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New – Evacuation Day Tour To Be Hosted By Fraunces Tavern® Museum November 25

After seven years of war, on November 25, 1783, King George's soldiers in New York City lowered the Union Jack, filed onto their ships and sailed back to England. General George Washington and his troops then entered the liberated city to cheers and triumphant celebration. This November 25 (Evacuation Day), Fraunces Tavern® Museum will conduct a walking tour where the public will follow in the footsteps of General Washington on that amazing day. The Evacuation Day Tour will run from 11:00 am – 12:30 pm. The starting location will be revealed to ticket buyers at the time of purchase.

Conducted by licensed New York City Tour Guide, Frederick Cookinham, the tour will trace Washington's steps from his entrance into the City and try to picture Broadway from Chambers Street down to Fraunces Tavern as it looked 227 years ago. Participants will see where the Liberty Boys challenged the Redcoats on their own parade ground and learn about the people of New York and what it was like for them to be caught up in a revolution. 200+ years may not seem like that long ago after all.

Tickets are \$20 each (\$15 for Fraunces Tavern Museum members) and are required in advance. They may be ordered through the Museum's website: www.frauncestavernmuseum.org. Ticket purchasers will be emailed a confirmation receipt and the starting location of the tour.

- Thanksgiving & Evacuation Day -

NOTE: Evacuation Day falls on Thanksgiving this year. At this time the newly refurbished Fraunces Tavern® Restaurant plans to be open for Thanksgiving but please confirm with the Restaurant (not the Museum) by contacting the Restaurant at: info@theporterhousenyc.com. (There is no Restaurant phone number available yet.)

- About Fraunces Tavern -

Fraunces Tavern was built in 1719 as an elegant residence and purchased in 1762 by

tavern-keeper Samuel Fraunces. The Tavern played a significant role in pre-Revolutionary War activities and later housed early U.S. government offices of the Departments of War, Treasury and Foreign Affairs (today's State Department). It is best known as the site where General George Washington bade farewell to the officers of the Continental Army on December 4th, 1783.

In 1904, the Sons of the Revolution in the State of New York purchased the Tavern, saving it from the wrecking ball. A restored Fraunces Tavern was opened to the public in 1907 featuring a Museum and Restaurant. In 2008 Fraunces Tavern was added to the National Register of Historic Places.

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