



November 2019

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Chapter NSDAR



November Meeting

Saturday, Nov 2, 12 pm

Homage to the Founder, a visit to Eugenia Washington's Grave

Speaker: Daniel Chichister

Hostesses: Bring a Bag Lunch & a chair

Place: Chichister Farm Directions will be sent out prior to the meeting.

PLEASE NOTICE THE DATE

Message from our Regent

What a great October we had! We promoted DAR and our chapter at the Welsh Festival and the Stafford Fair, and got to know each other better. Thank you so much to everyone who came out to support these events. Our October meeting with DAR Jeopardy was great fun! We also welcomed honor flights, attended genealogy workshops, completed Members Course modules and projects, attended a Final Salute Ceremony and collected items for the Fredericksburg Animal Shelter.

We rounded out the month with our chapter service project for the Annual DAR Day of Service where we packed more than 500 bingo bags and made nearly 200 Autism pin cards for Cooking Autism. We were even featured on [Fredericksburg Today](#) and [News Break Quantico](#)! April was so very appreciative. She has thanked me several times and asked me to pass along her gratitude. Last year, this work took her weeks to do alone. Here are the links to [purchase tickets](#) to the Cooking Autism Bingo on November 15 and to the [volunteer sign-up sheet](#).

Wow! What a productive and enjoyable month. There's probably more! If I missed anything, please let me know.

Thank you all for all of your efforts in Service to America, our community and our chapter. You are appreciated. I look forward to what November has in store for our chapter.

In Service to God, Home and Country,

Best,

Alicia Hillmer
Chapter Regent



Founding Daughters

Eugenia Washington was born on June 24, 1840, near Charlestown in what is now West Virginia. She was the daughter of William Temple Washington and Margaret Calhoun Fletcher, a great niece of Senator John C. Calhoun of South Carolina. In 1859, when she was nineteen years old, her father moved the family to Falmouth, Virginia, just north of Fredericksburg. Her mother died near this time and her father was disabled and relied on his daughter to care for him.

When the Battle of Fredericksburg was imminent in December 1862, Miss Washington wanted to escape with her father to a place of safety quickly, but was delayed one full day because a wounded federal officer was brought to her door and placed in her care while he waited for a surgeon. The battle had begun by the time she was ready to flee and she and her father were caught on the battlefield. She found shelter for both of them in a small trench left by a cannon. They were forced to remain in that spot for a whole day and witnessed the entire battle from that position. It is said that Miss Washington's experiences that day inspired in her a will to assist women from both the North and the South in the worthy cause of preserving their shared heritage and that this was her purpose in helping to found the NSDAR.

At the close of the war, Miss Washington was offered a government position with the post office department, and so she and her father moved to Washington, DC. Known fondly as "Miss Eugie," she was considered quite attractive and always received a great deal of attention wherever she went. Eugenia Washington died at her home in Washington on Thanksgiving Day, November 30, 1900.



Upcoming Events

There will be an MIAP Burial for 6 Veterans at QNC on 12 Nov at 10am at Section 22. There will be no service for this one as they are doing it down in Virginia Beach on 9 Nov but he has requested DAR attend either or both.

Thank you,

Marie
District 5 Chairman
Virginia State Chairman
Commemorative Events Committee
<https://www.virginiadar.org/>

Veterans Day Program to give thanks and gratitude to our nation's Veterans, today and every day.

Keynote Speaker: Keith Price, Retired Military Intelligence Officer, US Army and Commander of VFW Post 2524

November 11, 2019 at 11:00 AM

Culpeper National Cemetery Next to administration building

Matthew Priest, Cemetery Director

Office: 540-825-0027

The Department of Veterans Affairs Culpeper National Cemetery will host a 2019 Veterans Day ceremony to honor Veterans who served and sacrificed. Veterans Day is intended to thank and honor all those who served in the military - in wartime or peacetime. Our cemetery staff will be present to discuss products and benefits for Veterans and their families. Parking will be first come first serve at the cemetery. As soon as capacity has been reached, vehicles will be prohibited from entering the cemetery. Handicap parking will take place at the Community Center next to the cemetery.

Chapter Chat

Wanted:

Stories, Photos, News and High Sea Adventures

This is YOUR Chapter Newsletter , please send stories, photos, news about your family/ancestors, and historical trips to the editor so that she can make this newsletter more about YOU!

Send all information to sonja.k.johnson@gmail.com

Paging

If you are interested in paging at State Conference and/or Continental Congress, please let Alicia know ASAP so your name can be submitted. Alicia7183@msn.com

PLEASE !!!!!

Send in your dues before they are late.

Mail them to:

Donna Sayre

1003 Bayview Overlook
Stafford, VA 22554-5236

Chapter Field Trip to see Harriet

Let's go see the new Harriet movie together! Saturday, November 9 at 6:45pm, Paragon Theater. Please let Alicia know if you plan to attend, so we can wait for everyone and sit together.

alicia7183@msn.com or 540-287-2787

Please bring the following to every meeting:

- Box tops
- Ink Cartridges
- Coupons
- Coke bottle caps

SERVICE to AMERICA!

Our Chapter hours donated total as of

October 31 , 2019

1403

Please remember to log your hours!

<http://services.dar.org/members/committees/ServiceToAmerica/>

The Service to America! Committee encourages community service by **all** members on **all** levels as a means of honoring our heritage. You may now count your DAR hours!

December Meeting

December Thursday, Dec 12, 7 pm

President General's Project

Chapter Members Potluck, at the home of

Maggie & Ginny Dunning

5927 W. Carnifex Ferry Rd, Fredericksburg VA

Potluck Refreshments and Purple Onion Gift

Honor Flights

There are several flights coming in November. Please check out the website for more information.

Honor Flights

Thank you Carrie Pierce for representing the DAR.



President General's Message



As we prepare to pause for our nationwide holiday of Thanksgiving to count our many blessings, I ask you to think back to the first moment you knew that you were eligible to join the DAR. It felt pretty special, didn't it? Knowing that you were descended from someone who sacrificed to create our nation? Feeling that joyful obligation to celebrate the institutions of democracy because you realized that you were the living beneficiary of the Patriots' combined courage and collective wisdom?

Now, I ask you to help more women discover those emotions of pride, responsibility and excitement over a personal connection to the founding of America. There has never been a more important time to be a part of our premier service organization—but we need your help to welcome more women to our timelessly relevant mission.

Let me be clear: We should not grow solely for the purpose of growth; we must grow because our mission is more vital now than ever. America needs us!

Our work to assist students, celebrate history, honor those who wear (or have worn) the uniform of our nation, welcome new citizens, conserve natural resources and complete myriad other good deeds has never been more necessary. We are the living promise of America from its founding to its future, and we need to attract more women in order to make sure that our meaningful work will continue for generations to come.

As we joyfully celebrate acceptance of our [millionth member](#), we have set ambitious goals to reach toward 200,000 members by the end of this administration, compared to today's approximate total of 186,000 women. And so I ask all chapters to strive for a 10-percent net increase year-over-year in order to increase our national membership. Chapters large and small prove this can be done—and I hope that you have appointed and empowered a membership team to identify, approach and assist Prospective members in your community. They are out there—and they will join if you extend a warm welcome and demonstrate the value of membership.

We must also do a better job of retaining existing members. Though it seems nearly impossible to believe, we lost more than 75,000 women to “drops” and “resignations” in the last decade. Somehow, they failed to grasp the importance of our work—at least in part, perhaps, because we somehow failed to impart to them the value proposition of membership in Today's DAR. I know that we can do better.

Rise up with me in service to our mission and shine by sharing our story with others so that more women will want to join—and stay—members of our National Society. The deeds of our Patriot ancestors deserve to be honored, and their accomplishments must not be forgotten if we are to continue as a free and independent people with liberties and freedoms hard won on behalf of future generations.

Rise and Shine for America,

Denise Doring VanBuren
President General

Genealogy

November 4, 2019 @ 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Central Rappahannock Regional Library -
Salem Church Branch
2607 Salem Church Rd
Fredericksburg, VA 22407

Fredericksburg Regional Genealogy Society

Trish Little Taylor, is a librarian and Irish Researcher. She leads us in discussing topics that help us make the leap across the pond to find our Irish Ancestors. Bring your brick wall questions or any other questions you may have on Irish Genealogy. Bring a friend as well!



Donna C and Martha attended a Exploring Your Family History Workshop.

October Meeting

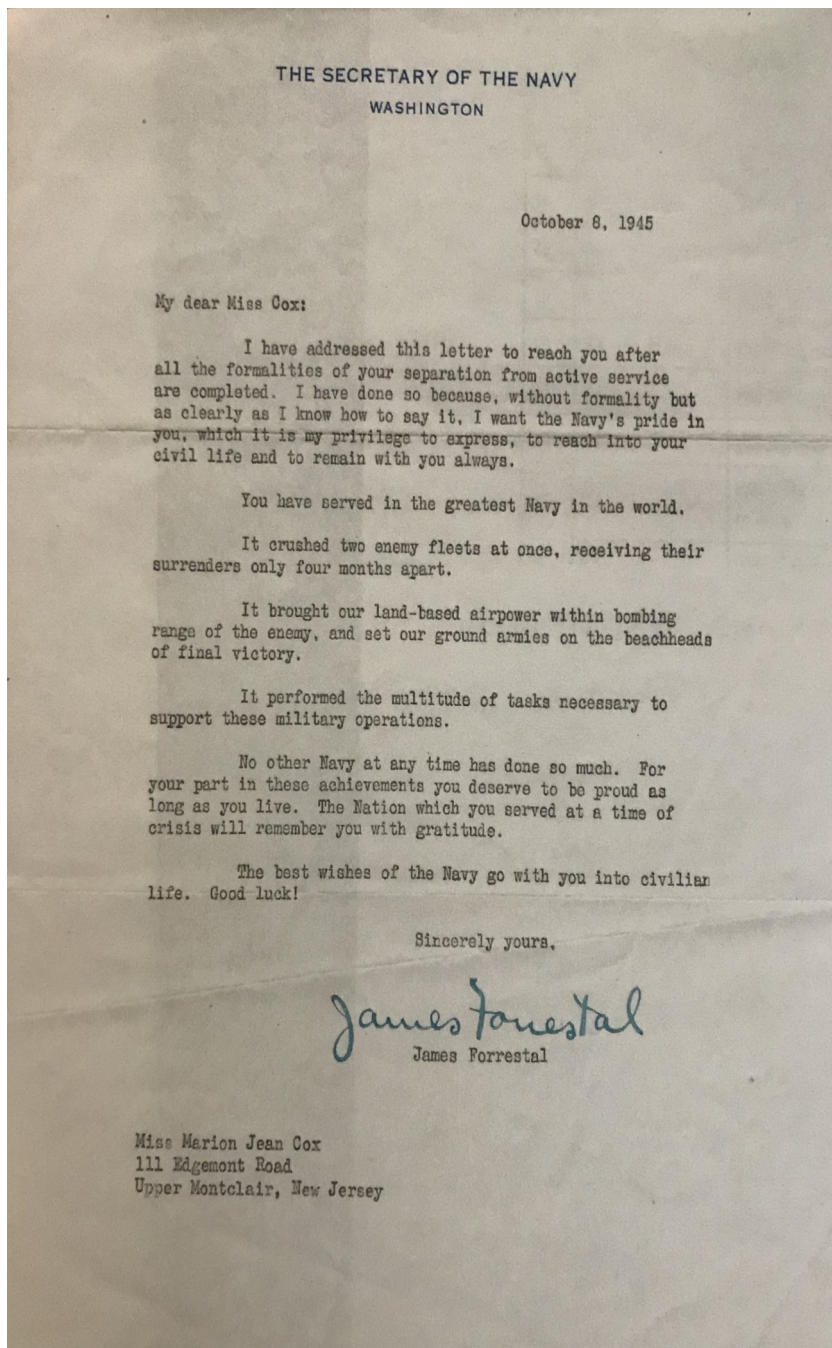


FOTR Jeopardy Champions

Susan, Denise, Linda and Martha

FOTR Member's Patriots

Donna C shared this letter with us at the October Meeting. This is her Mother in Law, Jean Cox-Courtney.



DAR Schools

Susan Harvin has a project of collecting supplies for Kate Duncan Smith DAR School. Below is an excerpt from their list of needed items. Please bring your donation to our November meeting or call Susan 540-379-6184 for pickup.

Thank you so much for supporting DAR schools and Susan's project.

- Colored Pencils
- Composition Notebooks (not spiral)
- Construction Paper
- Crayola Crayons
- Crayola Markers
- Dry Erase Markers
- Fat Pencils (for K and 1st grade)
- Filler Paper (wide rule)
- Glue Sticks
- Graph Paper
- Pencil Sharpeners (enclosed)
- Pencils (#2)
- Pencil Pouches
- Pronged Pocket Folder
- Sharpie Markers (black and colors)
- Tabbed Dividers for binders
- USB Flash Drives (4GB or 8GB)
- Washable Marker

Spiral Notebooks are not needed at this time.

Also toothpaste, deodorant, toothbrushes

Check out more about [Kate Duncan Smith DAR School](#) here

Service to America Opportunities

From Anne Kline:

I will collect supplies each meeting and distribute to the Stafford, Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania Animal Shelters. Old towels were number one on the requested items list.

I volunteer at the Stafford Animal Shelter and there is such a need for volunteers. It can be as easy as coming in for 30 minutes to play with the cats or take a dog out in the enclosure for some one on one love.

Volunteers must fill out an application and have it notarized and allow a simple background check before getting on the volunteer list.

All hours can be logged in at the DAR website for credit.

ANIMAL DONATIONS

Large Rawhides	Large Nyla Bones	Cat Toys
Dog Toys: stuffed or durable	Cardboard Scratch posts	Plastic litter boxes
Plastic Cage Crock for Dogs (L & S)	Soft Treats	Small Cat Beds
Grain Free Dog Food (Hard & Soft)	Grain Free Cat Food "	Purina Kitten Food
Collars & Leashes	Small animal treats for rabbits, hamsters & guinea pigs	Kong's: lg and XL
Non-Clumping Cat Litter	Arm & Hammer Litter Deodorizer	Laundry Detergent
Hand Sanitize	Fabulosity, Original Pine-Sol or any floor cleaner	Towels
Blankets	Newspaper	Shampoo
Flea & Tick Treatment		

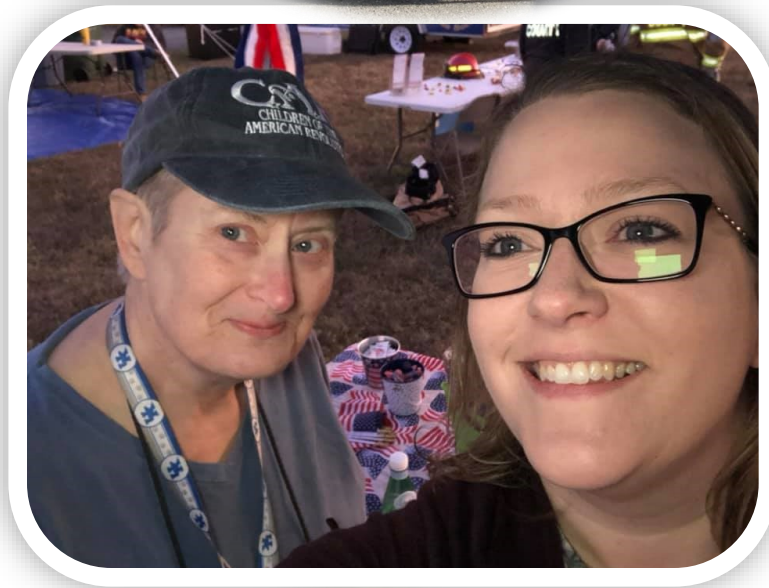
A house without books is like a room without windows.

Collecting Children's' books new or gently used. Please contact Sonja Johnson for more information or to drop off books

QuotesPanel.com

Horace Mann

FOTR in the Community



November Book Club recommended

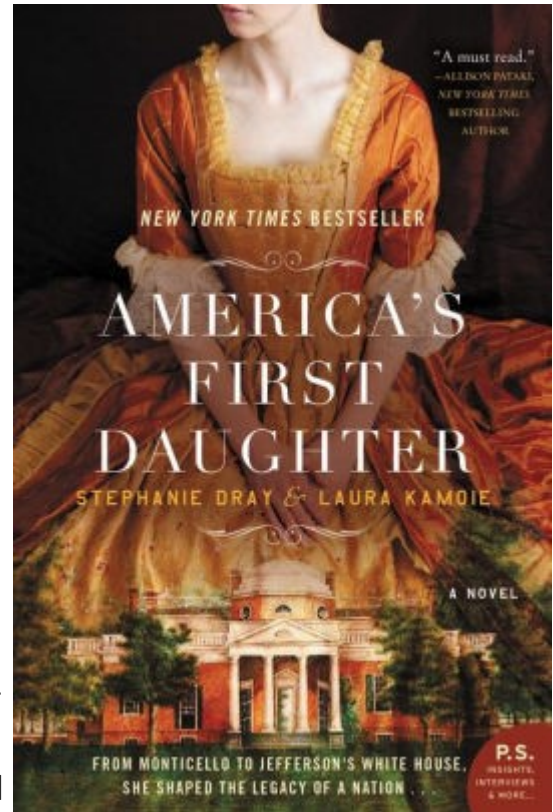
by Donna Courtney

From her earliest days, Patsy Jefferson knows that though her father loves his family dearly, his devotion to his country runs deeper still. As Thomas Jefferson's oldest daughter, she becomes his help-mate, protector, and constant companion in the wake of her mother's death, traveling with him when he becomes American minister to France.

It is in Paris, at the glittering court and among the first tumultuous days of revolution, that fifteen-year-old Patsy learns about her father's troubling liaison with Sally Hemings, a slave girl her own age. Meanwhile, Patsy has fallen in love—with her father's protégé William Short, a staunch abolitionist and ambitious diplomat. Torn between love, principles, and the bonds of family, Patsy questions whether she can choose a life as William's wife and still be a devoted daughter.

Her choice will follow her in the years to come, to Virginia farmland, Monticello, and even the White House. And as scandal, tragedy, and poverty threaten her family, Patsy must decide how much she will sacrifice to protect her father's reputation, in the process defining not just his political legacy, but that of the nation he founded.

“ This was a wonderful historical fiction of the life of Mr. Jefferson and his daughter Patsy. A history lesson for me! “ Donna Courtney.



Continental Congress 2020

Dear Virginia Daughters,

The deadline for your deposit to ride the Virginia bus to Continental Congress 2020 has been extended and the hotel block is now open!!! (If you need a room with a King bed instead of the 2 beds, please let me know so that we can work with the hotel to make this happen!)

Please consider joining us as we help Virginia DAR “shine” even brighter by attending Continental Congress 2020. It is a great time to visit our wonderful buildings, tour the museum and period rooms, do a little research in the DAR Library or Seimes Technology Center and get to know other Daughters from all over the country. And don’t forget the Virginia Luncheon!

The deposit of \$150.00 is required to hold your spot on the bus, so don’t delay! The more riders, the less each person pays so be sure and talk to your chapter members and friends about riding the bus.

The Holiday Inn Central/White House has a “block” of rooms set aside for the Virginia Daughters. Each room offers a microwave and mini-fridge for your convenience. The rate is \$252.89 (includes taxes) per night, per room, up to 4 people per room. You may make your reservation by calling the hotel directly at the number provided or by utilizing the link (detailed instructions included) in the attachment.

The Virginia Bus will be leaving on Tuesday, June 23, 2020 and returning after the Memorial Service on Sunday, June 28, 2020. Rooms are “blocked” at the hotel where the bus will park. The bus taxis members to and from the Hall throughout the week, the Virginia Luncheon on Thursday, and the Hyatt on Friday night. Our pickup locations will be Richmond, Roanoke, and Staunton. I am sorry but I am unable to add Fredericksburg this year.

If you have any questions, please contact this chair at cheryldevineholick@gmail.com or Vice chair, Jan Lazenby at janlazenby3@gmail.com.

Let’s help Virginia “shine” even brighter and fill the bus for our State Regent’s first year!

Rise and Shine for America!

Cheryl DeVine-Holick

Virginia DAR State Chair, Continental Congress Bus Tour

Virginia DAR State Vice Chair, Fall Forum/Board of Management

Honorary Regent and Treasurer, Bermuda Hundred Chapter NSDAR

Past President, Regents' Club of Richmond Virginia DAR

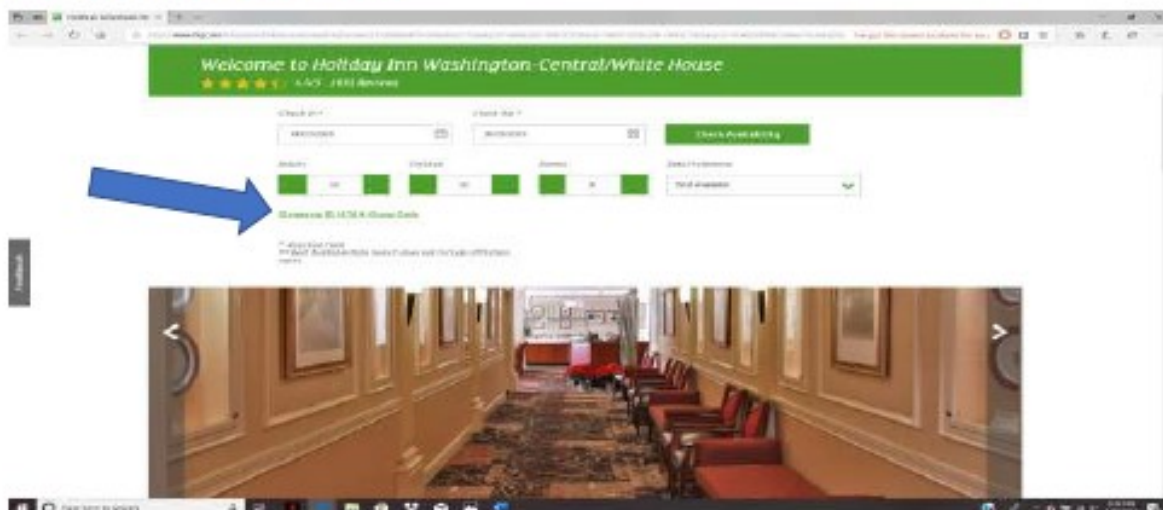
You may call the hotel directly at (202) 483-2000 to make your reservations or you may *use the link provided below with instructions* to get the special rate for the Virginia DAR - CCBT. The special group code is VDA which was set by the hotel.

Holiday Inn Central/White House link and instructions:

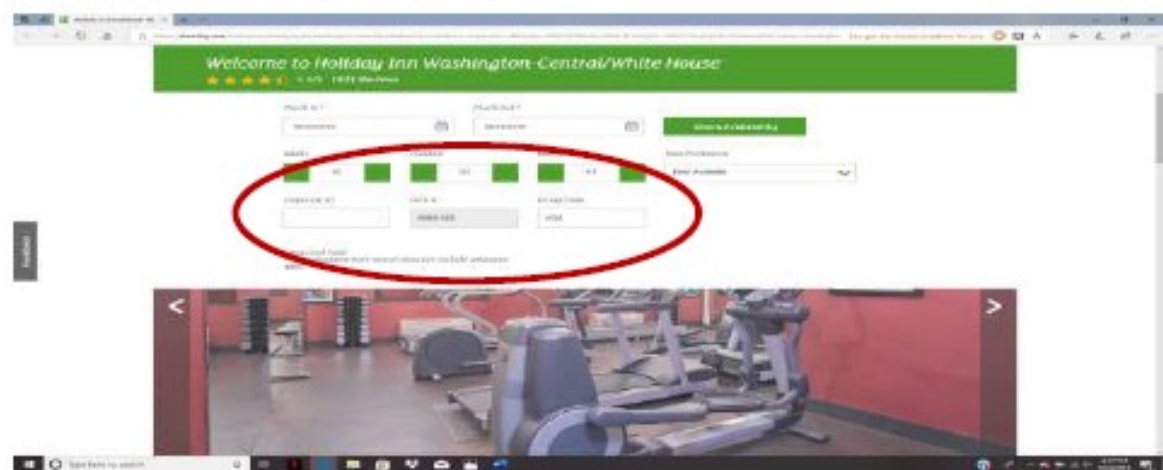
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Once the link opens, click "BOOK NOW", you will need to select the date of June 23, 2020 for your check-in and June 28, 2020 for your check out. Also, select the number of guests in your room.

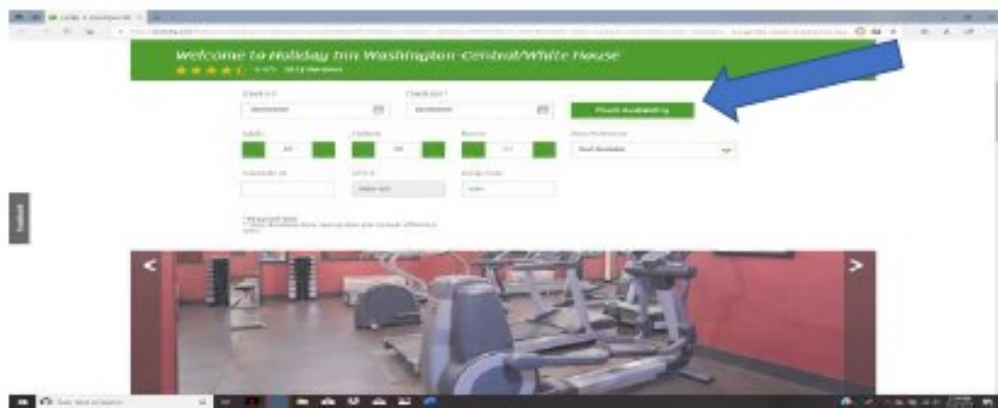
Be sure and click the link (see the blue arrow). A code of numbers will appear in the center box (99801505), in the right hand box, you will see VDA.



Once you click the link, your screen should look like this. Notice the code numbers & letters are visible (see red circle) It is important that you **DO NOT** alter any of this!



Once you see the screen above, click "Check Availability" in the green box to the right. (see blue arrow)



This screen will appear. You will want to click "Select Room" in the Green box. (see blue arrow)



Once you click that, a new screen will appear. Please make sure that the rate says \$220 to ensure you are getting the special rate for the Virginia Continental Congress Bus Tour. Then click "Select Rate" in the Green box. (see blue arrow) The next screen will give you the opportunity to add your information, your guest and your credit card to hold the room. You will also see your total charges for the room to the far right.

