



SONS OF THE
AMERICAN REVOLUTION



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*225th Anniversary Celebrations in France
from the 1st to the 5th of September 2008*

LA PAIX DE 1783
THE TREATIES OF PARIS AND OF VERSAILLES

Nicole Merveilleux du Vignaux,

State Regent of France of the Daughters of the American Revolution,

Hélie de Noailles, duc d'Ayen,

President of the Society in France of the Sons of the American Revolution,

request the honor of your presence

*at the ceremonies and festivities which will take place in Paris
to celebrate the 225th anniversary of the treaties proclaiming
the birth of the United States of America.*

Under the high patronage of

Monsieur Nicolas Sarkozy,
Président de la République Française.

Monsieur Christian Poncelet,
Président du Sénat.

Monsieur Bernard Kouchner,
Ministre des Affaires Étrangères et des Affaires Européennes.

Son Excellence Mr Craig Robert Stapleton,
*Ambassadeur des États-Unis d'Amérique, Président d'honneur
de la Société en France des Fils de la Révolution Américaine.*

Son Excellence Don Francisco Villar,
Ambassadeur d'Espagne.

Comité d'honneur

Ms Jane Bernbach,
Présidente de la Fédération des Alliances Françaises aux États-Unis.

Le prince Gabriel de Broglie,
Chancelier de l'Institut de France.

Ms Linda Gist Calvin,
President General, National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Monsieur Bertrand Delanoë,
Maire de Paris.

Monsieur le duc de Choiseul Praslin,
Président de la Société des Cincinnati de France.

Monsieur le général d'armée Gilbert Forray,
Ancien grand-chancelier de la Légion d'honneur.

Monsieur le sénateur Paul Girod,
Président du groupe interparlementaire France États-Unis du Sénat.

Son Excellence Monsieur Jean-David Levitte,
Ambassadeur de France.

Mr George Forrest Pragoff,
President General, The Society of the Cincinnati.

Son Excellence Monsieur Pierre Vimont,
Ambassadeur de France aux États-Unis d'Amérique.

Mr Bruce A. Wilcox,
President General, National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Monsieur Guy Wildenstein,
*President, American Society of the Legion of Honour.
Conseiller à l'Assemblée des Français de l'Étranger, Délégué des Français des E.U.*

225th ANNIVERSARY PROGRAM

(Subject to final arrangements and official authorization)

Monday, September 1st, 2008: Registration and welcome.

- ? Welcome reception by **H.E. Mr Craig R. Stapleton**, Ambassador of the U. S.A and **S.E. M. Jean-David Levitte**, Conseiller diplomatique to Président Sarkozy.
- ? Dinner free (possible receptions of American visitors by French families).

Tuesday, September 2nd: Visit to historical sites in Paris.

- ? Private visit to **Hotel National des Invalides**,
guided by **General Bresse**, directeur of Musée de l'Armée
- ? Tribute to **La Fayette at Picpus Cemetery** and lunch (informal).
- ? **Vincennes** : the old Royal Castle, the Army and Navy Archives.
- ? **Musée Jacquemart-André** : private reception by **Institut de France** and visit.

Wednesday, September 3rd: Paris Treaty and Peace of Versailles.

- ? Conferences and lunch at **Palais du Luxembourg** (site of the French Senate):
 - 1 - "Enlightenment's" impacts on France and the USA (Pr M-J. Rossignol).
 - 2 - The diplomatic situation in Europe before and after the War. (Pr L. Bély)
 - 3 - The negotiations for peace, from Yorktown to Versailles. (Pr Lucien Bély)
- ? Lunch (informal) in the same site.
- ? The **Naval Museum** : 18th Century models and paintings, **La Perouse** expedition collections.
- ? Eternal flame reviving ceremony to the unknown soldier at the **Arch of Triumph**.
- ? Private visit to **the Palace of Versailles royal apartments**, and **Gala dinner** (black tie); Presiding guest, **Mme Christine Lagarde**, Minister of the Economy, Industry and Employment.

Thursday, September 4th: further Franco-American fraternity of arms.

- ? Wreath-laying at the **Escadrille La Fayette (1914)** memorial at Marnes La Coquette.
- ? Wreath laying at WW1 **Bois Belleau Memorial** (90 km), light lunch.
- ? Stop to visit **Reims Cathedral**; visit of Taittinger's cellars and dinner at Demeure des Comtes de Champagne.

Friday, September 5th: free time and other celebrations.

- ? Morning: regular meetings of the NSDAR and NSSAR.
- ? Following hours free: shopping or fashion shows and visits in Paris.
- ? Evening: religious service at **Saint-Denis Abbey**, tribute to King Louis XVI.
- ? Banquet at the **Paris City Hall** (black tie).

Saturday September 6 and Sunday 7: departure to USA *or continuing optional program.*

- ? *Optional: trip to the Normandy D-Day beaches, or vineyards in Burgundy, ...*

Commemorating a 3 September ?

The deep friendship between the American and French peoples continues to be kept alive by the sacrifices and common struggle for shared values. Festivals and monuments remind us of those moments in history.

The Societies in France of the Daughters and of the Sons of the American Revolution reunite in the same spirit the direct descendents, residing in France, of those who fought for the liberty of the United States of America.

They propose to commemorate the 225th anniversary of the birth of the Republic the first week of September 2008 in Paris, in order to confirm the particular importance to this first fraternity in combat and destiny.

HISTORICAL REMINDER

It was on a Wednesday, September 3, 1783, 225 years ago, that the final step in the path to peace and independence for America occurred in Versailles.

The great European war powers -- France, Spain and Great Britain -- finally signed the Treaties of Peace in which the British Crown recognized the independence of its former subjects.

The Count de Vergennes, Minister of Foreign Affairs for King Louis XVI, waited in order to have the treaties signed, for a messenger to confirm that, the same morning in Paris, the American and British delegates had truly signed the treaty whereby the British crown had just concluded with her former subjects the terms of her recognition of their independence. The long and costly support of the revolution across the sea by France, then her Spanish ally, had come to a close.

The treaties were the final step of the conflict begun on April 19, 1775, with the battle of Lexington between the British colonist insurgents and the English armed forces. From Saratoga to Brandywine, from Valley Forge to Yorktown, the Revolution that had cost the country so much was over, and the Republic had begun.

Paris and Versailles are rich, not only in places where these agreements were negotiated and ratified, but also due to so many others who have played an important role in the history of America and the friendship of our two countries.

At the Palace of Versailles, King Louis XVI had greeted the American delegation of Silas Deane, Benjamin Franklin and Arthur Lee as early as March 1778.

In front of the Palace, on the rue de l'Indépendance américaine, is the old Ministry of Foreign Affairs where the Count de Vergennes enacted a diplomatic strategy that held neutrality on one side and alliance on the other; the visits of the American Delegates followed.

In Paris, places of historical importance to American history are innumerable and are, for example: the Hôtel de Coislin, at Place de la Concorde, where was concluded the Alliance; Hôtel des Ambassadeurs de Hollande, where Beaumarchais organized desperately needed supplies for the insurgents; Picpus Cemetery where Lafayette is buried, in the American soil he brought back with him; as well as the mansions where Rochambeau, Lauzun, Franklin, Adams and Jefferson, among others, resided.

There are also numerous monuments built to the glory of these Americans and of these French who played a determining role in this long conflict.

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And France did not hesitate to erect monuments also to those who turned to this side of the Atlantic when they were needed. The memorial to the Escadrille Lafayette and the Museum of Franco-American Friendship at Blérancourt remind us of those who came freely from America, as early as 1914, to volunteer in French Air squadrons, of the ambulance corps serving a devastated civil population during WWI.

A generation later, the Americans were back to save France and Europe from the Nazi menace. Reminders of WWII are on nearly every Paris street, and many monuments and museums, such as the Mémorial de la Paix at Caen, as well as the American Cemetery near Omaha Beach, testify to the continued regard and respect in which those American sacrifices are held in France today.

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This anniversary is thus the occasion to commemorate in Paris by a series of manifestations from the 1st to the 5th of September, 2008, the sacrifices undertaken together and the perennial friendship which resulted.



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LA PAIX DE 1783 PEACE OF 1783



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PARIS VERSAILLES

(Five days of exceptional celebration in France)

Paris September 1-5, 2008

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