

237th ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION OF THE CROSSING OF THE DAN
February 16 & 17, 2018

Berryman Green Chapter Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution, Dan River Chapter Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution, Halifax County Historical Society, Town of South Boston and Halifax County Middle School are co-hosting the 237th Anniversary Commemoration of the Crossing of the Dan River in Virginia during the American Revolution and invite you to attend and participate. Free public events are planned for Saturday morning, February 17th, 2018, at **The Prizery**, local community arts center, located at **700 Bruce Street, South Boston, Virginia**.

Following an American victory at the Battle of Cowpens in South Carolina in January 1781, General Nathanael Greene's southern army outran British forces under Lord Cornwallis as both armies raced northward across the Carolinas. In what became known as the Race to the Dan, a few weeks later, on February 14, 1781, became "**The Crossing**" when Greene's army crossed the Dan River to safety near South Boston, Virginia. The Crossing of the Dan became a turning point in the American Revolution, precipitating events that led to the British surrender at Yorktown. Because of its historical significance the National Society Sons of the American Revolution has now recognized the Crossing of the Dan as a nationally sanctioned event.

On **Friday evening, February 16th at 6:00 p.m.**, there will be a **Meet and Greet Seafood Buffet Dinner** (Dutch-Treat) at Ernie's Restaurant, 1010 John Randolph Blvd., South Boston, VA 24592. Reservations will be appreciated. Please complete and return the enclosed Response Form by February 10, 2018.

On **Saturday, February 17th at 10:00 a. m.**, the SAR and DAR will host the annual Crossing of the Dan Commemoration in The Prizery. The program will include greetings and the presentation of wreaths by SAR, DAR, and local officials. The Master of Ceremonies will be Dr. Phil Williams. Mike Cecere will present the keynote address.

Following the morning program, guests are invited to visit the permanent exhibit located on the third floor of The Prizery and the outdoor exhibit at the Boyd's Ferry site on the Dan River. A Brunswick stew lunch will be available for a cost of \$5.

Weather permitting, a dramatic re-enactment of the Crossing of the Dan by colonial troops will culminate the day's activities. A replica of a ferry boat will transport troops across the river as muskets and cannons fire.

At the conclusion of Saturday's events in South Boston, VA the re-enactors will travel to Woodlawn Plantation where they will set up an encampment and participate in *Woodlawn Revolutionary War Days* on Sunday, February 18, 2018. The public is invited to attend *Woodlawn Revolutionary War Days* being held at Woodlawn Plantation located at 6011 Clover Road, Clover VA 24534. Complete information is on the back.

All activities with the Halifax County Middle School Sixth Grade will take place at the end of February at The Prizery. More details will follow at a later date.

Please complete and return the Response Form on the next page if you are planning to participate.
Mail to: Jeff Myers ~ 907 Broad Street ~ Altavista, VA 24517 by February 10, 2018.

237th Commemoration of the Crossing of the Dan Response Form

**Dinner at Ernie's Restaurant ~ Friday, February 16, 2018, 6:00 p.m.
1010 John Randolph Blvd. ~ South Boston, VA 24592**

Name(s) _____

I (we) plan to attend the Seafood Buffet Dinner at Ernie's Restaurant ~ DUTCH TREAT

Saturday, February 17, 2018 ~ 10:00 a. m. Commemoration Program

I will present a wreath on behalf of my chapter/organization.

Name of Chapter/Organization _____

Name & Title of Presenter _____

I wish to bring greetings on behalf of my organization (state/national officers).
I will NOT present a wreath.

Name of Organization _____

Name & Title of Speaker _____

I have a color guard that will also be attending and participating with me.

Number of Color Guard Participants _____

Name of Chapter/Organization _____

Name & Title of Color Guard Commander _____

Please return to Jeff Myers ~ 907 Broad Street ~ Altavista, VA 24517 by February 10, 2018

Accommodations:

Berry Hill Resort
3105 River Road
South Boston, VA 24592
434-517-7000

Holiday Inn Express
1074 Bill Tuck Highway
South Boston, VA 24592
434-575-4000

Fairfield Inn & Suites***
1120 Bill Tuck Highway
South Boston, VA 24592
434-575-6000

Super 8
1040 Bill Tuck Highway
South Boston, VA 24592
434-572-8868

***To guarantee room availability and group rate of \$106.99 (includes tax) at Fairfield Inn and Suites, reservations must be made by **January 22, 2018**. Specify **Crossing of the Dan** when making a reservation. For more information, you may visit: www.halifaxcountyhistoricalsociety.org. or contact jeffmyers1405@gmail.com.