

2015 LASSAR STATE MEETING
LOUISIANA SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
FRIDAY, APRIL 24 – SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2015

The Attakapas Chapter will host the Annual LASSAR State Meeting on April 24-25, 2015 at the [Lafayette Hilton Garden Inn](#) located at 2350 W. Congress Street. Reservations Toll Free Call 877-782-9444 or Local Call 337-291-1977.

Directions to the Hotel: The preferred method is to set your GPS before you leave home. If that is not an option try the following:

From the East: Traveling West on I-10, use Exit 101, turn left on N. University and travel under the Interstate and continue until you reach the intersection of W. Congress. Turn right on W. Congress and follow until you reach the hotel on the right, located directly across from the Cajun Dome.

From the West: Traveling East on I-10, use Exit 101, turn right on N, University and continue until you reach the intersection of W. Congress. Turn right on W. Congress and follow until you reach the hotel on the right.

From the North: Traveling South on I-49, after it passes under I-10 it become NW Evangeline Throughway; continue until you reach the intersection of E. 2nd Street. Turn right on E. 2nd Street, continue and it will become W Congress, follow until you reach the hotel on the right.

From the South: Your from here, you already know where you are, you don't need directions.

Friday April 24th

Convention Check-In will begin in the hotel lobby at 3:00 p.m. You can check-in and pick up your conference bags, name tags, and conference credential information. If you arrive late you can check in at the reception at Girard Park or Saturday morning back at the hotel lobby.

Reception will take place at the Pavilion in Girard Park, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. In your honor we have planned a traditional Cajun Crawfish boil with all the fixin's. Complete with Cajun Music, entertainment by "Sur la Galerie" a group of UL Lafayette students exploring their musical heritage. They are old school, all acoustic, they don't use amplifiers or microphones; so don't worry that they will be too loud. Bring your dancing shoes and try your Cajun Waltz or your Two Step. And for those of you that "parle francais" they will be happy to converse with you in French. "Ici on parle français". See Directions and map to Girard Park.

As a service project the Boy Scouts & Leaders of Troop 156 will prepare this Crawfish boil for us, they will setup, boil, serve and clean up. **Please note:** BSA rules prohibits scouts from being exposed to tobacco products or alcoholic beverages. So please go into the parking lot to smoke and get your own beer conveniently located in ice chests, soft drinks and water will also be available.

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Saturday April 25th

Convention Check-in: will continue in the hotel lobby from 8:00 – 9:00 a.m.

Breakfast is on your own.

LASSAR LADIES AUXILLARY – Meeting – Time & Location TBA

LASSAR Annual Board Meeting: (Evangeline Room 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.)

(refreshments will be provided)

Joseph S. Rumbaugh Youth Award Presentation

Arthur M. King Eagle Scout Scholarship Presentation

George & Stella Knight Essay Award Presentation

JROTC Scholarship Presentation

Ladies Activites:

1. **Historic St. Martinville Tour** (Christy Maraist wife of Attakapas Chapter President David Maraist will conduct the tour). 9:00 a.m. You will gather in the Hotel lobby and carpool, caravan style to St. Martinville. Visit the Museum of the Acadian Memorial and St. Martin de Tours Church (mother church of Acadians) and other points of interest if time permits. You should be back in time to join your husband for lunch. Christy has worked out a great deal, both venues have agreed to waive their admission fee for the museum or the church. Contact Christy via email [Christy Maraist](mailto:Christy.Maraist)
2. **Cajun Food Tour** (on your own) \$55.00 per person, call in advance to book reservation 337-230-6169 , see their website: <http://cajunfoodtours.com/>
3. **Festival International de Louisiane** (music & food, imagine that in Louisiana). A free shuttle bus departs and arrives every 15 minutes at Cajun Field, directly across from the hotel. The vendor's of food and drinks do not except cash or credit cards. You have to purchase tickets redeemable for food and beverages, these ticket booths are available at almost every intersection. But if you buy too many and don't use them, they will not refund your money. Here is a hint for you. Remember this is free advice, so it's worth exactly what you paid for it.... If going to the Festival, go in a group, not for the reason you might think. You are safe in downtown Lafayette. But I am concerned for your gastronomic wellbeing. If you go by yourself you will buy food from a vendor and they ALWAYS serve portions too large. You will be full after sampling one vendor, but of course you won't stop at one. Why, because you are in Lafayette, and you have the opportunity to sample food from every restaurant in town at one location. So you buy more food, when you get back to the hotel, not only won't you want to attend the Banquet; the last thing you will want is more food. If you go in a group, one person buys a single portion and you get multiple spoons or forks and you share that portion, everyone gets a couple of bites. Then you move on to the next vendor, and someone else buys a single portion and you share. This way you don't fill up on one item, and you get to sample several dishes from the best chefs in Lafayette. Your stomach will thank you. In 2011 Rand McNally's "Best of the Road" competition rated Lafayette, best in food category for a small town. In 2012 Southern Living Magazine rated Lafayette the "Tastiest Town in the South". See their website: <http://festivalinternational.org>

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Ladies Activites continued:

4. **Acadian Villiage** (on your own) 200 Greenleaf Drive, Lafayette. Phone 337-981-2364, website: <http://www.acadianvillage.org> Open 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Self-Guided Tour \$8.64. The Acadian Village is a collection of buildings, gathered around a pond, that simulates an Acadian village of the 1800s. Most of the buildings are authentic, they were relocated to the Village from nearby towns. The church is a replica. Acadian Village is a project of the Lafayette Association for Retarded Citizens, begun in the mid-1970s. It is also used as a job training location for special education.
5. **Vermilionville Living History & Folk Life Park** (on your own) 300 Fisher Road, Lafayette. Phone 337-233-4077. Website: <http://www.vermilionville.org> Open 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Self –Guided Tour (senior discount) \$8.00. Vermilionville is a living history museum and folklife park that preserves and represents the cultural resources of the Acadian, Native American, and Creole cultures – from the time period 1765 to 1890. The park sits on a 23-acre site on the banks of the Bayou Vermilion with 19 attractions, including seven restored original homes with more than 13 local artisans that provide demonstrations on a variety of essential crafts performed by the early settlers.

Lunch on your own:

So you don't want to go to the Festival, not a problem, you have many options for Lunch in Lafayette. Here are just a few. There are three restaurants close by the hotel near the intersection of Bertrand and W. Congress: [Agave Mexican Cantina](#) - 509 Bertrand Dr. (337) 889-5540.; [Café Habana City](#) – 911 Bertrand Dr. (337) 267-3060; [Subway](#) – 713 Bertrand Dr. (337) 237-7721. If you are looking for something more upscale, you can try the following: [Jolie's Louisiana Bistro](#) – 507 W. Pinhook Rd. (337) 706-8544 or the [Village Café](#) – 1 Dequalle Square (River Ranch) (337) 981-8085. [Charley G's](#) - The Park, 3809 Ambassador Caffery Parkway. 337- 981-0108. [Imonelli Restaurant](#) - 4017 Johnston Street, (337) 989-9291

President's Reception (Cash Bar Evangeline Room Vestibule) 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

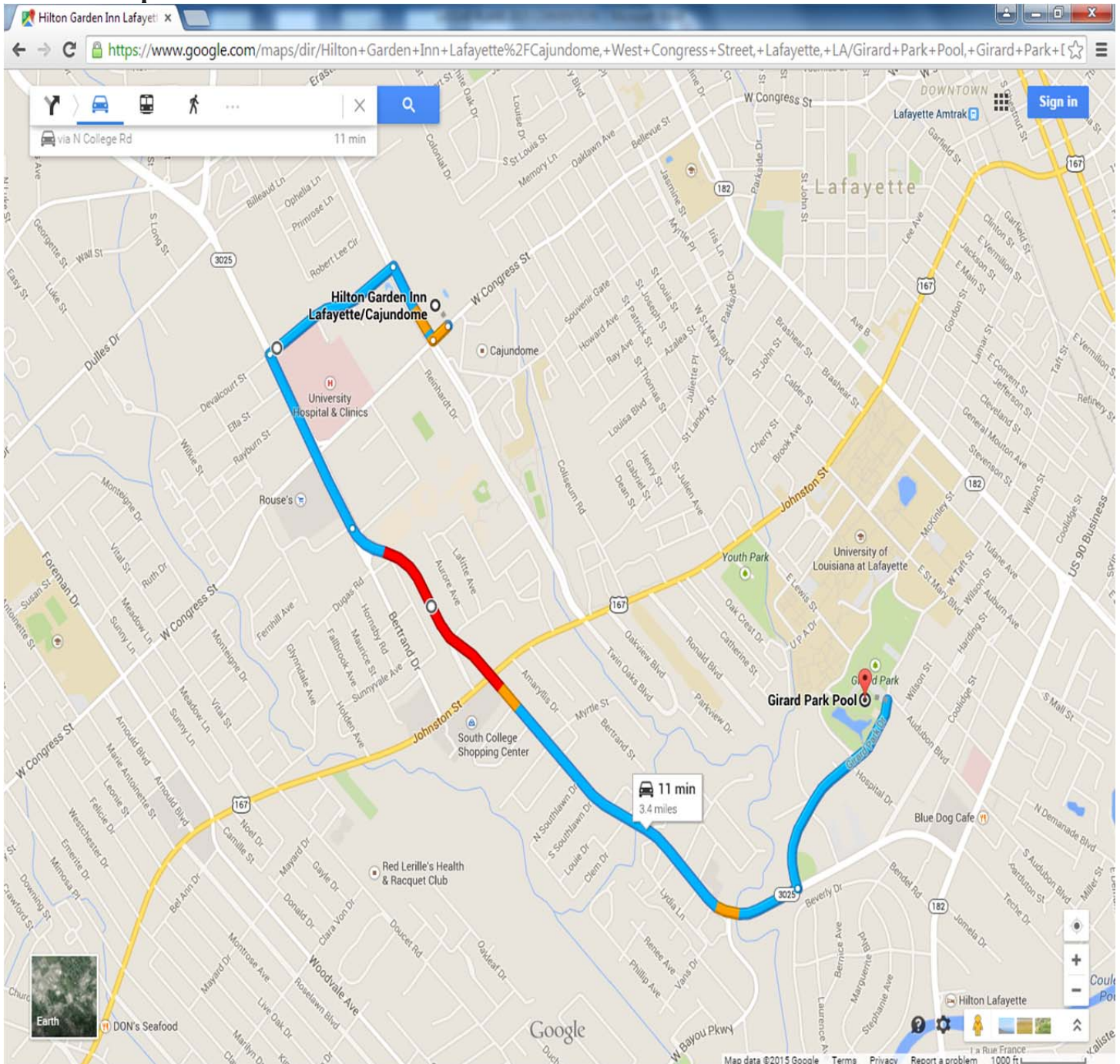
President's Banquet: (Evangeline Room) 7:00 – 9:30 p.m.

Guest Speaker: The Executive Committee of the Attakapas Chapter is pleased to announce our guest speaker for the Presidents Banquet will be: Dr. Kim Todt, currently an Assistant Professor of History at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. She received an MA in American History from Yale in 2005 and an MA and PhD in History from Cornell University in 2009 and 2012, respectively. She specializes in Colonial and Revolutionary American History with a particular focus on the intersections between business and economic history and on the transmission of commercial practices from continental Europe to Colonial America. Her research interests also extend to the Atlantic World, Women's History, and Maritime History.



The title of her presentation to us will be “Merchant, Privateer, and Patriot: Gilbert Antoine de St. Maxent.”

Map from Hilton Garden Inn to Girard Park



Directions to Girard Park from Hotel:

From the West side entrance of the Hotel parking lot turn right on to Cajun Dome Blvd, heading North. Continue until you reach E. Devalcourt, approx. ¼ mile, turn left on E. Devalcourt. Continue on E. Devalcourt until you reach the intersection of Bertrand Dr. approx. ½ mile. Turn left on Bertrand Dr., after you pass the intersection W. Congress you will come to a Y intersection, approx. ¼ mile, stay to the left. You are now on N. College Rd. Continue past the intersection of Johnston St. Now you are on S. College Rd continue approx. 1 mile you will cross over a small cement bridge at the intersection of W Bayou Parkway, continue on S. College Rd., get into the center turning lane in order to turn left at Girard Park Drive. Continue on Girard Park Drive until you reach the park entrance, approx. ¾ mile, you will see tennis courts on your left, turn left just past the tennis courts into the park entrance. Parking lot #2 is on the right, and our Pavilion is near the far NW corner. Refer to Map of Girard Park we will be at the large pavilion marked in red with a W stamped on your map. See Map on separate page (pdf file).