

## *Look what the Lafayette Society was up to in 2017!*



*Photo by Drew Brooks, The Fayetteville Observer*

Lafayette Society president Dr. Hank Parfitt presents Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Michael Minken with the inaugural *Medaille de Lafayette* at the Master Leader Course on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. The medal, awarded to the top graduate of the course, was developed by the Society in partnership with the Noncommissioned Officer Academy at the JFK Special Warfare Center.



Diane Shaw (in red), curator of the Lafayette Collection at Lafayette College, poses at the feet of Lafayette with Lafayette Society members attending the annual meeting of the American Friends of Lafayette in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, in June. (From left: Hank Parfitt, Caroline Jiamachello, Diane Parfitt, Anna Baxley, Arleen Fields)

Dan Hopping discusses his collection of Revolutionary War-era firearms at the annual Lafayette Society lunch meeting on March 5<sup>th</sup> at SkyView on Hay. The new venue - combined with a longer social time, an appetizing assortment of "small plates" to nosh on, and "Highsmith" mimosas - was a hit with the members. If you missed the meeting in 2017, please join us in 2018!





The Lafayette Birthday weekend kicked off on Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup> with “Arias & Artifacts” at Methodist University.



Ann Ashford examines a letter written by Lafayette to President James Monroe which was unveiled as part of the celebration of “50 Years of the Lafayette Collection.”



Later, cellist Camron Stevens, vocalist Gail Morfesis, and pianist Helen Steffen were among the musicians who presented a concert of French music in Hensdale Chapel during the “Arias” portion of the evening.



Arleen Fields (center), Archives Librarian at Methodist University, reveals some of the MU Lafayette Collection’s recent donations from benefactor Gene Dillman. During the “Lunch with Lafayette” mini-seminar, Mary Burgess and Mike Samperton (pictured) and other participants heard an engaging talk on Lafayette and immigration by MU History Professor Patrick O’Neil, received a behind-the-scenes look at the collection, and relived their college days by eating in the student cafeteria.



Dogwood Queens Kyndal Quinn, Emma Carter, and Emma Wright dish out cake at the Festival of Yesteryear during the Lafayette Birthday celebration on Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>.

A local high school student participates in the General Shelton Leadership Challenge in July. The Lafayette Society provided a scholarship for a student to attend this week-long camp at Methodist University.



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*There’s plenty more to come in 2018 - stay tuned!*