The Most Important Dates of the Life of LaFayette

1757 - Birth of Gilbert (Marie, Joseph, Paul, Yves, Roch) de La Fayette, at Chavaniac, Haut-Loire.

1759 - Death of his father, killed in a battle at Miden, in Germany, during the Seven Years War (killed by English fire).

1768 - Studies in College du Plessis in Paris (high school)

1770 - Death of his mother

1774 - Gilbert de La Fayette marries Adrienne, daughter of the Duke of Ayen.

1775 - While at a garrison in Metz (eastern France) as an army officer, he hears the plight of the Americans

1777 - First voyage to America. First battles. Meets Washington

1781 - Contributes to the Yorktown battle victory

1783 - Witnesses the signing of peace between England and America in Paris declaring America’s independence

1789 - Elected as the General Chief of the National Guard

1790 - Personal triumph during the Feast of the Champs-de-Mars Federation (July 14th)

1791 - Nominated by King Louis XVI as the head of the l’Armee de l’Est in Metz.

1792 - Taken prisoner by the Austrians (Aug. 19th). Stays five years in prison until 1797.

1797-1799 - Exiled to Germany and Holland (Belgium).

1799 - Return to France (illegally)

1807 - Death of his beloved wife, Adrienne.

1815 - Obtains the abdication of Napoleon after the Battle of Waterloo

1818 - Elected Deputy of the Sarthe

1824 - Lost election in Meaux. Last trip to America

1830 - Participant in the July revolution. Helps Louis Philippe to the throne of France.

1834 - Death of La Fayette

2002 - Receives a posthumous title, one only given to seven people in history, the rank of Honored Citizen of the United States