



Repaying Lafayette

Americans Who Fought for Other Nations' Freedom, 1775–2026

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The founding volume of the citizen-volunteer trilogy.

Lafayette came to us first. This is the ledger of the Americans who repaid him.

Lafayette crossed an ocean to bleed for a freedom that wasn't his. For 250 years Americans have been repaying the debt — in Greece, Spain, Israel, Ukraine, and fifty episodes in between. *Repaying Lafayette* opens the ledger at his grave in Picpus and audits every volunteer with four questions: Whose freedom? Who profits? Who invited you? Would you say it plainly at home? A history of the citizens who went when the state would not.

KEY POINTS

- The first complete history of Americans who volunteered for other nations' freedom — a 50-episode census, 1775–2026, from the philhellenes to the Donbas.
- Built on a 555-source bibliography, with contested numbers printed as ranges and the four audit questions applied to every episode.
- The semiquincentennial book — Lafayette's debt, opened at Picpus and serviced for 250 years.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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"The ledger is open. What follows is the accounting."

STATUS

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CATEGORIES

American history · Military history

COMPS

Rick Atkinson's *Liberation Trilogy* readers · Nir Arielli's *From Byron to bin Laden* · Adam Hochschild's *Spain in Our Hearts*

TIMELINESS

The 250th anniversary of American independence — the strongest tailwind a history of American volunteers will ever have.