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Department of Defense Celebrates George Washington's 284th Birthday *Old Guard combines history with precision to honor the first American president*

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Armed Forces celebration to honor America's first president 248th birthday is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 15 on the grounds of George Washington's Mount Vernon Estates & Garden, Mount Vernon, Va.

The U.S. Army Military District of Washington will conduct a Presidential Armed Forces Full Honor Wreath-Laying Ceremony at 10 a.m. at the Tomb of George Washington, to be followed by patriotic music and a military firing demonstration by the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard), featuring the U.S. Army Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps and the Commander-in-Chief's Guard. The military firing demonstration is scheduled to begin at 11:15 a.m.

The wreath-laying ceremony, patriotic music and military firing demonstration are *free* and open to the general public. Tickets are **not** required to attend these events. Space is limited to standing room only. Attendees are encouraged to be at George Washington's Tomb by 9:30 a.m.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment, traditionally known as "The Old Guard," is the oldest active-duty infantry unit in the Army, serving our nation since 1784.

As the U.S. Army's official ceremonial unit and escort to the President, The Old Guard represents the U.S. Army and the nation in official arrival ceremonies at the White House and the Pentagon for visiting heads of state and other foreign dignitaries.

Service members from the teams will be available for public and media inquiries before the patriotic music and military firing demonstration.

Interested media may contact the U.S. Army Military District of Washington Media Relations Office at 202-685-4645 or usarmy.mcnaair.mdw.mbx.mediadesk-omb@mail.mil to set-up interviews.