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Alexandria Celebrates Washington's Birthday throughout February

THE MOST UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ABOUT ANY CELEBRATION EVENT IS PUBLISHED ON OUR WEBSITE: www.washingtonbirthday.net
The George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee maintains a 24-hour phone line that will report any change of status or the cancellation of any event.

Call the EVENTS HOTLINE (703) 829-6640 at any time.

2014 Celebration Events

"Walking with Washington"

Did you know that there are over 140 places in Alexandria today that are associated with George Washington? This tour is designed to show you some of them and improve your knowledge of Washington and Alexandria, his hometown.

Dates: Every Sunday in February (2nd, 9th, 16th, & 23rd); Time: 2 p.m. (tour lasts about one hour) Location: Meet at the Ramsay House Visitors Center (near the intersection of King & Fairfax Streets) Ticket Price: Free! Advance reservations not required.

The "Cherry Challenge"

A competition among the finer restaurants in Alexandria. Each restaurant will develop its own cherry cocktail, entre, and/or dessert, in honor of His Excellency of course!

Dates: February 2-8, 2014

For a list of the 30 participating restaurants see the Cherry Challenge page on our website.

Birthnight Banquet & Ball

You are invited to the re-creation of this famous celebration of Washington's Birthday set in the year 1799. The evening includes an 18th-century banquet, English country dancing, dessert collation, character re-enactors, and General and Mrs. George Washington. Period costume optional; "after-five" attire encouraged.

Date: Saturday, February 15, 2014 Time: 5:30 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Location: Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St.

Ticket Price: \$100 for banquet & ball, \$50 for Ball only. Advance reservations required.

18th-Century Dance Classes are available in preparation for the Birthnight Ball.

George Washington Classic 10-K Race

Certified course through Eisenhower Valley. Prizes, Technical Tee Shirts & refreshments; the first race of the season! Benefits this historic celebration.

New Date: Sunday, February 16, 2014 Start Time: 8:00 a.m. Rain or shine.

Registration Fee for Runners is detailed on our website.

Revolutionary War Reenactment

Historic camp and tactical demonstrations throughout the day including a Revolutionary War skirmish between the Redcoats and the Colonial Army.

Date: Sunday, February 16, 2014 Time: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (the skirmish is at 2 p.m.)

Location: Fort Ward Park, 4301 W. Braddock Road Ticket Price: Free. Registration is not required.

Parade Day is Monday, February 17, 2014

Breakfast & Meeting of the

Friendship Veterans Fire Engine Association

Meet special guests, and enjoy a hearty breakfast with members of this historic association. Time: 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Ticket Price: \$30 (may be purchased online via www.friendshipfire.net)

Speaker: Wilson "Bill" Livingood, a 33-year veteran of the United States Secret Service, Sergeant at Arms of the United States House of Representatives for 17 years.

New Location: Crowne Plaza Old Town Alexandria, 901 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria

Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier of the Revolution

Colonial military and civilians honor the soldiers of the Revolution Ticket Price: Free Time: 11:00 a.m. to Noon. Location: Old Presbyterian Meeting House, 321 So. Fairfax Street

George Washington Birthday Parade

"The largest parade celebrating Washington's birthday in the USA!"

Time: 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Old Town Alexandria

Grand Marshal: Pamela Cressey, first Alexandria City Archeologist

Armed Forces Covenant Ceremony at 12:30 p.m. at the Reviewing Stand

a kick off event celebrating "the year of the veteran" in Alexandria

See our website for information about participating units, parking, maps, route & status.

Historic Alexandria sites "Open Houses"

Admission is free to these historic sites on Parade Day: Gadsby's Tavern Museum; Friendship Firehouse Museum; Old Presbyterian Meeting House; The Lyceum; Carlyle House; Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum; Christ Church...see our website for open times and locations.

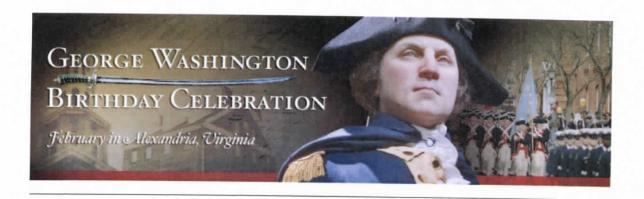
Events at the George Washington Masonic Memorial on Saturday, February 22, 2014

Wreath Laying at the Tomb of George Washington at Mount Vernon, 8:00 a.m. (Free Admission)

George Washington Symposium—in the Memorial Theater, 1:00 p.m. (Free Admission)

Black Tie Gala [Tickets (\$125) and more information at http://gwmemorial.org, Seating is limited]

- · Reception-Memorial Hall, 6:00 p.m.
- · Concert-Memorial Theater, 7:00 p.m.
- · Banquet-Grand Masonic Hall, 7:45 p.m.
- Presentation of the George Washington Memorial Award—Grand Masonic Hall, 9:00 p.m.



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE January 22, 2014

The Quantico/Belvoir Regional Business Alliance, and the City of Alexandria George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee are pleased to announce that they will cohost the Sixth Annual Armed Forces Community Covenant Event on Monday February 17th in Old Town Alexandria. The Alliance has hosted these events since 2008; this is the third year it has co-hosted with the George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee and held the event at Market Square in Old Town.

This ceremony will be a kick-off event in celebration of "the year of the veteran" in Alexandria. "Honor their service...strengthen our community."

The event started as a United States Army Community Covenant Event, events which are held in communities around the nation to celebrate the partnership between local Army Posts and their host communities and to welcome military families. The first one, held at NOVA in Woodbridge in 2008, was so popular, that the Alliance Board voted to make this an annual event, and to broaden it to include all of the military services and their families, making it a unique such event.

In 2012 the Alliance was invited by the City's George Washington Birthday Committee to join forces and hold future events in Old Town Alexandria. The event is now an integral part of the Alexandria George Washington Birthday Celebration. In 2014 it will be held from 12:30 to 1:00 p.m. at the Parade Reviewing Stand in advance of the Parade, which kicks off at 1:00 p.m. every year. The event is widely supported by the business community and includes displays from local businesses, chambers and educational organizations.

The event features live patriotic music and includes brief presentations by local military leaders and community officials, and culminates in the signing of a Covenant document that pledges partnership and community support for local military and their families.

This year's Covenant Event will include remarks by Col. Gregory Gadson, Battalion Commander, Ft. Belvoir, Col. David Maxwell, Commander, Marine Corps Base Quantico, and Maj. Gen. Jeffrey S. Buchanan, Commanding General of the Military District of Washington.



February 2 - 8, 2014

CHERRY CHALLENGE PARTICIPATING RESTAURANTS

Bilbo Baggins

208 Queen St, Alexandria, VA 22314 http://www.bilbobaggins.net

Casa Felipe

835 N Royal St, Alexandria, VA 22314 http://www.casa-felipe.com/

Chadwick's

203 The Strand, Alexandria, VA 22314 http://www.chadwicksrestaurants.com/location.php?location=3

Chart House

1 Cameron St, Alexandria, VA 22314 http://www.charthouse.com/locations/alexandria

Del Ray Café

205 E. Howell Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22301 http://www.delraycafe.com

Del Ray Pizzeria

2218 Mt Vernon Ave, Alexandria, VA 22301 http://delraypizzeria.com

Dishes of India

1510 Belle View Blvd, Alexandria, VA 22307 http://www.dishesofindia.com/

Evening Star

2000 Mt Vernon Ave, Alexandria, VA 22301 http://www.eveningstarcafe.net/

Gadsby's Tavern

138 N Royal St, Alexandria, VA 22314 http://www.gadsbystavernrestaurant .com/

Hank's Oyster Bar

1026 King St, Alexandria VA 22314 http://hanksoysterbar.com/ **King Street Blues**

112 North Saint Asaph Street, Alexandria, VA 22314 http://www.kingstreetblues.com/oldt own/

La Bergerie

218 N Lee St, Alexandria, VA 22314 http://www.labergerie.com/

Laporta's

1600 Duke St, Alexandria, VA 22314 http://www.laportas.net/

Las Tapas

710 King St, Alexandria, VA 22314 http://www.facebook.com/pages/Las -Tapas/109818174591

Light Hourse

715 King St, Alexandria, VA 22314 http://www.thelighthorserestaurant.c om/

Majestic

911 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314 http://majesticcafe.com/

Mount Vernon Inn

3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Hwy, Mount Vernon, VA 22309 http://www.mountvernon.org/inn

Murphy's

713 King St, Alexandria, VA 22314 http://www.murphyspub.com/

Notting Hill

1106 King St, Alexandria, VA 22314 http://nottinghillrestaurant.com/

Daniel O'Connells Bar and Restaurant

112 King St, Alexandria, VA 22314 http://www.danieloconnells.com/ Overwood

220 N Lee St, Alexandria, VA 22314 http://theoverwood.com/

RedRocks

904 King St, Alexandria, VA 22314 http://www.redrocksdc.com/

Restaurant 219

219 King St, Alexandria, VA 22314 http://www.219restaurant.com/

Rustico

827 Slaters Ln, Alexandria, VA 22314 http://www.rusticorestaurant.com/

Society Fair

277 S Washington St, Alexandria, VA 22314 http://www.societyfair.net/home/

Southside 815

815 S Washington St, Alexandria, VA 22314 http://www.southside815.com/

Tempo

4231 Duke St, Alexandria, VA 22304 http://www.temporestaurant.com/

Trademark

2080 Jamieson Ave, Alexandria, VA 22314 http://trademarkdrinkandeat.com/

Union Street

121 S Union St, Alexandria, VA 22314 http://www.unionstreetpublichouse.c om/

Waterfront Market and Café

7 King St, Alexandria, VA 22314 https://www.facebook.com/TheWate rfrontMarket