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The Hermitage to welcome author Alan R. Hoffman

Translator of *Lafayette in America* to speak about Lafayette's time with Andrew Jackson

April 24, 2013 – Andrew Jackson's Home, The Hermitage will welcome author and translator Alan R. Hoffman on Thursday, May 9 at 7 p.m. Hoffman will be giving a talk on his translation of Auguste Levasseur's *Lafayette in America in 1824 and 1825*, which describes the sole surviving major general of the Continental Army on his farewell tour of the United States.

The Marquis De Lafayette was widely considered a hero of the American Revolution and was revered by the American people of the 19th century as a foreign founding father. In this book, Lafayette's private secretary, Auguste Levasseur, describes how the hero of the American Revolution and apostle of liberty in Europe was welcomed by the American people

"Wherever he traveled during his tour of United States, the Marquis De Lafayette was an honored guest and hero," said President and CEO of The Hermitage, Howard J. Kittell. "From New England to New York; from Washington, D.C. to Monticello where he visited the aging Founding Father Thomas Jefferson, Lafayette was afforded the highest honors."

During his presentation, Hoffman will be focusing on the passage of *Lafayette in America* which details General Lafayette's time in Nashville at The Hermitage and his encounter with General Andrew Jackson.

"His trip to Nashville and to the Hermitage to meet the Hero of New Orleans and rising political 'rockstar' Andrew Jackson, was seen as an endorsement of this future United States President," said Kittell.

This free event will be in the Andrew Jackson Center auditorium. Hoffman will also be signing copies of *Lafayette in America in 1824 and 1825*. For more details visit www.thehermitage.com or call 615-889-2941 ext. 229.

About Alan R. Hoffman

Alan R. Hoffman obtained his BA in history from Yale College before earning a JD from Harvard Law School. He has practiced law in Boston for 40 years. An avid reader of early American history, he "discovered" Lafayette in 2002 and spent two years – 2003 to 2005 – translating Auguste Levasseur's *Lafayette in America in 1824 and 1825*, the first-hand account of Lafayette's Farewell Tour of America written by his private secretary. This translation was published in 2007 and is in its second printing. Hoffman has lectured widely on Lafayette and the Farewell Tour since 2006 – over 105 talks in 15 of the 24 states that Lafayette visited during the farewell tour.

About The Hermitage

The Hermitage, Home of President Andrew Jackson, is one of the largest and most visited presidential homes in the United States. In 1856, the State of Tennessee purchased the property from the Jackson family, entrusting it to the Ladies' Hermitage Association in 1889 to operate as one of America's first historic site museums. Today, The Hermitage is a 1,120-acre National Historic Landmark with more than 30 historic buildings, including restored slave cabins. Thanks to efforts of this nonprofit organization, the mansion is the most accurately preserved early presidential home in the country. The Hermitage is a national model for authenticity, conservation, and historic preservation. In recent years, new interpretive initiatives and educational programs such as archaeology and the history of slavery have enhanced the

experience of some 180,000 annual visitors, including 30,000 school children, from all 50 states and many foreign countries; in fact, we interpret the Hermitage mansion in five foreign languages. The property also receives 30,000 annual visits from the local community, including more than 1,000 children who play Little League baseball at The Hermitage's Rotary Park. The Hermitage is a "Partner Place" with the National Trust for Historic Preservation; and a site along the National Park Service's Trail of Tears National Historic Trail. For more information, visit www.thehermitage.com.

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