



**THE GERMAN AMERICAN  
COMMUNITY OF MARYLAND  
HONORS**

**THE MEMORY OF**

**GEN. JOHAN deKALB**

**COMMANDER  
MARYLAND LINE**

**CONTINENTAL ARMY  
REVOLUTIONARY WAR**

**1777 - 1780**

**WEDNESDAY, OCT. 15, 1:30 P.M.**

**MARYLAND STATE HOUSE,  
ANNAPOLIS**

**WEST LAWN AT THE  
deKALB STATUE**

**IN GRATITUDE TO THE GOVERNOR AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
MARYLAND FOR ITS RECENT LEGISLATION DECLARING OCTOBER**

**CELEBRATING GERMAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH**

**GERMAN AMERICAN MARYLANDERS AND THEIR FRIENDS ARE  
INVITED TO ATTEND AND PARTICIPATE IN THE CEREMONIES.**

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deKALB MEMORIAL CEREMONIES  
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OCTOBER 15, 2014 1:30 P.M.



Baron Johan deKalb, commanding general of the Maryland Line during the Revolutionary War, was born in the tiny village of Huttendorf near Erlangen, Bavaria on June 19, 1721. He was killed in the Battle of Camden, South Carolina on August 19, 1780, leading the Maryland troops into battle against the British. He received his commission as a major general from George Washington. A statue of deKalb stands on the west lawn of the Maryland State House in Annapolis, erected by the United States government and maintained by the federal Park Service.

deKalb learned soldiering as an officer in a German regiment in the French army. His first trip to America was as a representative of France. He returned in 1777 with his protege, the Marquis de Lafayette. He joined Washington's army and was appointed a major general on Sept. 4, 1777. He spent most of 1777-78 at Valley Forge. He wrote letters of recommendation for John Adams to the French court.

Assigned to the Maryland and Delaware troops in a campaign in the south, he led his men into the Battle of Camden where, in the thick of battle, his horse was shot out from under him. He tumbled to the ground where he was shot 3 times and bayoneted repeatedly by British soldiers. His leadership and valor is commemorated in the ceremonies presented by Maryland's German American community at his statue on the west lawn of the State House in Annapolis, commemorating his service to Maryland and the United States of America, as part of our celebration of German American Heritage Month in Maryland. We also express our gratitude to the legislature and the governor of Maryland for its enactment of the law declaring October as our heritage month in Maryland