

# LAFAYETTE

**Marie-Joseph Paul Yves  
Roch Gilbert du Motier,  
Marquis de Lafayette**

**1757 - 1834**

**This exhibit is organized  
into five chapters:**

- I: Birth of a Patriot
- II: American Revolution
- III: French Revolution
- IV: 1824-1825 Tour
- V: Death of a Hero

## **Interesting facts:**

Lafayette became a Freemason, before leaving France, when he was 18.

The Continental Congress commissioned him a **Major-General** on July 31, 1777 when he was only 19.

**George Washington** was a father figure to the orphan Lafayette.

**Washington** loved him like the son he never had.

Lafayette named his only son **George Washington Lafayette**.

President Thomas Jefferson offered Lafayette to be **Governor of the Louisiana Purchase** in 1803.

On his 1824-1825 tour, Lafayette visited all 24 states & traveled over 6,000 miles.

Lafayette is buried in Paris, France under soil taken from **Washington's grave at Mount Vernon**.

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