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The Battle of Bunker Hill

TREATY OF PARIS EVENT HELD SPECIAL TOUR OF NORMANDY

The beaches of the Normandy area became a side tour for many of those who attended the Treaty of Paris celebrations September 3-5. Caroline Lareuse was among those who chose to see the area which was associated with D-Day, June 6, 1944.

At 12:45 p.m. the group arrived at the Bayeux railway station and met their English tour guide. Lunch was enjoyed at the Chateau de Brouay, owned by Baron and Baronne Augustin d'Aboville. At mid-afternoon they were visiting the gardens of the Chateau de Brecy where they were welcomed by Mr. and Mrs. Didier Wirth. A stop was made later to view the famous Bayeux 14th century tapestry, 70 meters long, depicting William the Conqueror's invasion (1066) of England. A gala dinner, hosted by the owners, Comte Denis (SAR) and Comtesse de Kergorlay, took place at the medieval Chateau de Canisy.

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FRENCH CONSUL GENERAL WILL BE AT NEWPORT MEETING

NEWPORT, RI – M. Francois Gauthier, the Consul General of France in Boston, has accepted the invitation to be the guest of honor at the annual dinner of The American Friends of Lafayette. The dinner will take place at the historic White Horse Tavern on June 12.

M. Gauthier was born in Nice in October 1953 and educated at College Saint-Joseph, Avignon, and the Lycee Henri-IV, Paris. He also attended the "Ecole Normale Supérieure de Saint-Cloud" 1974-1978, the "Université Paris I-Sorbonne," 1971-1976, and the Paris Institute of Political Studies, 1981-1983.

He joined the Ministry of Overseas Development in 1983 starting his diplomatic career in Paris and the French Embassy in Abidjan, Ivory Coast, 1986-1989. From 1989 to 1993 he worked at the Ministry of the "Interieur" (or home office, responsible for the internal affairs) as "sous-prefet" (i.e. representative of the State) in Sarreguemines (Lorraine Region) and Nevers (Burgundy Region).

He returned to the Ministry of Overseas Development when the Minister asked him to join his private office as an advisor. In 1995 he assumed the position of Deputy Director of Education, Culture and Research, and in 1997 he was once again appointed overseas and became the Counselor for Cooperation and Culture at the French Embassy in Hanoi, Vietnam.

He next served as Deputy Chief of Mission at the French Embassy in Jakarta, Indonesia, from 2000-2002, before joining the private Cabinet Office of the Prime Minister, as a member of the diplomatic section. This mission ended in August 2004 when he was selected to participate in the Weatherhead Center for Internal Affairs Fellows Program at Harvard University. He took office as the new Consul General of France in Boston on August 9, 2005.

Mme. Francoise Gauthier was born in the Poitou region of France. She studied at the Sorbonne University in Paris, and then at the Ecole Normale Supérieure. She has a degree in history and has taught history and geography. They are the parents of three boys.

THE ALLAN P. KIRBY, JR. FOUNDATION SENDS GIFT TO THE SOCIETY

EASTON, PA - The Allan P. Kirby, Jr. Foundation sent a gift of \$2,500 to our Society in December 2008. The Foundation is headed by Allan P. Kirby, Jr., a long-time friend and benefactor of The American Friends of Lafayette.

Mr. Philip Schroeder, Society Treasurer, stated that the Foundation's gift will be allocated to support our Society's membership outreach efforts, including the printing and mailing of *The Gazette of The American Friends of Lafayette*, and all expenses related to the maintenance of our web site, www.friendsoflafayette.org. We appreciate Mr. Kirby's continued interest in The American Friends of Lafayette and its mission.

At our 70th annual meeting, held at Lafayette College in 2002, Mr. Kirby was the recipient of the Society's Lafayette Liberty Award. The award is given to an individual or organization that has made a notable contribution to the ideals that the Society promotes.



*Jean Hultgren snapped this picture.
See page 3 for why.*

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TRIBUTE PAID AT MARNES LA COQUETTE TO LAFAYETTE ESCADRILLE

On May 18, 1916 the group made its first reconnaissance flight over a battle area. It experienced heavy shell-ing, but returned safely to its base.

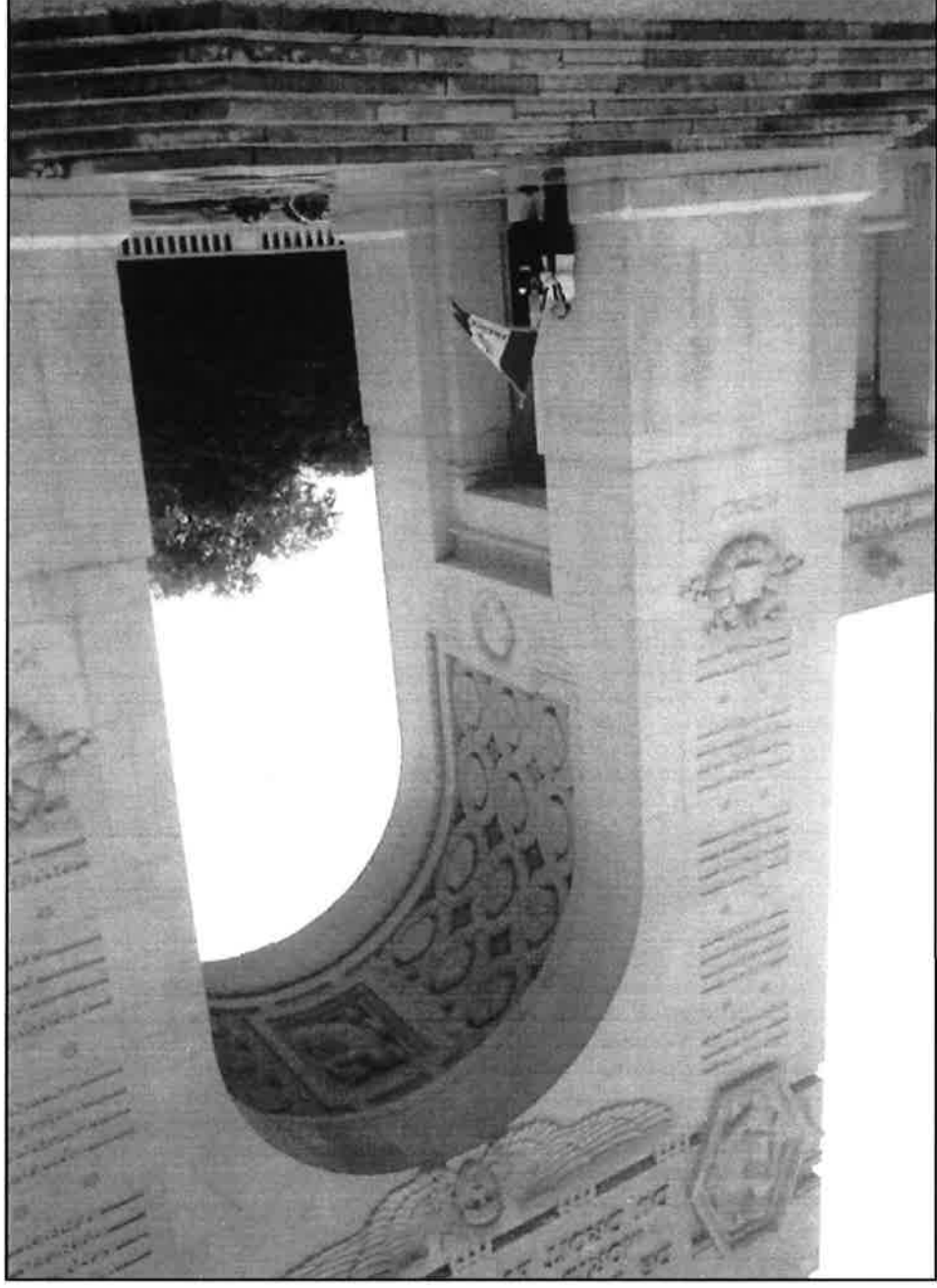
Sgt. Prince, returning from a flight on October 12, made a crash landing. He died three days later. A memorial tomb to the heroic flyer is in the Wash-ington Cathedral.

Caroline Lareuse is shown at the National Chairman, Units Overseas of the DAR.

On September 4 the program of the celebration of the Treaty of Paris (1783), included a visit to Marnes La Coquette where 269 Americans, who formed the Lafayette Escadrille on March 14, 1916, are memorialized. The imposing memorial, dedicated in 1928, recalls the flying corps which offered its services to France. The squadron's motto was "Eyes of the Army." In fact, he encouraged his older brother Frederick to sign up.



Caroline Lareuse holds the flag of the French Daughters of the American Revolution at the monument honoring the Americans who formed the Lafayette Escadrille on the last day of the busy Treaty of Paris celebration.



In Memoriam

A grave side memorial service was held at the Seawell family plot at Ware Church, Gloucester, VA.

(Information from a local newspaper)

In 1939 she married Arthur Gardner and after his death in 1978, she married Lt. Col. Lester T. Gayle of Virginia Beach. She is survived by three children: Kirk Gardner of La Jolla, California, Thomas C. Gardner of Washington, D.C. and San Francisco, and Ann Alexander of Prescott, Arizona; also a stepdaughter, Ann Gayle de Witt of Annapolis, MD. She leaves five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

(Information from a local newspaper)

Born in Norfolk, VA, she was an interior designer, a real estate broker, a bridge player, a golfer, a pres-ervationist and enjoyed dancing. At dinner meetings of The American Friends of Lafayette, she would coax some members to finish the night by dancing.

Among the many times her name would appear in print, one was of particular interest when she took on the restoration of the Boush-Tazewell-Waller House, a family heirloom. Built in the late 1700s, near today's federal building, the house was marked for demolition. But in 1907, Gayle's grandmother had it moved, board by board, via oxcart to Edgewater. It remained in the family but was showing its age around the 1970s.

Mrs. Gayle was born March 15, 1909 along with a twin brother. From



DR. FREDERICK A. SPEAR, Sunbridge Care Rehab Center, Portsmouth, New Hampshire. He was born December 26, 1923 in Methuen, Massachusetts to Isabella and Frederick Spear.

After graduating from Edward F. Searle's High School in Methuen and attending Camp Lawrence on Lake Winnepesaukee in New Hampshire each summer, he attended Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine, where he earned his Bachelor's Degree. After serving three years during World War II in the army where he spent most of his time in Antwerp, Belgium as a cryptographer, he continued his education and earned his Master's Degree at Harvard.

His teaching career began at

During the past year The American Friends of Lafayette learned of the deaths of four of our most active members: P. Hairston Seawell, Esq., Dr. Frederick A. Spear, Clarice Elizabeth Allmand Cook Gardner Gayle, and Melvin H. Friedman.

PHILIP HAIRSTON SEAWELL of Newport News, Virginia, died at his home in Towne Square Condominiums, October 7. He served as the president of our Society for 1974-1977.

Mr. Seawell was born in Newport News in 1915. He attended Catholic School and in 1933 he graduated from Newport News High School, and from the College of William & Mary in Williamsburg in 1937. He practiced law in Newport News.

He was active in other organizations including the First Families of Virginia, Gloucester Historical Society and Newport News Public Libraries. He was our Society's representative for many years with the Yorktown Day Association.

Mr. Seawell continuously reminded the membership that it possesses many objects pertaining to Lafayette and are in the care of Lafayette College at Easton, PA.

Several cousins survive Mr. Seawell who reside in Virginia, South Carolina and New York.

She was elected a member of the National Society of Interior Design

and the American Institute of Design. She was elected a member of the arts from Columbia. 1962 earned a master's degree in fine York School of Interior Design and in Fontainebleau in France and the New York School of Interior Design and in Columbia University in 1933 with a degree in physical education. Later she attended the Ecole des Beaux Arts de Washington. She graduated from her Maury High School graduation, she went to The Marjorie Webster School of Expression and Physical Education in Washington. She graduated from 1909 along with a twin brother. From