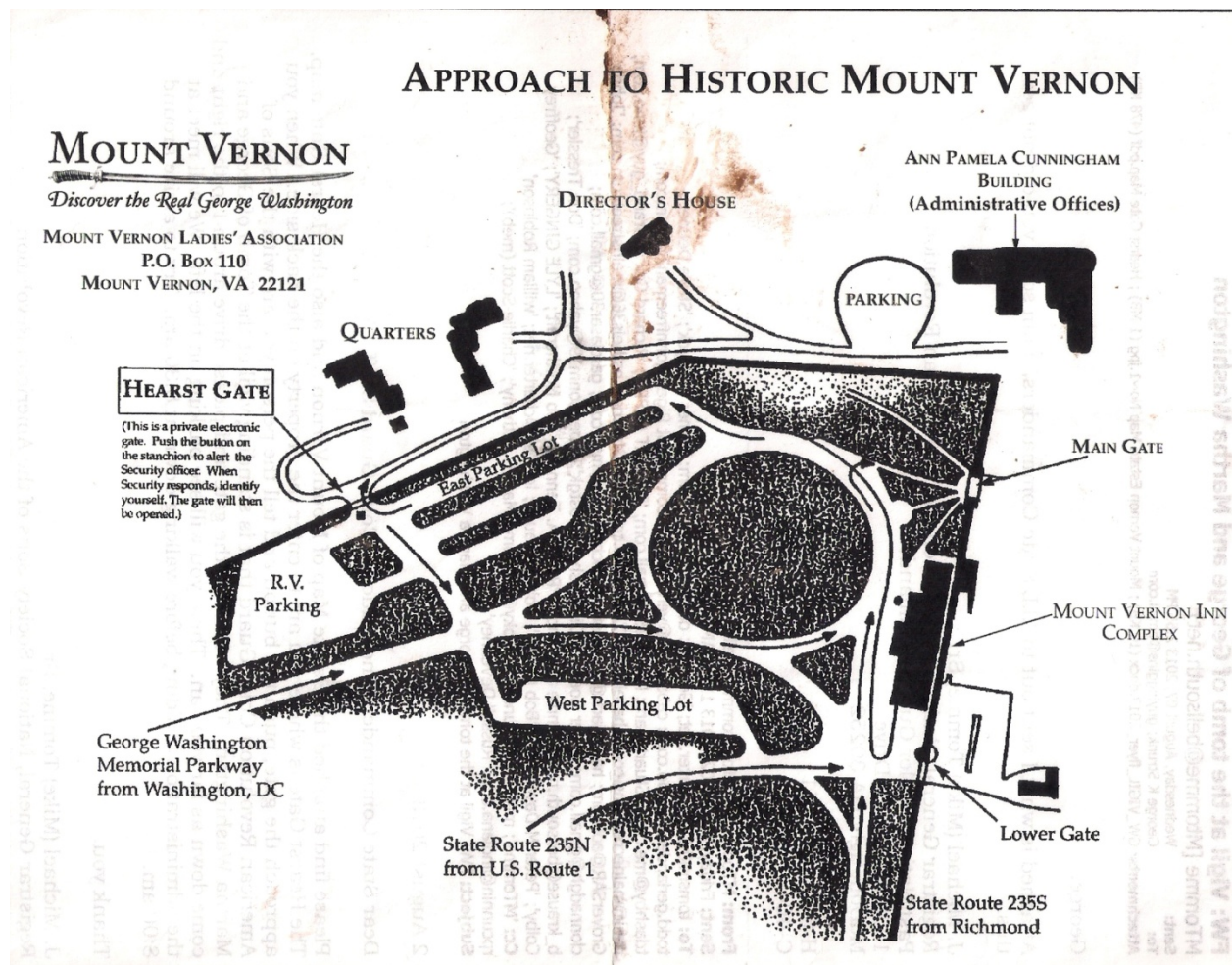


## 2017 SAR Vigil at Washington's Tomb

Compatriots,

Here is the necessary information about the upcoming vigil at George and Martha Washington's Tomb. This event will be held on 16 September 2017 at Mount Vernon. Like before, we will meet at the Administration (Cunningham) Building at 8:00 am and walk down to tomb at 8:30 am sharp so that we have the first Color Guard in place at 9:00 am. **Remember NO Muskets, Swords or other weapons are allowed.** The watch will start at 9:00 am and change every 15 minutes (30 minutes depending on the weather and number of participants. the last shift will end at 5:30 pm if we have sufficient participation. Please consider coming this year and join us. I will again be asking those who are attending to please give me a time or times that they would like to stand watch at the tomb (Email: sarwashingtonvigil@gmail.com). I will try to make sure that you get the times you request.



On this map, notice the loop with the Main Gate off to the right near the top of the loop, and the forked road off to the left near the top of the loop. This forked road constitutes the parking lot for most tourists.

As you drive down the parking lot, you'll come across the Hearst Gate. This Gate will be closed. When you pull up, there will be an intercom. You may have to push the button, and someone will ask, 'May I help you?' Tell them you're here with the SAR to participate in the vigil at Washington's Tomb, and they will open the Gate for you. (The Gate swings out both ways, so don't pull up until it is open.)

Once you pull through the Gate, turn right. On the attached map, notice the area labeled 'Parking' near the Cunningham Building. We can't park there -- that's for Staff only. Before you get to this area labeled 'Parking,' there will be a field on your left. We will be allowed to park in this field.

Below is a listing of hotels in the area. I will NOT be reserving any rooms. I look forward to hearing from you and thank you for your time.

**[Best Western Mount Vernon/Ft. Belvoir](#)**

*8751 Richmond Hwy, Alexandria - Map*

**[Hampton Inn & Suites Mt. Vernon/Belvoir-Alexandria South](#)**

*8843 Richmond Hwy, Alexandria - Map*

**[Quality Inn & Suites Near Ft. Belvoir](#)**

*8849 Richmond Hwy, Alexandria - Map*

**[Candlewood Suites Alexandria - Fort Belvoir](#)**

*8847 Richmond Highway, Alexandria - Map*

**[Quality Inn Mt. Vernon](#)**

*7212 Richmond Hwy, Alexandria - Map*

**[Days Inn Alexandria South](#)**

*6100 Richmond Hwy, Alexandria - Map*

**[Springhill Suites by Marriott Alexandria](#)**

*6065 Richmond Hwy, Alexandria - Map*

**[Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites Alexandria - Fort Belvoir](#)**

*6055 Richmond Hwy, Alexandria - Map*

**[Red Roof Inn Washington, DC - Alexandria](#)**

*5975 Richmond Highway, Alexandria - Map*

**[Hampton Inn & Suites Alexandria Old Town Area South](#)**

*5821 Richmond Hwy, Alexandria - Map*

Looking forward to another great event,

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