



The Embassy of the United States of America in Madrid and The Legacy pay homage to the Armed Forces in a solemn ceremony at the residence of the Hon. Ambassador Duke Buchan III



Madrid, February 14th, 2019

The Ambassador of the United States of America, Duke Buchan III and Eva García, the President of The Legacy, offered a cocktail party on February 11th at the Ambassador's residence to celebrate the deep bonds of union between the Spanish and North American Armed Forces.

The solemn act began with the presentation of the Spanish and North American flags guarded by the US Marines and the Spanish Army.

The ambassador welcomed the attendees, making special mention of the historical importance of the relations that unite us and that continue to this day, as evidenced by the close cooperation we maintain

as allied countries.

The Chief of Staff of the Ministry of Defense, General Alejandro Martínez thanked the Ambassador for his hospitality and congratulated the President of the The Legacy Association for the successes achieved in such a short period of time. He shared with the audience his admiration for the American People and offered the following words:

"... Just a few weeks ago the Spanish frigate "Mendez Nuñez" began her combined deployment with the aircraft carrier group Abraham Lincoln of the US Navy. It is very appropriate that the deployed Spanish ship is the "Mendez Nuñez" which takes its name from Castro Méndez Nuñez, the Spanish rear admiral, who in 1867 completed the first round the world voyage of an armored frigate. This operational integration highlights the confidence of the US in the Spanish Armed Forces as a reliable and capable ally and shows Spain's commitment to our common security.

But the "Méndez Nuñez" is just one of many examples of the strong defense cooperation between two nations that are so friendly with one another. Within the framework of NATO, Spanish soldiers operate together with US soldiers in all scenarios in which the Alliance is called to fight against the global scourge of terrorism. Our common past, together with the realities of the present, constitute a solid base on which the excellent relations that unite the Spanish and American Armed Forces are based."

Then the stage was given to US Army Brigadier General Maria Biank, Director of the Joint Cyber Defense Center in Europe. She arrived the same day, Feb. 11th, from her headquarters in Stuttgart as guest of honor to participate in this very special occasion.



The event was attended by other military representatives as well; the Chief of General Staff of the Army, General Varela, the Chief of Staff of the Navy, Admiral Lopez Calderón, the Chief of the General Staff of the Air Force, General Salto, the Chief of the Military Office of the House of His Majesty, Admiral Juan Ruiz Casas.

The President, Eva Garcia deeply thanked Ambassador Buchan, the defense attaches and the US Embassy protocol staff for their support and enthusiasm and for taking such a strong interest in supporting this important initiative. During her address, she offered a reflection of the significant milestones achieved in only three years since the foundation of The Legacy. A small portion of this reflection appears below:

"Our first project was Farragut and Menorca, a fascinating adventure that took us to the Naval Academy in Annapolis where a commemorative plaque was ceremoniously placed in its Museum; a plaque seen by more than one million visitors a year. In addition, the publication of a book that made its triumphant entry into the White House and, months later, at the Royal Palace in a military audience with H.M. King Felipe VI. After the events in the Royal Palace in March of 2018, the adventure continued and we embarked last June, towards the captivating island of Menorca in the Spanish Navy Frigate "Méndez Nuñez" and in the US Navy Destroyer "Ross." We arrived loaded with incredible stories, filled the main theater of Mahón with more than 1,000 people and were honored with the 180,000 commemorative stamps that Correos issued to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Admiral Farragut's last trip to Spain."

She then thanked to the Chief of Staff of the Navy, Admiral Lopez Calderón for his support and collaboration in this first project. The Admiral Chief of Staff of the Navy has been named Honorary Member of the Association, in the words of the President; *"We give you our most precious recognition."*

The signature of President George Washington in the Treaty of Friendship and Boundaries of Navigation between the Kingdom of Spain and the United States of America signed in 1796."



Presented in Madrid by the Legacy to

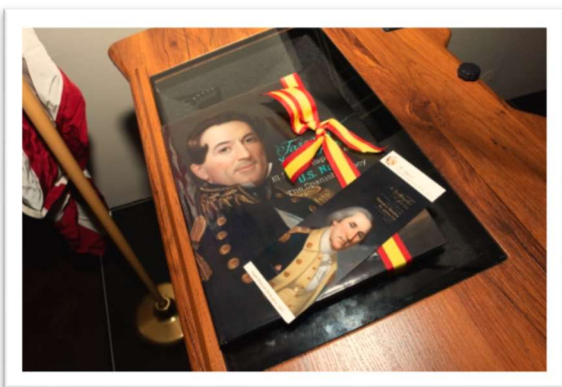
Admiral Teodoro López Calderón,

In recognition of his outstanding contributions to the advancement of the strong ties of cooperation and friendship between the United States of America and the kingdom of Spain and to bestow the title of

Honorary Member to The Legacy

Given this eleventh day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand and nineteen

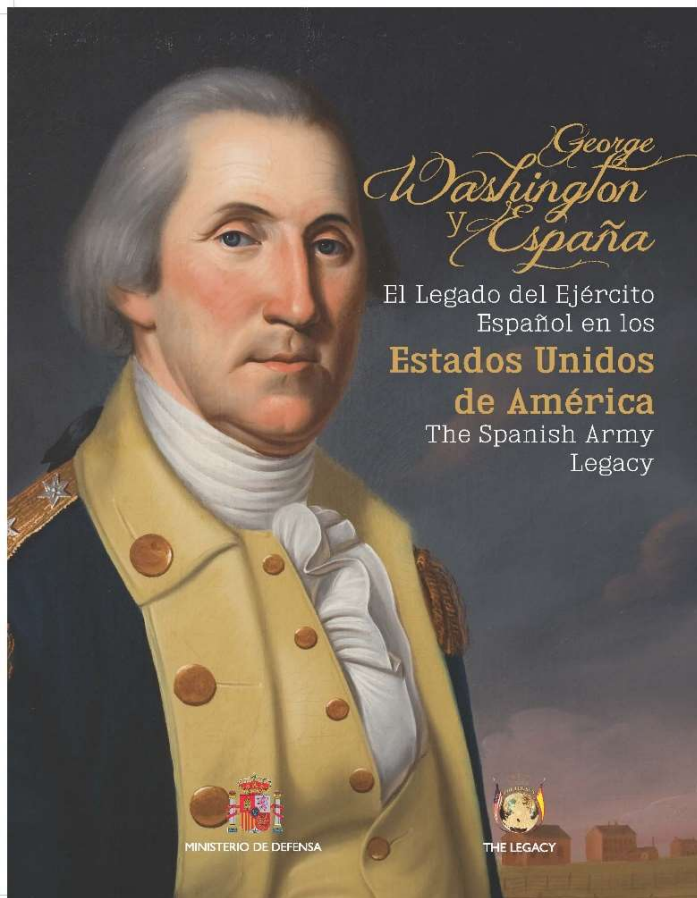
The President announced several acts that will be effective in the coming weeks, the cooperation agreements with the University of Alcalá de Henares founded in 1499. They will initiate a close cooperation with the University Institute of Research in American Studies «Benjamin Franklin », with the University of Seville, founded in 1505, and with the City Council of Rota for its excellent relations with the Naval Base. Eva García acknowledged the Magnificent Rector Don José Vicente Saz, the Magnificent Rector Mr. Miguel Ángel Castro Arroyo and the Mayor Don José Javier Ruíz Arana, giving them a copy of the book "Farragut and Menorca. The Spanish Legacy in the US Navy" and thanking them for this important and vital support that meets the objectives of disseminating the Spanish legacy in the United States of America.



The Legacy project for 2019 was presented as a finale to the event: The book "George Washington and Spain. The Legacy of the Spanish Army in the US " with special thanks to the support of Chief of Staff of the Spanish Army General Varela Salas for his personal commitment and leadership, and to the Second Chief of Staff of the Spanish Army General Martín Bernardi for his vital impulse in this fascinating project.

At the end of the ceremony the guests received as gift a bookmark that included the synopsis and the cover of the book whose date of publication will be announced shortly.

Sinopsis



It was a cold and damp 14th of December, in the year of our Lord 1799. The hands on the clock marked just half an hour until traditional teatime of 5 o'clock. General Washington was lying in his bed, with no signs of improvement and he had asked Martha to bring him the two wills that were on his table. He reviewed them carefully and gave one to his wife for her to destroy in the fireplace.

From this moment, 220 years ago, we embark on a journey through time, which brings to light the relevance of first US president George Washington's relationship to Spain. Through its military, businesspeople, farmers, ranchers, diplomats, and the strategic leadership of monarch King Carlos III, Spain was a leader in supporting the Thirteen Colonies, which would turn into a first world power: The United States of America.

In order to understand this relationship, we look back upon its origin and we present the reader with a fascinating journey, tracing the steps of the Spanish military on American soil. We shall walk alongside some of our heroes and, by doing so, we shall rediscover some of our expeditions, the most well-known and the almost forgotten. With an iron will, we shall recover some of them in these pages, where they shall clamor to take their rightful place in history. At the beginning of our journey, we will briefly cover some of the actions initiated by the Catholic Monarchs, including the application of the Law of Nations, the Laws of the Indies, and the abolition of slavery as a historical, social, and humanitarian event of the utmost importance. We will celebrate the first Christmas and the first Thanksgiving, many years before the arrival of the Mayflower.

It is a fleeting overview of 300 years on the importance of the legacy of the Spanish Army and Armada in America, highlighting the magnanimity of the Spanish people, which is the solid foundation of the bridges that centuries later would lead us to fight in the War of Independence alongside its first president, General George Washington.

Eva García

President and Founder

The Legacy

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