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Alexandria Celebrates Washington's Birthday throughout February

The Theme for 2015: "Washington and Lafayette"

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.

2015 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 (1st, 8th, 15th, & 22nd); 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: January 27 through February 10, 2015

For a list of the 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 14, 2015 Time: 5:30 p.m. to 11 p.m.

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

Ticket Price: \$Tiered pricing. Advance reservations required.

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

George Washington Classic 10-K Race

Challenging certified course starting at the US Patent & Trademark office on Eisenhower Avenue. Prizes, Technical Tee Shirts & refreshments; the first race of the season! Benefits the Celebration.

New Date: Sunday, February 15, 2015 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 15, 2015 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 16, 2015

Breakfast & Meeting of the Friendship Veterans Fire Engine Association

Meet special guests, and enjoy a hearty breakfast with members of this historic association. The first appearance of the day by Gen. Washington. Special exhibitions of Living Legends of Alexandria.

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

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

Speaker: Chief Ernie Mitchell, US Fire Administrator, "Fire Chief of the United States."

New Location: Hotel Monaco, Old Town Alexandria, 480 King 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: James Moran, retiring U. S. Congressman and former Mayor of Alexandria

Armed Forces Covenant Ceremony at 12:30 p.m. at the Reviewing Stand. Celebrating the contributions of active duty, veterans, spouses, and military families to the Alexandria Community
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 Sunday, February 22, 2015

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; reservations are not required). Three distinguished authors speak on the theme "Liberty's Alliance: Washington, Lafayette and Europeans' Support of American Independence."

Black Tie Gala: Tickets \$125. 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.