

PROCLAMATION

***WHEREAS**, George Washington, the father of our country, was an active and prominent citizen; and*

***WHEREAS**, George Washington, our Nation's first president, attended birthnight balls held in his honor with Alexandria citizens and visitors at Gadsby's Tavern; and*

***WHEREAS**, the George Washington Birthday Committee was established by City Council to plan and carry out the City's annual George Washington Birthday Celebration; and*

***WHEREAS**, the George Washington Birthday Committee supports a variety of events throughout the month of February celebrating the life of George Washington; and*

***WHEREAS**, these events include a birthnight ball, a 10K foot race, a George Washington Symposium, a historical re-enactment, walking tours, and the nation's largest George Washington Birthday Parade; and*

***WHEREAS**, this year, the George Washington Birthday Committee has named John Porter, Principal of T.C. Williams High School, as the Grand Marshall for the George Washington Birthday Parade, and students from our City schools will participate in the festivities;*

***NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. EUILLE**, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of February to be:*

"GEORGE WASHINGTON BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION MONTH"

in honor of the 272nd birthday of our Country's first president; and

***FURTHER**, I hereby welcome all visitors to our City and urge all citizens of the City to attend and to enjoy the activities offered during the month of February.*

***IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 27th day of January 2004.*

WILLIAM D. EUILLE **MAYOR**
*On behalf of the City Council
of Alexandria, Virginia*

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC *City Clerk*

Alexandria George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee

2004 George Washington Birthday Celebration Events

FOR THE MOST UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ABOUT ANY CELEBRATION EVENT, go to the Committee's Website via <http://www.washingtonbirthday.net>

ON PARADE DAY, PARKING is free at the parking lots adjacent to the Eisenhower Avenue Metro Station; from here, a FREE DASH shuttle bus will take you downtown and back from 11 A.M. TO 4 P.M. The free DASH ABOUT service will also be in operation all day until 11 p.m. from King Street Metro Station going East and West along King Street. For DASH service to other Events, call (703) 370-3274

After Labor Day the Committee maintains a 24-hour phone line that will report any change of status or the cancellation of any event (in case of inclement weather, for instance). Call the EVENTS HOTLINE (703) 991-4474 at Any Time for an update.

Washington Symposium:

Description: "Life in early Alexandria, as well as the parallel life of its most famous hometown hero. In 2004 the Symposium focuses on the period after the start of the Revolutionary War"

Date: Saturday, February 7, 2004 Time: 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Location: George Washington Masonic National Memorial, 101 Callahan Dr., Alexandria

Ticket Price: \$35 (Student Rate is \$20) Lunch is Included! Reservations suggested!

Contact: www.washingtonbirthday.net or the Committee at (703) 991-4474.

"Walking With Washington"

Description: "Walking Tours of Alexandria sites associated with George Washington."

Dates: Every February Sunday! February 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 2004. Time: 1:30 p.m.

Location: Meet at the Fountain at Market Square (King & Royal Sts.), Alexandria.

Ticket Price: \$5 payable when you take the tour. Contact: Alexandria Archeology, phone (703) 838-4399

George Washington Classic 10-K Race

Location: "Certified course through Eisenhower Valley and Alexandria's Parklands. Prizes, Tee Shirts & Refreshments" The first race of the Season. Money is raised for the benefit of local charities.

Date: Saturday, February 14, 2004 Time: 8:00 a.m. Rain or Shine.

Registration Fee For Runners: \$20 (after February 7, 2004, \$22)

Registration & Information: www.washingtonbirthday.net, after Labor Day.

Birthenight Banquet & Ball

Description: "In George Washington's honor, this tradition began at Gadsby's in 1797!"

Date: Saturday, February 14, 2004 Time: 6:30 p.m. to Midnight.

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

Ticket Price: \$75 for Banquet & Ball, \$30 for Ball only (begins at 9:30). Advance reservations required.

Contact: www.washingtonbirthday.net, or Gadsby's Tavern Museum, telephone (703) 838-4242

Encampment at Fort Ward Park

Description: "Historic Camp and Tactical Demonstrations throughout the day including a Revolutionary War skirmish between the "Redcoats" and the "Colonial Army."

Date: Sunday, February 15, 2004 Time: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (the Skirmish is at 2 p.m.)

Location: Fort Ward Park, 4301 W. Braddock Road, Alexandria

Ticket Price: Free

Contact: www.washingtonbirthday.net, or call Fort Ward Museum, telephone (703) 838-4848

Parade Day! Monday February 16, 2004

Breakfast & Meeting of the Friendship Veterans Fire Engine Association

Description: "The General was a member. Hear a guest speaker and enjoy a hearty breakfast."

Time: 9:00 a.m. Ticket Price: \$25 Location: Historic District Holiday Inn & Suites, 625 First Street

Contact: www.washingtonbirthday.net, or Bill Kehoe, Telephone (703) 751-6416

George Washington Farewell Address

Description: "A Reenactment of this important discourse as Washington left public life."

Times: 11 a.m. and again at Noon. Ticket Price: Free Location: The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St.

Contact: www.washingtonbirthday.net, or The Lyceum, telephone (703) 838-4994

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

Description: "Colonial Military and Civilians honor the Soldiers of the Revolutionary War"

Time: 11:00 a.m. Ticket Price: Free Location: Old Presbyterian Meeting House, 321 So. Fairfax St.

Contact: www.washingtonbirthday.net, the Committee at (703) 991-4474.

George Washington Birthday Parade

"The largest Parade Celebrating Washington's Birthday in the USA!"

John Porter, Principal of T. C. Williams High School, will be the Grand Marshal

Time: 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Location: Old Town (maps & route description is on the website!)

Contact: www.washingtonbirthday.net, or the Committee at (703) 991-4474

Historic Alexandria Sites "Open House"

Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St., Alexandria. Time: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. (last tour at 3:15)

Contact: Gadsby's Tavern Museum, telephone (703) 838-4242

Friendship Firehouse Museum, 107 S. Alfred St., Alexandria. Time: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Contact: Friendship Firehouse Museum, telephone (703) 838-3891

Carlyle House, 121 N. Fairfax St., Alexandria. Time: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Contact: Carlyle House Museum, telephone (703) 549-2997

Washington's Birthday Party

Description: "For children of all ages featuring colonial costumes, 18th-century dancing, & Martha's cake!"

Date: Sunday, February 22, 2004 Time: Early to mid-afternoon (exact times to be determined).

Location: The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St., Alexandria. Ticket Price: Free.

Contact: www.washingtonbirthday.net, or The Lyceum, telephone (703) 838-4994

Remembrance at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial

Description: "Wreath Laying Ceremony by the Masonic Fraternity; stay to tour the Memorial"

Date: Sunday, February 22, 2004 Time: 2 p.m. (Tours from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.)

Location: 101 Callahan Drive (near its intersection with King St.), Alexandria.

Ticket Price: Free.

Contact: www.washingtonbirthday.net, or George Washington Masonic National Memorial, (703) 683-2007

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The Celebration of the Birth of George Washington In Alexandria, Virginia

The George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee is one of the very oldest community organizations in Alexandria. From the time of the Revolutionary War, the people of this City have celebrated the birthday of George Washington. Whether through marching in parades, reenacting historic events, musical performances, or dancing at the birthnight balls, our citizens consider an annual remembrance of the Father of Our Country to be important and worthwhile.

Over more than two hundred years, both military and civilian volunteers from many quarters of the community have arranged these celebrations. In 1976, the present George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee was formed to plan and carry out the City's annual celebration. Its members are appointed by the Alexandria City Council and include representatives from the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Masonic Fraternity, the Chamber of Commerce, the Alexandria Jaycees, the Federation of Civic Associations, the Gadsby's Tavern Museum Society, the Friendship Veterans Fire Engine Association, the T. C. Williams High School Band Boosters, and the Citizens of Alexandria at large.

The annual events sponsored by the Committee are listed below:

"Walking with Washington"

Sundays, February 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29; 2004 (1:30 PM-3:30 PM)

Sundays in February, weather permitting. "Walking with Washington," a two-hour, fifteen block guided walking tour of Old Town exploring George Washington's 50-year relationship with Alexandria. \$5/person. Tour begins at the fountain in Market Square in front of City Hall (near the northeast intersection of King and Royal Streets). Reservations are not required.

George Washington Symposium

Saturday, February 07, 2004 (8:00 AM-4:00 PM)

Held at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial (101 Callahan Drive), the annual George Washington Symposium addresses early Alexandria and the parallel life of its most famous hometown hero. This year, the Symposium covers the period of the Revolutionary War. A featured speaker this year is Henry Wiencek, author of the recently published book *An Imperfect God. George Washington, His Slaves, and the Creation of America*. The 1st Virginia Regiment will present a demonstration of the military tactics in use during the Revolutionary War and the use of the fife and drum corps in battle. Other presenters will be announced. Additional program information and registration is available on line at <http://www.washingtonbirthday.net/>. Save this date on your calendar for this extraordinary event!

George Washington Classic 10-K Race

Saturday, February 14, 2004 (8:00 AM-11:00 AM)

This year there is a new certified course through Eisenhower Valley and along Holmes Run through beautiful Alexandria Parklands. Race benefits Camp Virginia Jaycees, the T.C. Williams High School Band Boosters and the Alexandria Police Youth Camp Foundation. Prizes, Tee Shirts & Refreshments. 8:00 a.m. Rain or Shine. \$20; After February 7: \$22 (Spectators Free!) For registration or additional information, visit www.washingtonbirthday.net/.

Birthnight Banquet & Ball

Saturday, February 14, 2004 (6:30 PM-12:00 AM)

Held at Gadsby's Tavern Museum (134 N. Royal Street, Alexandria, VA 22314) in the historic ballroom, this is an evening of eighteenth-century dining and dance recreating the balls held in 1798 and 1799, which were attended by George Washington. As a center of political, financial and social life in early Alexandria, participants should expect to encounter many notables of that time. Period costumes optional, after-five attire encouraged. The Dance Master gives classes in English Country Dancing in the weeks prior to this event. Reservations are required as this event always sells out! Additional program information and registration is available on line at <http://www.washingtonbirthday.net/>.

**GEORGE
WASHINGTON
LIVES!...**

*In Alexandria, Virginia
All Through February*

*Come to Alexandria...
See George Washington, his
friends, and colleagues... Be a part
of the month-long celebrations!*



*George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee
Alexandria, Virginia, U. S. A.!*

“Walking with Washington”

**Sunday Afternoons, February 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29, 2004
1:30 p.m. at the Fountain at Market Squire, Alexandria**

***Special Walking Tours of Old Town Alexandria
Presented in Honor of George Washington’s Birthday***

Alexandria sites associated with George Washington will be the focus of special tours during the month of February. The guided walking tours, which will take place at 1:30 p.m. on five Sundays in February (February 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29, 2004), are jointly sponsored by the George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee and Alexandria Archeology. These tours are not “typical” scenic walks; they afford the opportunity to see Alexandria as Washington saw it, through the places he frequented when he was here.

Robert Madison, a volunteer at Alexandria Archeology who has researched over 140 places in Alexandria associated with George Washington, will lead the tour. The tours generally last two hours and will cover about fourteen blocks so only a few of these sites will be visited; a booklet will be provided describing other sites.

The tours begin at 1:30 p.m. at the Fountain at Market Square (adjacent to the Northeast corner of King and Royal Streets in Old Town Alexandria). There is a \$5.00 charge for the tour, payable at the time of the tour. No advance registration is required.

Contact: George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee, (703) 549-7662



George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee

**Fourth Annual
George Washington
Symposium**

February 7, 2004

9:00 a.m.—4 p.m.

**George Washington
Masonic National Memorial
Alexandria, Virginia**

2004 Theme: The Revolutionary War Years

How did Alexandria and its most famous son fare during the Revolutionary War years? How did the city's citizens manage during this tumultuous period as the War raged in the 13 colonies? How did Washington change during this time and how did he win the war? Join us as we explore life in early Alexandria from 1776–1783 at this day-long seminar with prominent experts addressing the issues of the day.

This year the Symposium is honored to feature the following speakers:

Henry Wiencek is an author and a Senior Research Fellow at the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities in Charlottesville. His latest book is *An Imperfect God: George Washington, His Slaves, and the Creation of America*. His previous book, *The Hairstons—An American Family in Black and White*, won the 1999 National Book Critics' Circle Award in biography.

Elizabeth Fenn is an assistant professor of history at Duke University. She received her B. A. from Duke and her Ph.D. from Yale University. Her book, *Pox Americana: The Great Smallpox Epidemic of 1775-82*, received the 2003 Longman-History Today Book of the Year award and the James Broussard First Book Prize.

Woody Holton is an assistant professor of American History at the University of Richmond. He is the author of *Forced Founders: Indians, Debtors, Slaves and the Making of the Revolution in Virginia* which won the 2000 Fraunces Tavern Museum Book Award.

Jim Mackay is currently the Director of The Lyceum, Alexandria's History Museum. Originally trained as an historian of Colonial America, he has also worked at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, Jamestown Settlement, and Colonial Williamsburg.

In Addition:

The staff of the **Valley Forge National Historical Park** will present a session about George Washington as a military leader.

An integral and anticipated part of every symposium are the vignettes about the period presented by the **George Washington Symposium Players**. Experience aspects of daily life in Alexandria as they might have taken place from 1776–1783.

The **First Virginia Regiment of the Continental Line** will depict Revolutionary War military and communication practices and demonstrate authentic weaponry and uniforms.

Location: George Washington Masonic National Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive (near King Street Metro)

Cost: \$35 per person; includes lunch. Students \$20. Free parking is available at the Memorial.

Thanks to the generosity of the Masonic Fraternity and the Alexandria Rotary Club, student scholarships are available.

Secure Online Registration and Additional Information is available via <http://www.washingtonbirthday.net>

Mail-in Registrations may be sent to George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee
1108 Jefferson Street, Alexandria, VA 22314 (Please include your name, address & phone number!)

**Special Hotel Rate for attendees: \$79, February 6 & 7
Holiday Inn Eisenhower Metro, 2460 Eisenhower Ave., Alexandria, VA
Call the hotel directly at 703-960-3400 and mention this Symposium**



EVENT FACT SHEET

On Saturday, February 14, 2004, the George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee in conjunction with the George Washington Society and the Alexandria Jaycees will host the annual George Washington Birthday Classic 10K Race in Alexandria. This race is part of the official City of Alexandria George Washington Birthday Celebration Events and is included in all official publications for the weekend.

The 2004 race will benefit three non-profit groups:

Alexandria Police Youth Camp Foundation which makes it possible for Alexandria boys and girls ages 8 to 11 to experience a traditional, one-week camping trip free of charge. The Camp is run by Alexandria police officers, which allows for a relaxed atmosphere and positive interaction with the kids.

Camp Virginia Jaycee. The mission of the Camp is to provide outdoor education and recreation experience for persons with mental retardation.

T.C. Williams High School Band Boosters. The Band Boosters raise money to purchase band equipment and storage facilities making it possible for all T.C. Williams High School students to participate in the Band program.

Over 1,000 people from the greater Washington metropolitan area are expected to participate in the 10K race. Prizes are awarded in all age categories and a post-race party is provided to all runners and volunteers.

DATE: Saturday, February 14, 2004
TIME: 8:00 a.m. Rain or Shine
COURSE: Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria
Fast, mostly flat, certified, paved course

BENEFICIARIES: **Alexandria Police Youth Camp Foundation**
Camp Virginia Jaycees
T.C. Williams High School Band Boosters

REGISTRATION & INFORMATION: Website: <http://www.washingtonbirthday.net>
George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee
703-549-7662

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES ARE AVAILABLE

The George Washington Birthnight Banquet & Ball

A tradition since 1797, the Alexandria George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee is pleased to present this activity once again at historic Gadsby's Tavern.

History

The Birthnight Ball originated in Britain to commemorate the birthday of the monarch. Following the American Revolution, the birthday of George Washington was celebrated in the same fashion. The first public celebration of Washington's birthday was at Valley Forge during the winter of 1778 on February 22. The Virginia Gazette reported a ball for Washington's birthday on February 26, 1780. The first Birthnight Ball in Alexandria is documented in 1787.

The first Birthnight Ball given by John Gadsby was on February 10, 1797. Washington did not attend because he was still serving as President in Philadelphia. In 1798, Washington attended the Birthnight Ball held in his honor. Washington attended the Birthnight Ball again in 1799 and noted in his diary, "Went up to Alexandria to the celebration of my birth day. Many maneuvers were performed by the Uniform Corps. And an elegant Ball & Supper at Night."

Dance Classes

Prepare for the George Washington Birthnight Ball with instruction from Dance Master Corky Palmer. Learn the basic steps of English Country Dancing.

Thursday, February 5 & 12, 2004

7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

\$12 per class or \$20 for both



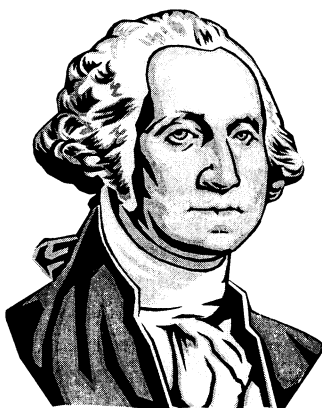
Saturday, February 14, 2004

6:30 p.m. to Midnight

Gadsby's Tavern Museum

134 North Royal Street

\$75 per ticket



The Banquet

- ✳️Salad of Seasonal Mixed Greens
- ✳️Corn Chowder with Sally Lunn Bread
- ✳️Baked Brie en Crouste
- ✳️Slice of fine Virginia Ham, Prime Rib of Beef, Baked Filet of Salmon l'Orange
- ✳️Garlic Spinach in Tomatoes, Potato Fritters, Root Vegetables à la crème
- ✳️Served with a glass of wine

The Ball

18th-Century English Country Dancing with dance instruction, live music, tavern games, and a period dessert collation will follow the banquet. Suitable for beginners as well as experienced dancers, the ball begins at 9:30 p.m. Tavern beverages will be available for purchase.

Additional Support

Consider supporting the preservation and education programs of Gadsby's Tavern Museum with an additional donation to George Washington's Birthnight Banquet & Ball.

\$200 Sponsor

Two tickets to the Banquet and Ball
Listing in the Event Program
Recognition during the Banquet

\$500 Patron

Four tickets to the Banquet and Ball
Listing in the Event Program
Recognition during the Banquet
Patron Basket

Revolutionary War Encampment

Sunday, February 15, 2004 at Fort Ward Park, Alexandria



The Revolutionary War Encampment is a very special one-day event held at Fort Ward Park in Alexandria. It is part of the City-sponsored George Washington Birthday Celebration and will be held on Sunday, February 15, 2004, from 10 a. m. until 3 p.m. at Ft. Ward Park, Alexandria, Virginia (4301 West Braddock Road. near the intersection of N. Howard Street). For the twenty-seventh time, this event will bring together more than 250 troops from reenactment units along the Atlantic Coast. They represent authentic regiments that fought in the Revolutionary War on both the American and British sides.

Each regiment gives camp and tactical demonstrations, participates in battle reenactments, and has a comprehensive educational program. These recreated units are composed of men and women who portray the Revolutionary War soldier and his military camp as "living history." Participants are from eight to eighty years old. They are historians, business executives, students, government employees, teachers, professionals, and artisans...and now, 18th Century citizen-soldiers and their families.

The First Virginia Regiment, the host of this event, is typical of these reenactment units. It maintains a dual mission of educating the public at large in addition to re-enacting. To this end, members frequently appear before local schools, scout troops, and at community and civic events to demonstrate what it was like to live and fight in George Washington's Army. The Regiment has appeared at programs for many foreign embassies and dignitaries, as well as the National Endowment for the Humanities and The National Archives. Several members are published authors in the fields of Colonial and Military History while others serve in the Washington D.C. Revolutionary War Roundtable, an educational forum and discussion group about the period. The First Virginia Regiment acted as honor guard for Queen Elizabeth II during Her Majesty's visit to the United States in 1976 and has marched in review before the President at Concord and Yorktown. Members participated in trips to England and France where demonstrations of Revolutionary War tactics were given in conjunction with participating in ceremonies and parades. Its members have appeared in many feature films and documentaries about the period. The First Virginia regularly takes part in events at such historic sites as Mount Vernon, Gunston Hall, Ashlawn, Scotchtown, Yorktown and Williamsburg. The First Virginia is a regularly relied-upon source of historical and safety information for the National Park Service and the State of Virginia.

To show how the American Revolution was fought, these reenactment units field companies armed with smoothbore muskets and platoons of men who fire the more accurate, slower loading long rifle. Since Continental regiments often had cannon accompanying infantry, a light field piece will be demonstrated. This is a three-pound brass battalion gun, built for portage and copied by the Americans from British guns captured at Saratoga. The units attending this event can demonstrate almost all the arms used in the Revolutionary War. Based on extensive research, including review of contemporary records at Williamsburg, soldiers will wear the principal uniforms of the War.

The demonstrations will also include a company-sized 18th century military camp with tents for men, officers, dining and arms. Women in 18th century dress, using reproductions of the iron pots, tripods, trammels and other cooking gear of Washington's army, will demonstrate preparation of meals appropriate to the period. Vignettes of camp life such as sewing, repair of gear, drill, gaming, and other activities will demonstrate how the Revolutionary War soldier lived. Medical care of the period is also featured. More than one ton of gear is used in this living history display.

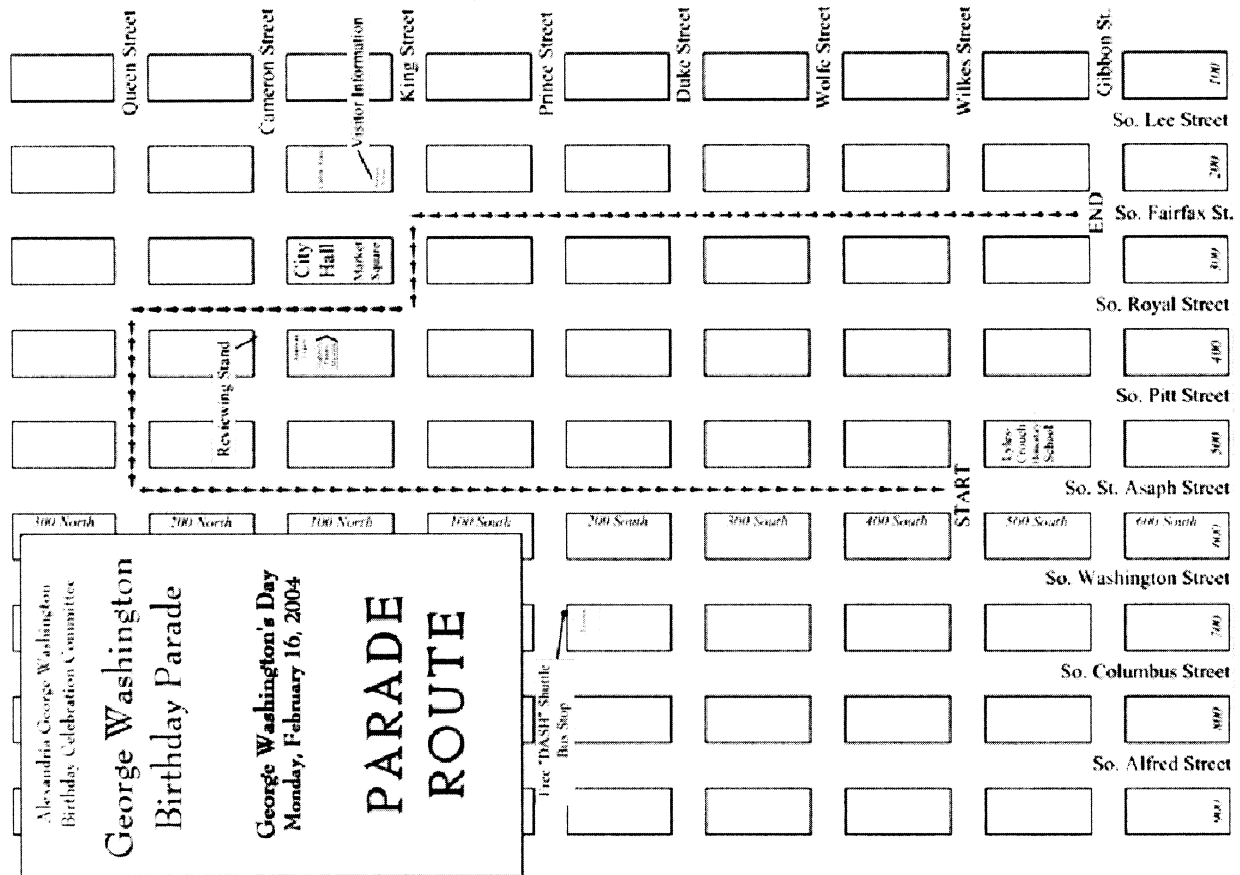
A featured activity will be a skirmish between American and British forces, which will demonstrate battle tactics in use during the Revolutionary War. This will occur at approximately 2 p.m. with the hours leading up to this devoted to showing how soldiers prepare for battle.



George Washington Birthday Parade

Monday, February 16, 2004 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

General Information



Events Status Telephone: (703) 991-4474 for the George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee

Reviewing Stand on Cameron Street just West of its intersection with Royal Street

Handicapped viewing & Veterans Grandstand across the street from the Reviewing Stand

Handicapped parking on Cameron St. between Royal St and Fairfax St

Free Parade Day DASH Shuttle Bus Service!

On Parade Day, parking is free at some parking lots adjacent to the Eisenhower Avenue Metro Station. Free DASH shuttle bus service will take you from the vicinity of the Eisenhower Avenue Metro Station to downtown (to the intersection of Prince & Washington Streets, near the Lyceum...one block from the Parade Route) and back continuously from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Also...DASH operates the free "DASH About" service from the King Street Metro Station...East & West with stops along King Street...to Washington Street. (Normally this service will take passengers to Fairfax Street, but the Parade Route will necessitate stopping at Washington Street.) This service continues until 11 p.m.

More Parade Information on the Website: <http://www.washingtonbirthday.net>

Route: Start Point is South St. Asaph Street at Wilkes Street. Proceeds from the Start Point North on St. Asaph Street to Queen Street, then East on Queen Street to Royal Street, then South on Royal Street (past the Reviewing Stand at Cameron Street) to King Street, then East on King Street to Fairfax Street, then South on Fairfax Street to the End point at Gibbon Street.