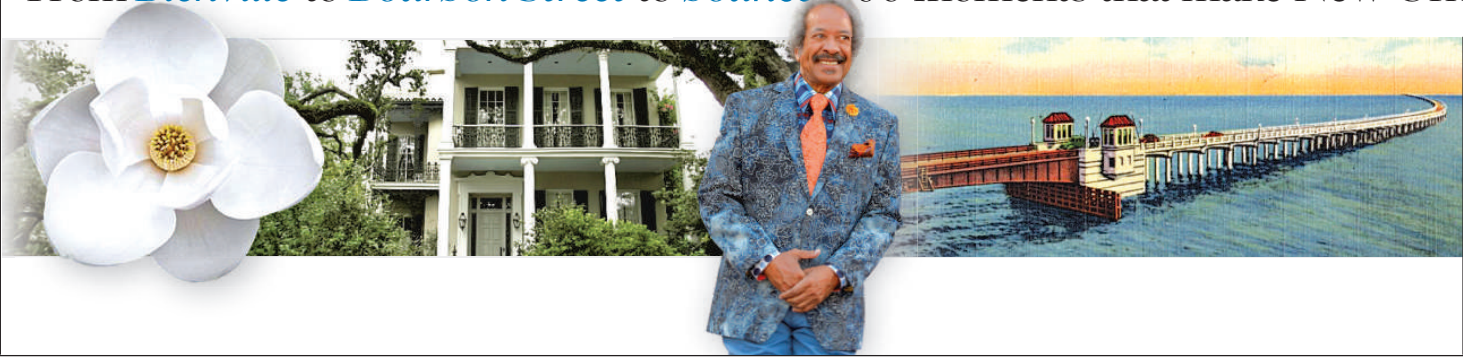




From *Bienville* to *Bourbon Street* to *bounce* 300 moments that make New Orleans unique.



WHAT HAPPENED

The Battle of New Orleans occurred on Jan. 8, 1815.

To this day, the defeat of the British by Gen. Andrew Jackson's ragtag army in the Battle of New Orleans is inspiring



The wax diorama of the Battle of New Orleans at Musée Conti Wax Museum that closed in 2015

The Battle of New Orleans, one of the biggest battles of the War of 1812, was fought and won by the Americans after the war had ended. The battle was so decisive and lopsided that it strengthened the Treaty of Ghent, signed two weeks before the battle. The battle also permanently linked Gen. Andrew Jackson to New Orleans and helped him gain the presidency. Jackson came to New Orleans in December 1814 after learning the British were planning to attack and take New Orleans. Jackson quickly assembled a group of Army regulars, state militia, Choctaw warriors and, despite some trepidation, Jean Lafitte's Baratarians. The Americans and British skirmished on Dec. 23, but the British pulled back and waited on its full contingent of troops. The British were confident its force of 7,500 trained

soldiers could easily overcome Jackson's group of 4,700. They were wrong. Before the battle on Jan. 8, 1815, Jackson had set up fortifications at Chalmette Plantation near the Mississippi River. As the British army neared the fortification, the militia, experienced hunters, picked off the Red Coats with precision including Lt. Gen. Sir Edward Pakenham, commander of the force. Within about 30 minutes, the Americans killed 700, wounded 1,400 and took 500 prisoners. The Americans suffered about 70 casualties, including 13 dead. Although the battle did not impact the outcome of the already resolved war, it did guarantee that the British would abide by the treaty. Jackson returned to New Orleans a hero and rode the victory to the White House in the presidential election of 1828.



A table recreation of the Battle of New Orleans by Col. Donald Weill, U.S. Marine Corps. Ret., of Metairie.

Well, in 18 and 14, we took a little trip
Along with Colonel Jackson
down the mighty Mississippi
We took a little bacon and
we took a little beans
And we met the bloody British
in the town of New Orleans

CHORUS:
We fired our guns and the
British kept a comin'
There wasn't nigh as many as
there was a while ago
We fired once more and
they began a running
Down the Mississippi to the Gulf of Mexico

Well, I seed Mars Jackson come
a-walkin' down the street
And a-talkin' to a pirate by the
name of Jean Lafitte;
He gave Jean a drink that he
brung from Tennessee,
And the pirate said he'd help us
drive the British to the sea.

CHORUS
Well the French told Andrew,
"You had better run
For Pakenham's a-comin' with
a bullet in his gun."
Old Hickory said he didn't give a damn
He's a-gonna whup the britches
off of Colonel Pakenham.

CHORUS
Well, we looked down the river and
we seed the British come
And there must have been a hundred
of them beating on the drum
They stepped so high and they
made their bugles ring
While we stood behind our cotton
bales and didn't say a thing

CHORUS
Old Hickory said we could
take em by surprise
If we didn't fire a musket till we
looked em in the eyes
We held our fire till we seed their face well
Then we opened up our squirrel
guns and really gave em well..

CHORUS
Well they ran through the briars and
they ran through the brambles
And they ran through the bushes

where a rabbit couldn't go
They ran so fast the hounds
couldn't catch em
Down the Mississippi to
the Gulf of Mexico

CHORUS
Well we fired our cannons till
the barrels melted down
So we grabbed an alligator and
we fought another round
We filled his head with minie balls
and powdered his behind
And when we touched the powder
off, the 'gator lost his mind
They lost their pants and
their pretty shiny coats
And their tails was all a-showin'
like a bunch of billy goats.
They ran down the river with
their tongues a-hanging out
And they said they got a lickin',
which there wasn't any doubt.

CHORUS
Well we marched back to town
in our dirty ragged pants
And we danced all night with
the pretty girls from France;
We couldn't understand 'em, but
they had the sweetest charms
And we understood 'em better
when we got 'em in our arms.

CHORUS
Well, the guide who brung
the British from the sea
Come a-limping into camp just
as sick as he could be,
He said the dying words of
Colonel Pakenham
Was, "You better quit your foolin' with
your cousin Uncle Sam."

CHORUS
Well, we'll march back home,
but we'll never be content
Till we make Old Hick'ry the
people's president.
And every time we think about
he bacon and the beans
We'll think about the fun we had
way down in New Orleans.

CHORUS
— By Jimmy Driftwood, recorded 1959



Happy 300th Birthday New Orleans!



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