engineers of his time, he remained in Virginia until his death and his remains were buried in Lexington. In his homage, it was decided that the little town that was being built just to the west of Charlottesville would bear his name.

Mesdames Lareuse and Hultgren then made another long drive southwest along the foothills of the Blue Ridge to Bedford where the National D-Day Memorial is located. Mrs. Lareuse and Mrs. Hultgren spent the night of the 20th in Lynchburg and took part in a program at Bedford placing a wreath at the D-Day Memorial. Bedford lost the most men in proportion to its population on D-Day than any other community in the country. The ladies made the long journey back to Princeton where they arrived about midnight October 21.

HISTORIC BETHLEHEM Cont’d.

An infirmary for officers was arranged on the top floor of the Sun Inn. However, for better comfort he was removed to a nearby farmhouse which was the home of George Boeckel. There Mrs. Boeckel and her daughter Elizabeth tended to his needs, according to the Butterfield report, from September 17 to October 18. The Boeckel spelling became Beckel. Elizabeth (or Liesel) is buried in the old Moravian Cemetery near the Central Moravian Church.

During his convalescence Lafayette was visited by many heroes of the Revolution. Among them was Baron de Kalb, who was scouting the area for possible points of defense; John Hancock, John and Samuel Adams, Congressmen; and Generals William Woodford and John Armstrong. He considered his wound had healed enough after 29 days of inactivity and hastened to join Washington although he was unable to use his leg.

MOLAND HOUSE 225th ANNIVERSARY Cont’d.

Pennsylvanians who are dedicated to this project and we look forward to news of progress.

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Painted by Alonzo Chappell

Engraved by H. B. Hall

VALLEY FORGE -- WASHINGTON & LAFAYETTE
The arrival of the French fleet at Newport, July 11, 1780 (from an old painting).