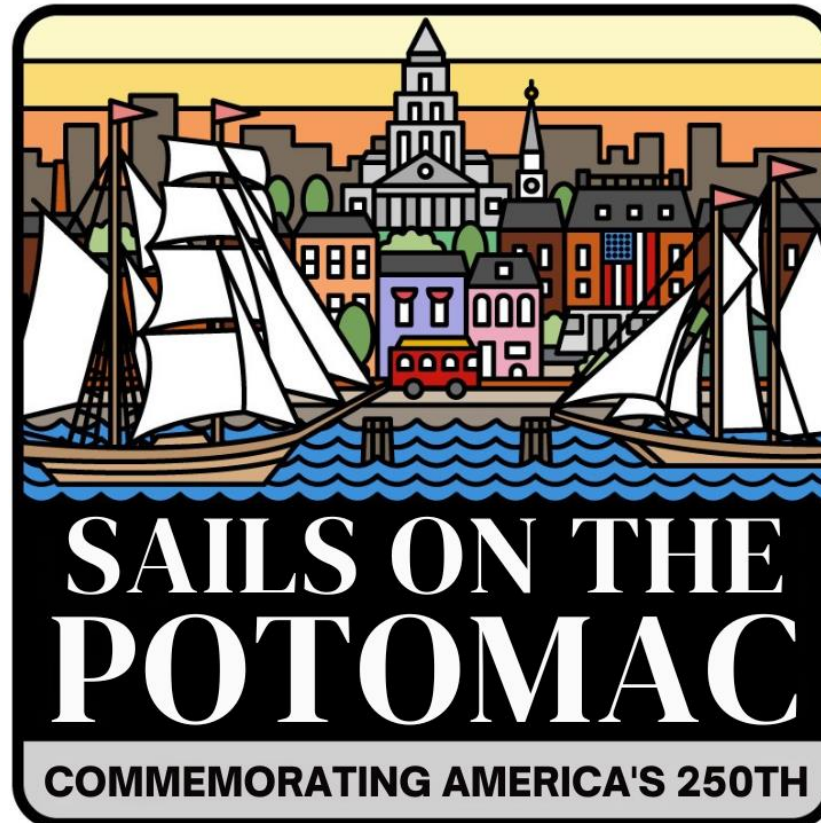




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*Gazela*



*Kalmar Nyckel*



*Providence*



*Sultana*

- June 12 to 14, 2026
- Alexandria's Signature 250<sup>th</sup> event
- Free admission includes tours of four tall ships, ALX Jazz Fest performances, 250<sup>th</sup> activity stations with NoVA museums and more
- Timed ship tour tickets and walk-up lines, 12 to 6
- Saturday night fireworks, 9:00 p.m.
- Largest event of this kind in NoVA



The ***Kalmar Nyckel*** is a full-scale, accurate reproduction of a ship that served alternately as a colonial vessel and a warship in the Swedish Navy. Swedish colonists arrived in what became Delaware in 1638. (Wilmington, DE)  
The ***Sultana*** is a full-scale reproduction of a Royal Navy schooner that served in the American colonies from 1768 to 1772.

*Sultana* transported thousands of troops to Boston to subdue rebellious colonists in 1768. She also patrolled the Atlantic Coast to enforce the Townsend Acts and search

***Gazela*** is an original vessel with records dating back to 1901. She fished in the Grand Banks off Newfoundland, Canada until 1969, when she was retired due to damage. In 1971, the Philadelphia Maritime Museum purchased the *Gazela* for maritime and STEM education. (Philadelphia, PA)



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## Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness

As the United States commemorates the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution, *Sails on the Potomac* highlights Alexandria's role in helping construct the foundation of the revolution. From the creation of the Fairfax Resolves to being the hometown of George Washington, Alexandria played a unique role in the birth of our nation.

Join us June 12-14 on the Alexandria waterfront for *Sails on the Potomac*, an engaging weekend festival that offers family activities, exhibits, music, educational programs, public art, and more!

[Ship Timed Tickets](#)

## Events and Ship Tours



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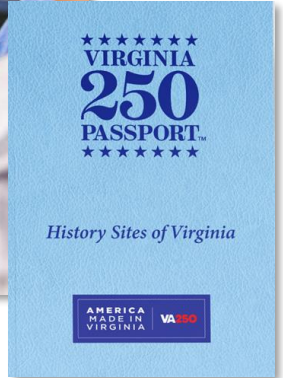
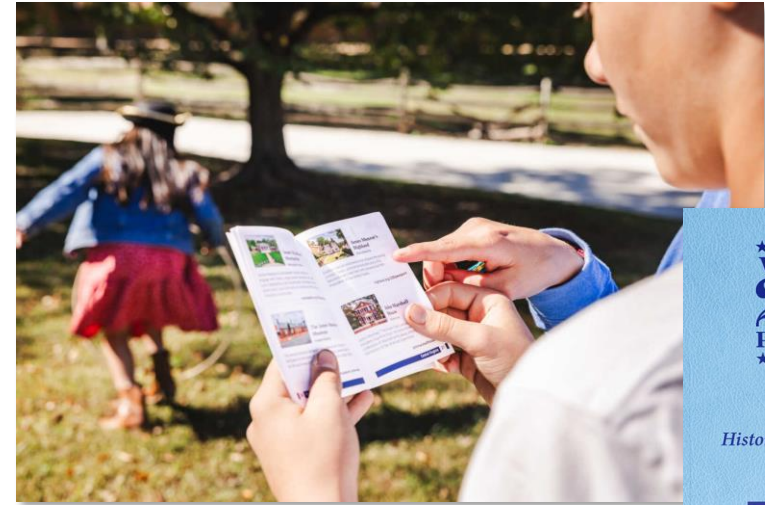
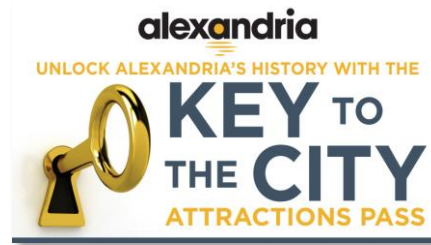
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## Virginia250 Passport featuring:

- George Washington's Mount Vernon
- Alexandria Black History Museum
- Alexandria History Museum at The Lyceum
- Gadsby's Tavern Museum
- Woodlawn & Pope-Leighey House



*The passport will be available at select Historic Alexandria museums, the Alexandria Visitor Center and Mount Vernon*

## 250<sup>th</sup> exhibition at the Alexandria History Museum at The Lyceum Stories of U.S.: Collections Capture Our History

## Alexandria 250-themed merchandise

### 2026 Historic Alexandria Ornament

### Updated *Guide to Historic Alexandria*

### Key to the City Attractions Pass at the Alexandria Visitor Center

### Red, white, and blue gardens





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