

About Fredericksburg

Fredericksburg, population 28,000, was founded in 1728 as a river port. It is located on the Rappahannock River about 50 miles southwest of Washington D.C. In 1860, Fredericksburg found itself in the center of the Union army's "On to Richmond" campaigns, and as a result of much power play between the Confederates and Union army, the town carries many scars of the Civil War. Both Union and Confederate soldiers claim Fredericksburg as their final resting place, and several battlefields are located nearby and may be easily visited. The city also features superb historic architecture and uses the motto: "America's Most Historic City"

You may wish to read up on the area's Civil War history. Two highly recommended books are listed below; however there are many others to check out.

The Fredericksburg Campaign: Winter War on the Rappahannock, by Francis Augustin O'Reilly. (2006)

Guide to the Battles of Chancellorsville and Fredericksburg, by Jay Luvaas and Harold W. Nelson, editors. (1996)



"Our" Neighborhood

The Fredericksburg Hospitality House is situated in Central Park, a mixed use district created in 1995. The area features shopping, dining, and entertainment, and is located on the western edge of Fredericksburg. During any free time and at lunchtime, you may easily maneuver the area on foot. The hotel is conveniently located right off of I-95, making it easy to access by car.



Historic Preservation in Fredericksburg

Enjoy the historic architecture and cultural ambience during your visit to Fredericksburg, and take time to appreciate the great lengths taken by the city to guarantee that preservation efforts continue in perpetuity. The city boasts a large historic district and several individual sites listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Fredericksburg is one of only a few surviving historic southern cityscapes. Beginning in the 1930s, citizens became concerned over the demolition of historic buildings that had taken place in the interest of progress. Throughout the next few decades, a movement developed that resulted in the creation of the Historic Fredericksburg Foundation and establishment of city regulations. In the late 1960s, on the heels of the passage of the Historic Preservation Act of 1966, protecting the city's historical fabric took on national importance. The city now offers a 300 page guidebook to property owners to ensure the city's built environment retains its historic integrity while at the same time adapting for present and future growth and needs. Specific zoning ordinances and an Architectural Review Board provide guidance and assurance that the city's historic authenticity will not be compromised.

An important preservation component is the Historic Fredericksburg Foundation. A 501 (c) 3 organization that was founded in 1955, the Foundation's mission is to preserve, protect and revitalize the historic environment and cultural heritage of the Fredericksburg area. The group provides educational outreach and financial and technical support. Throughout the historic district, and in outlying areas, historic buildings carry distinctive plaques noting the sight's significance. The Foundation has a store front location in the historic district, and offers guidebooks and other merchandise with proceeds going to the group's mission.

For more information check out:
www.visitfred.com



The Doane Family Association of America, Inc.

55th Biennial Reunion July 23 – 28, 2018

Fredericksburg Hospitality House,
Fredericksburg, Virginia, USA

Reconnect with your Doane cousins in Virginia!

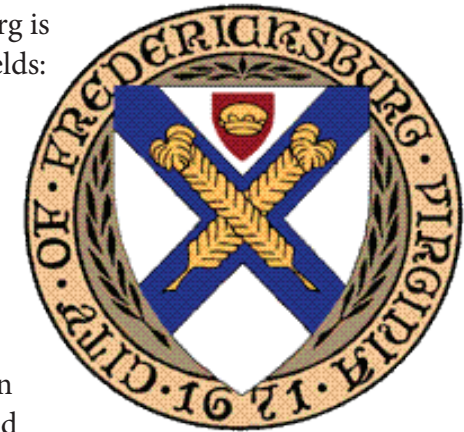
We are gathering in Virginia this year!

The Doane family is heading east to the Washington D.C. area for the 2018 DFA National Reunion. The reunion committee invites you to join your cousins for a week of fun, fellowship, and education in historic Fredericksburg, the stomping grounds of George Washington, the father of our country! The planning committee, led by Jane MacDuff, Virginia, and Brian Doane, New Hampshire, has been busy setting up a schedule that will showcase this area of Virginia and also Washington D.C., one of our tour destinations.

Fredericksburg, founded in 1728 as a frontier river port, gained colonial prominence for its tobacco trade and its ties to the Virginia aristocrats, especially the Washington family. The city is located on the Rappahannock River just southwest of Washington, D.C., and is known for its rich colonial and Civil War

history. Fredericksburg is home to four battlefields: Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Wilderness, and Spotsylvania.

Fredericksburg National Cemetery, the final resting place of thousands of Union soldiers, is also located here. Nearly 9,000 acres of land are maintained in this city and surrounding area by the National Park Service where major Civil War action took place. Information centers and guided tours enhance the visitor experience.



DFA REUNION TOURS AND ACTIVITIES

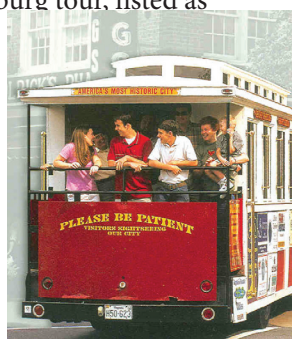
There are two organized tour options during reunion week. There will be a day-long bus tour to Washington D.C., and two half-day trolley tours in the Fredericksburg area.

Washington D.C.

Spend Wednesday, July 25, seeing a kaleidoscope of sites in our nation's capital. The tour will depart from the Hospitality House in the morning via motor coach, and return in time for dinner. A tour guide will join the group in D.C. to provide information along the way. Sites included on the excursion are Arlington Cemetery, WWII Memorial, Iwo Jima Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, Jefferson Memorial, FDR Memorial, Vietnam and Korean War Memorials, Ford's Theatre, United States Capitol, The White House photo op, the Smithsonian Institution, and Washington Monument. Many sites will be seen from the bus, but stops will also be made. Travelers will purchase lunch on their own at one of the stops.

Trolley Tours

On Thursday, July 26, two trolley tours are offered, and reunion participants can do both! The morning tour takes visitors through the city of Fredericksburg, and the afternoon trip will go to the Spotsylvania Battlefield. There are two morning time slots for the Fredericksburg tour, listed as Option A and Option B on the registration form. Be sure to note your preference when you register. If you are planning to take the morning tour with other family members, be sure to discuss the time with them, so that you can be placed on the same trolley. Trained, knowledgeable guides will lead travelers on these informative and entertaining tours. Space is limited on each trolley, so get your reservations in early!



Other Sight-Seeing Options

There are many, many places to see in this area. You may wish to arrive a few days early or stay a little longer to take in more sights. In addition to the historic town of Fredericksburg itself and the battlefields, there are numerous interesting places to visit, including the Mary Washington House, Rising Sun Tavern, Hugh Mercer Apothecary Shop and The St. James House, all with connections to



the Washington family. Nearby in Stafford County, is George Washington's boyhood home, Ferry Farm, a picturesque place that includes 113 acres of meadows and woodland bordering the river. Washington spent his formative years on this farm. Check out <http://www.visitfred.com/> for information about the countless things to do in the area.

Lodging

Reunion headquarters will be at the Fredericksburg Hospitality House and Conference Center, located in the heart of Fredericksburg's Central Park dining, shopping and entertainment district. The Hospitality House is situated right off of I-95, and each room is equipped with many amenities including a small refrigerator, microwave, iron, ironing board, hair dryer, coffee maker, and flat-screen television. We have a block of rooms reserved under Doane Family Association with a special rate. Rooms are \$99 for single or double occupancy; \$109 for triple occupancy, and \$119 for quad occupancy. Each registered room guest will receive a complimentary breakfast ticket for each day, unless there are more than four guests in a quad room, at which point a cost adjustment will be made. The reduced room rates also apply to Saturday July 21 and Saturday, July 28. You may make your reservations by calling 540-786-8321, and ask for Doane Family Association block. You may also go on-line to <https://reservations.travelclick.com/15003?groupID=1997603> to reserve your rooms. The block of DFA rooms will be held until July 1, 2018, so be sure to make your reservations by that date. After that there is no guarantee of accommodations.

Transportation

The Hospitality House Hotel & Conference Center in historic Fredericksburg, Virginia, is just off of Route I-95 at Route #3. The closest airport is Reagan National, but the Richmond airport is smaller than Reagan, and may be a good option. Travel from either of these airports to Fredericksburg will require either renting a car for the 50 miles drive, or taking the blue line subway to Alexandria and switching to an Amtrak or VRE train to reach Fredericksburg. Another option is to use a company called "Freddy Go2 Airports" that services Fredericksburg with transportation to or from Dulles/ Richmond/ and Reagan airports. Rates are: one to three passengers, \$115.00, the base price per trip. Four or more passengers will have add-ons per each person (i.e. person 4, \$20 add-on for total of \$135, person 5, an additional \$15 for a total of \$150 and person 6, \$10 for a total of \$160 for the trip. Call 571-356-0026 or check out www.freddygo2airports.com for details.

East coast cousins may prefer catching the Am-Track in Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, or Washington and travel to Fredericksburg train station where you can take a city bus or a taxi to the Hospitality House. You may call DFA Reunion Chair, Jane MacDuff at (703) 910-7995 with transportation questions.

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES*

Sunday, July 22

No Formal Schedule

Early arrivals, including reunion committee, officers, and historian will settle in.

Monday, July 23

6-10:30 a.m. Complimentary Breakfast for hotel guests

9 a.m. Registration Officially Begins

Lobby outside the Patrick Henry Room
The Patrick Henry Room serves as the Hospitality Room and DFA Research Center.

10 a.m. Doane Family Foundation Meeting

The Governor Room

2-5 p.m. Board of Governors Meeting

The Governor Room
This meeting will continue Tuesday morning if necessary.
No planned dinner

7 p.m. Meet and Greet

The Patrick Henry Room

Tuesday, July 24

6-10:30 a.m. Complimentary Breakfast for hotel guests

9 a.m. General Registration Continues

Lobby outside the Patrick Henry Room

9-11 a.m. Board of Governors Meeting *continues if necessary*—The Governor Room

Noon Lunch on your own

1 p.m. General Meeting Begins

(will continue Friday morning)
The Washington/Jefferson Room
Welcome by Victoria Matthews from the Fredericksburg Visitor Center

6 p.m. Buffet Dinner

The Washington/Jefferson Room

7 p.m. Historical Presentations

The Washington/Jefferson Room
Alexandra S. Gresitt, Leesburg Museum
Artillery Men from the Revolution to World War I
by James Thomas Doane (MA)
Civil War Letters from Grandmother Doane's Line
with a Fredericksburg connection
by Brian Doane (NH)

Wednesday, July 25

6-10:30 a.m. Complimentary Breakfast for hotel guests

8 a.m. Day-long excursion to Washington D.C.

Depart via motor coach from the Fredericksburg Hospitality House. Lunch during the tour on your own.

Noon

6 p.m.

7 p.m.

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7 p.m.

Thursday, July 26

6-10:30 a.m. Complimentary Breakfast for hotel guests

8-10 a.m. Tour A - Chartered Trolley Tour of Fredericksburg

Depart from the Fredericksburg Hospitality House

10 a.m. - noon Tour B - Chartered Trolley Tour of Fredericksburg

Depart from the Fredericksburg Hospitality House

Noon

1 - 3 p.m.

6 p.m.

7 p.m.

8:30 p.m.

Noon

6 p.m.

7 p.m.

Friday, July 27

6-10:30 a.m. Complimentary Breakfast for hotel guests

9 a.m. Memorial Service/General Meeting

continues from Tuesday afternoon
The Washington/Jefferson Room

Noon

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Lunch on your own for non-tour participants

Buffet Dinner

The Washington/Jefferson Room

Historical Presentations

The Washington/Jefferson Room

The History of Fredericksburg

by Scott Walker

The Doan Brothers

by Ben Samuels

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*The schedule is subject to slight changes.

*Banquet activities include the annual auction and a raffle game for which prizes are needed. If you are able to donate an auction item and/or prize, please call or email Brian Doane at (603) 424-6912 or bhdoane@comcast.net

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- The DFA Research Center and Hospitality Room will be open in the Patrick Henry Room daily during the reunion. Hours will be posted.
- The Doane University Traveling Bookstore will be open daily throughout the week. Hours will be posted.

For More Information Contact:

This 2018 reunion is hosted by a committee of DFA members, chaired by Jane MacDuff (VA) and Brian Doane (NH). If you have questions, please email reunion2018@doanefamilyassociation.org For registration questions, call Brian or Ann Doane at (603) 424-6912, or email bhdoane@comcast.net