



# George Washington Birthday Celebration Schedule for 2021

*Alexandria Celebrates George Washington!* Each year, thousands have joined in the festivities throughout February in the City of Alexandria, Virginia to celebrate our local patriot and First President, George Washington. This year, we celebrate the 289<sup>th</sup> anniversary of George Washington's birth in his adopted hometown of Alexandria. While the annual George Washington Parade has been cancelled due to COVID-19, we encourage you to enjoy these celebratory events!

## The Great Theater of Action: The Life of George Washington in Four Acts: Virtual

Join George Washington every Friday in February as he discusses his life during various periods of his life and engages the audience. The first week will be about his youth, the second week will delve into the American War for Independence, the third week will cover his post-war retirement at Mount Vernon and his time presiding over the Constitutional Convention, and the last installment will cover his Presidency and final retirement years. \$20 admission per event or \$60 for admission for all 4 events. Visit [WashingtonBirthday.com](http://WashingtonBirthday.com) for the full program. February 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup> at 7p.m.

## The "Cherry Challenge"

The "Cherry Challenge" is a competition among the finer restaurants in Alexandria over who can create the best cherry offering! Each restaurant will develop its own cherry cocktail, appetizer, entrée, and/or dessert, in honor of our distinguished native son, of course! The competing restaurants and their entries will be listed on our website, and the winners will be announced on our website and Facebook page. Every day in February.

## "George Washington's Alexandria" Tours

Explore historic Old Town Alexandria as George Washington knew it! This 90-minute guided walking tour will visit sites associated with Washington and his closest colleagues, including John Fitzgerald's warehouse, Captain's Row, Gentry Row, the Apothecary shop, Ramsay House, Market Square, the Carlyle House, Wise's Tavern, Duvall Tavern, Gadsby's Tavern, and Washington's townhouse. The tour begins behind the Torpedo Factory's south entrance, in front of Vola's Dockside Grill at 101 N. Union Street. Social distancing and masks required. Reservations required. Reserve your slot by finding us on Eventbrite at [www.washingtonbirthdayevents.eventbrite.com](http://www.washingtonbirthdayevents.eventbrite.com). Every Sunday in February (7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>) from 2:00 p.m.–3:30 p.m. FREE.

## Birthnight Banquet & Ball: Virtual

You are invited to a virtual re-creation of the famous celebration of Washington's Birthnight (Birthday) held annually at Gadsby's Tavern Museum. We look forward to sharing all the most important parts of the event - General Washington, a Banquet, and a Ball. For more information and to purchase tickets, go to [AlexandriaVA.gov/Shop](http://AlexandriaVA.gov/Shop). Saturday, February 13.

## American Legion Post 24 Run, Walk, n' Roll

This George Washington Birthday Commemorative event is intended to build community and enhance the physical, mental, and emotional resiliency of participants—veterans and non-veterans alike. This month-long event during February 2021 encourages participants to run, walk and/or roll on their own for at least 24 miles in increments and on routes they choose. Registration is \$24 and open until Jan 31, 2021. Visit [WashingtonBirthday.com](http://WashingtonBirthday.com) for more information.

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

Join the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Sons of the American Revolution as they honor the soldiers of the Revolution at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier of the Revolution in the Old Presbyterian Meeting House churchyard at 321 So. Fairfax Street. February 15, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. FREE.

## "Hunt for Washington"

A fun and challenging game to uncover clues about Alexandria and George Washington. The hunt, which should take about 60-90 minutes to complete, will take you to places in Old Town Alexandria associated with the General. Start by printing a clue sheet at home and bring it with you as you traverse the heart of Old Town and then use your sleuthing skills to find answers to the clues. By February 28, submit your findings to [GWBirthdayEvents@gmail.com](mailto:GWBirthdayEvents@gmail.com). There are prizes and mementos associated with this event. For more information, visit [WashingtonBirthday.com](http://WashingtonBirthday.com). FREE.

## George Washington National Birthday Celebration: Virtual

Join Americans across our nation as together we celebrate Washington's 289<sup>th</sup> birthday with a special virtual birthday party hosted by Mount Vernon. In February, patriots from across the country will gather in the comfort of their own homes to salute General Washington with an online program featuring performances and stories from actors, musicians, and historians. A highlight of the celebration includes a birthday toast to General Washington. Monday, February 22, 7:00 p.m. For more information and to purchase tickets, go to [mountvernon.org/gwbirthday](http://mountvernon.org/gwbirthday). \$5 recommended donation.

## Christ Church Churchyard Tours

George Washington's church has one of the oldest graveyards in Alexandria, dating back to 1766. Hear from Christ Church docents about the churchyard's unique history, Washington's connection with Christ Church, and the Presidents who also worshipped there. 15-minute tours will be given every Saturday in February (6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>) from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. FREE.



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