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Sons of the RevolutionSM in the State of New York, Inc. to honor author Rick Atkinson at their annual George Washington Birthday Ball

New York: On Friday, February 19, 2021, Sons of the RevolutionSM in the State of New York, Inc. (SRNY) will host the 144th annual George Washington Birthday Ball in honor of George Washington and to benefit Fraunces Tavern[®] Museum. **This year's event will be held virtually.**

The evening will feature a host of festivities to celebrate George Washington's 289th birthday, including a display of historic flags from the SRNY's Color Guard, a series of patriotic toasts, and a special video presentation on Fraunces Tavern Museum.

The highlight of the virtual ceremony will be the presentation of the Distinguished Patriot Award and 2020 Fraunces Tavern Museum Book Award to author **Rick Atkinson**. Atkinson is a historian and the author of, most recently, *The British Are Coming: The War for America, Lexington to Princeton, 1775-1777*, published in May 2019 as the first volume in his Revolution Trilogy. As part of the ceremony, Atkinson will accept the 2020 Fraunces Tavern Museum Book Award, the Distinguished Patriot Award, and offer a brief talk about his work, followed by an audience Q&A.

Tickets to the Ball are on sale through February 11 at www.frauncestavernmuseum.org/2021-gw-ball-rsvp-online. All funds raised from the event benefit Fraunces Tavern Museum, a program of SRNY that has been serving the NYC community for over 110 years and is home of the historic site where George Washington gave his final farewell toast to his officers on December 4, 1783.

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About Fraunces Tavern Museum:

Fraunces Tavern Museum's mission is to preserve and interpret the history of the American Revolutionary era through public education. This mission is fulfilled through the interpretation and preservation of the Museum's collections, landmarked buildings and varied public programs that serve the community. You can stand in the room where General George Washington bid farewell to his officers and explore seven additional galleries that focus on America's War for Independence and the preservation of early American history. To learn more, visit our website at frauncestavernmuseum.org.

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