



The Legacy. The Spanish Legacy in the United States of America

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On Wednesday, the 4th of August, The Legacy Association celebrated its V Anniversary at the Residence of the Ambassador of Spain with the presentation of its new audiovisual project.

The project was developed for 2021 as a trilogy about Spanish Florida. The Sanctuary, the first video, was released in June. The second video, premiered in its English version, featured the history of General Manuel Montiano y Sopolana, the forgotten hero responsible for the first free slave settlement at Fort Mose. The third part of the trilogy will be released in September.

The trilogy is part of The Legacy's new registered trademark, "Proyecto eÑe", an ambitious initiative which includes three educational materials:

The Poster- A journey covering the unknown map of the Viceroyalty of New Spain, a must-have in any educational center.

The Videos- Produced with Unreal Engine 4 (UE4) technology, a powerful, real-time 3-D creation platform used in producing movies and video games. They bring to life forgotten stories to support learning about history in an innovative, imaginative way.

The Postcards- Fun souvenirs containing powerful, memorable historical messages.

During her presentation, Eva García, President of The Legacy, said "Spain, **España**, can't be understood without its Ñ, just as the United States' history cannot be understood without Spain. In the words of Thomas Jefferson, one of the founding fathers of the nation, '*The history of the United States of America is written in Spanish.*' Jefferson stood out for his deep interest in our Spanish language by sharing his passion with his daughters, to whom he read ten pages of Don Quixote in Spanish every night before going to bed. Teaching about our ancestors, their feats, and their mistakes is a cornerstone of a country's history. When two nations are linked in that history, the cultural roots are embedded in the land, and their legacy is indestructible."

During the ceremony, The Legacy's two new honorary members were announced and presented with awards for their outstanding support to the mission and objectives of The Legacy: Admiral John Richardson, former US Chief of Naval Operations, and Ambassador of Spain, Santiago Cabanas. The 2019 honorary member, the Mount Vernon Ladies Association, was also in attendance.



At the event, Admiral James G. Foggo was also presented with the Spanish Navy Great Cross for his outstanding service and his contribution to foster excellent relations between the US and the Spanish Navies.

Top representatives from the Spanish Navy and a wide variety of US and Spanish institutions were in attendance at the event, which concluded with Spanish Ambassador Santiago Cabanas' acknowledgment on the importance of promoting and teaching about the many chapters of the common history of Spain and the United States of America

The Legacy is a nonprofit association dedicated to bringing attention to the significance of Spain's historical and cultural contributions to the United States, in order to encourage and promote the ties between the two countries based on the cherished relationship that has united us since before the Declaration of Independence of the United States of America

