165th Annual Membership Meeting

General Society of the War of 1812

INVITATION

All members, spouses, and guests are invited to attend all activities

Mr. Madison’s War - Washington in 1814

August 22 - 25, 2019

Mayflower Hotel, Washington, DC

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Known for telling the truth... President Harry S Truman said,

The Mayflower Hotel is the second best address in Washington!

...and from August 22 - 25, 2019, we hope it will be yours!!

*** SPECIAL ROOM RATE IS $139.00 per night + tax ***
Reservation security deposit will be the cost of the first night’s room.

** MAKING YOUR RESERVATION:** Reservations may be made by phone or Internet.

📞 The toll free number is: (877) 212-5752, between 9 am - 8 pm, Monday - Friday.

When making your reservation, please refer to “War of 1812” to ensure the 1812 block is credited.

The Internet URL address is: https://book.passkey.com/e/49893038

The 1812 block of rooms is for August 21, 22, 23, and 24, 2019, with most attendees choosing to book the nights of August 22, 23, and 24. Please make your reservations early. Deadline is August 7, 2019.

*** SPECIAL NOTE *** The special room rate is available for 3 days before and 3 days after the event.

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** SPECIAL NOTE ** WHITE HOUSE TOURS ** CAPITOL TOURS **

Group tours of the White House and US Capitol are nearly impossible to schedule. So, if you wish to arrange for a White House tour, we recommend that you contact your individual US Senator or US Congressman to schedule a tour. Reservations may be made no earlier than 90 days in advance, so contact your Congressional Office and discuss how you may arrange your tour.
The 165th ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING of the General Society of the War of 1812 will convene in the Capitol City, Washington, DC, with an impressive array of activities centered around the theme, “Mr. Madison’s War - Washington in 1814.” In fact, our Annual Banquet will be held on the “205th Anniversary of the Burning of Washington.” If you have never attended an 1812 Annual Meeting, plan to attend this one. Washington is a great destination, especially for 1812.

Our annual gathering will be August 22-25, 2019. The Host Hotel is the incomparable MAYFLOWER HOTEL. Most activities will be just a short walk; taxis and UBER abound, and a METRO subway station is within close view. All of the sites of the City are within easy access.

It is difficult for me to say the words, “42 years ago,” about anything. But, it was the Bicentennial Summer of 1976 when I was privileged to attend and enjoy the Summer Evening Dress Parade at the US Marine Corps Barracks. The precision of their drills, the perfection of their music...it’s unforgettable.

The Barracks is host to some of the Marine Corps’ most talented soldiers, including the Marine Corps Silent Drill Platoon, the Marine Drum and Bugle Corps, the Marine Band, the official Marine Corps Color Guard, and the Marine Corps Body Bearers. If you have never enjoyed the Summer Evening Dress Parade at the Marine Corps Barracks, then come.

The visits to the Stephen Decatur House, Congressional Cemetery, Christ Church on Capitol Hill, and Octagon House will each have seasoned, knowledgeable guides that will inspire a deeper appreciation of Washington in 1814. A tumultuous time in American history, it is a time of heroes and heroines. And, it is one of the brightest demonstrations of our Nation’s tenacity. Undeterred by the grim invaders who burned our government buildings to the ground, our leaders moved with swift determination to resurrect the symbols of our Republic and coalesced to secure Victory, and usher in an Era of Good Feeling that has perhaps, not existed since. And these are the outtakes of our Annual Meeting in Washington, to see, feel, and experience how our War of 1812 grandfathers made America great! Come, remember the 205th anniversary of the “Burning of Washington,” make memories, and enjoy a City of resplendent beauty.
Tentative Itinerary - Friday Morning, August 23

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22 * Arrival and Registration

4:00 - 6:00 p.m. REGISTRATION You will be notified one week before arriving about the registration location.

Dinner is on your own; numerous options are within the Mayflower and nearby.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23 * MORNING

Breakfast is on your own; numerous options are within the Mayflower and nearby.

7:00 - 8:30 a.m. REGISTRATION

9:00 a.m. GROUP PHOTO Assemble at General Andrew Jackson’s Statue in Lafayette Park, in front of the White House. A professional photographer is engaged to make a group photo in front of the statue with the White House in the background. (Gentlemen, please bring a blazer, tie optional, for the photo.)

Following the 1812 group photo, stroll past other historic sites on Lafayette Park Square. First, the Dolley Madison House, then, St. John’s Church on your way to Decatur House.

The Cutts–Madison House (also known as the Dolley Madison House) is of the American colonial-style. The house is best known for being the residence of former First Lady Dolley Madison, who lived there from November 1837 until her death in July 1849. Long known as the “Church of the Presidents,” St. John’s Episcopal Church has served virtually as the chapel to the White House for nearly two centuries. Every President since James Madison has worshiped here on some occasion. As far back as 1816, records show that a committee was formed to wait on the President of the United States and offer him a pew. James Madison chose pew 54 and insisted on paying the customary annual rental.

10:00 a.m. STEPHEN DECATUR HOUSE Decatur House is one of the oldest surviving homes in Washington, D.C., and one of only three remaining houses in the country designed by neoclassical architect Benjamin Henry Latrobe. Completed in 1818 for naval hero Stephen Decatur and his wife, Susan, the Federal Style house is prominently located across Lafayette Square from the White House. It was successively home to Henry Clay, Martin Van Buren and Edward Livingston, who collectively made Decatur House the unofficial residence of the Secretary of State from 1827 to 1833, each renting the house while they served in that post.

A museum, it now serves as the National Center for White House History, managed by the White House Historical Association. Prior to our tour of the Decatur House, Dr. Matthew Costello, Senior Historian at The White House Historical Association will entertain and inform with a brief presentation.

Following your Decatur House tour, lunch is on your own.

The next activity begins promptly at 2:45 p.m. with buses departing from the Mayflower Hotel.

Casual Dress for Thursday, Friday afternoon and evening and Saturday morning.
FRIDAY, AUGUST 23 * AFTERNOON AND EVENING

2:45 - 3:00 p.m.  BOARD BUSES

3:45 p.m.  CONGRESSIONAL CEMETERY TOUR - The first national cemetery. A fascinating tour will allow attendees to honor 1812 War heroes such as Choctaw Chief Pushmataha and Major General Alexander Macomb, and numerous luminaries of national importance. In all, there are one Vice President, one Supreme Court justice, six Cabinet members, 19 Senators and 71 Representatives (including a former Speaker of the House) buried there, as well as veterans of every American war, and the first director of the FBI, J. Edgar Hoover, as well as Matthew Brady, John Philip Sousa and Flora Adams Darling. The stories shared by the docents will surprise you; the visit to Congressional will remain with you, unforgettable.

Pushmataha Rejecting the offers of alliance and reconquest proffered by Tecumseh, Pushmataha led the Choctaw to fight on the side of the United States in the War of 1812. He negotiated several treaties with the United States. In 1824, he traveled to Washington to petition the Federal government against further cessions of Choctaw land. While in Washington, he met with John C. Calhoun and Marquis de Lafayette, and his portrait was painted by Charles Bird King. He died in the capital city and was buried with full military honors in the Congressional Cemetery in Washington, D.C.

WREATH LAYING CEREMONY HONORING ELBRIDGE GERRY, signer of the American Declaration of Independence and fifth vice president of the United States (1813–14) in the second term of President James Madison, during the War of 1812. From his name the term gerrymander later was derived.

Gerry graduated from Harvard in 1762 and entered his father’s business. He was a member of the Massachusetts legislature and General Court (1772–73), served on a Committee of Correspondence, was a member of the Massachusetts Provincial Congress (1774–75), and was a delegate to the Continental Congress in Philadelphia (1776–80), where he was an early advocate of independence. He was also a member of Congress (1783–85) under the Articles of Confederation and a delegate to the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia (1787). He was an outspoken opponent of ratification of the U.S. Constitution, fearing that it might give way to aristocratic or monarchical rule. However, he gave it his full support after its ratification, helping to draft the Bill of Rights and serving as a representative in Congress for two terms (1789–93).

4:45 p.m.  BUSES DEPART FOR DINNER

5:00 p.m.  BBQ DINNER AT CHRIST CHURCH ON CAPITOL HILL (ca. 1807)  This church survived the burning of the US Navy Yards.

6:45 p.m.  BUSES DEPART FOR MARINE BARRACKS

7:15 p.m.  ARRIVE AT UNITED STATES MARINE BARRACKS, Oldest Post of the Corps

Marine Barracks Washington, D.C., also known as "8th & I," is the oldest active post in the Marine Corps. It was founded by President Thomas Jefferson and Lt. Col. William Ward Burrows, the second commandant of the Marine Corps, in 1801. Located on the corners of 8th & I Streets in southeast Washington, D.C., the Barracks supports both ceremonial and security missions in the nation’s capital. The Barracks is home to many nationally recognized units, including the Marine Corps Silent Drill Platoon, the Marine Drum and Bugle Corps, the Marine Band, the official Marine Corps Color Guard, and the Marine Corps Body Bearers. It is also the site of the Home of the Commandants, which, along with the Barracks, is a registered national historic landmark. The Marine Barracks and Commandant’s House, and the US Patent Office were the only government buildings not burned by the British on August 24, 1814.

7:45 - 9:45 p.m.  SUNSET EVENING DRESS PARADE AT THE US MARINE CORPS BARRACKS

9:45 p.m.  BUSES DEPART FOR MAYFLOWER HOTEL RETURNING WITH AN EVENING DRIVE PAST THE NATIONAL MONUMENTS
SATURDAY, AUGUST 24 * 205th Anniversary of the Burning of Washington

Breakfast is on your own; numerous options are within the Mayflower and nearby.

9:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. OCTAGON HOUSE A select number of tickets are available for each time frame. Tours last about 45 minutes. At registration, please obtain a pass for the tour time you prefer.

In 1814, Colonel John Tayloe offered the use of his home to President and Mrs. Madison for a temporary "Executive Mansion" after the burning of the White House by the British. Madison, who used the circular room above the entrance as a study, signed the Treaty of Ghent there, which ended the War of 1812.

Lunch is on your own; numerous options are within the Mayflower and nearby.

1:00 p.m. ASSEMBLE FOR THE ANNUAL BOARD MEETING | MAYFLOWER HOTEL PALM COURT BALLROOM

1:15 - 1:45 p.m. Guest Speaker | HISTORIAN AND AUTHOR TONY L. TURNBOW, Esq. | "Vice President Aaron Burr’s Alleged Treason That Ensnarled Andrew Jackson"; author of HARDENED TO HICKORY

Your registration fee includes a copy of Mr. Turnbow’s book.

2:00 - 4:00 p.m. GENERAL SOCIETY OF THE WAR OF 1812 ANNUAL MEETING (jackets and ties) | All members are invited to attend. The Board of Directors is composed of ALL General Officers and each State Society’s Vice President General. All State Presidents are invited to make a state report.

6:30 p.m. PRESIDENT GENERAL’S RECEPTION (cash bar) | MAYFLOWER HOTEL DISTRICT BALLROOM Meet and Greet ACCLAIMED JOURNALIST, HISTORIAN, AND AUTHOR BRIAN KILMEADE; author of ANDREW JACKSON AND THE MIRACLE OF NEW ORLEANS.

Your registration fee includes a copy of Mr. Kilmeade’s book. A photograph will be made of you with Mr. Kilmeade while he is autographing your book. A copy of the photo will be made available, free of charge.

7:30 p.m. GENERAL SOCIETY OF THE WAR OF 1812 ANNUAL BANQUET; Guest Speaker Brian Kilmeade

9:30 p.m. FAREWELL

For your convenience, the DRESS CODE during the Annual meeting is recapped below:

- Friday morning. Gentlemen, dress casually, but please bring a jacket for the group photo at Lafayette Park.
- Friday afternoon and evening, and Saturday morning. Casual.
- Saturday evening. Black-tie (tuxedo) preferred for the President General’s Reception and Annual Banquet; military uniform, reenactment clothing, dark suit/tie are also permitted.

*** CHURCH SERVICES ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 25 *** Planning to attend church services on Sunday Morning? St. John’s Church, the “Church of the Presidents” (16th and H), will welcome 1812 members to attend their CHORAL EUCHARIST at 10:30 a.m.
AUGUST 24, 1814

THE BURNING OF WASHINGTON was a British invasion of Washington, D.C., the capital of the United States, during the War of 1812. After defeating the Americans at the Battle of Bladensburg, a British force burned down buildings including the White House, the Capitol, as well as other facilities of the U.S. government. The attack was in part a retaliation for the recent American destruction of Port Dover in Upper Canada. The Burning of Washington marks the only time since the American Revolutionary War that a foreign power has captured and occupied the United States capital. It was Dolley Madison and a servant that stayed behind when President Madison and his cabinet evacuated the City, to save important treasures in the White House, including the painting of George Washington. Perhaps America’s most renowned First Lady, she was in-fact the first to be called “First Lady” when, at her funeral in 1849, President Zachary Taylor remarked that she was “the first lady of the land for half a century.”

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| TOTAL ATTENDEES X $275 per person *(Dinners and Events)* | TOTAL $ |

| SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS |

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