

Harvard Kennedy School Alumni Council, Washington, D.C.



Special Walking Tour for Alumni, Family and Friends September 11, 2016

On a day of memorial and reflection for the United States, the HKS DC Alumni Council invites HKS alumni, family and friends to a special walking tour of the western part of the National Mall in the nation's capital, led by HKS alum, Dr. Richard Hyde (1992).

- **Sunday September, 11th | 9.30am - 11.30am**
- **Meet at the bottom of the steps of the Lincoln Memorial**
- **Tour ends by 11.30am at the Jackson Statue in Lafayette Square in front of the White House**
- **Guests are warmly invited to then enjoy brunch together**
- **Tour Leader contact: 202-422-5598**

Tour Leader Richard Hyde presents Washington's monuments in the context of American history and the contemporary political situation, both national and international. Dr. Hyde, has taught at Dartmouth College, Johns Hopkins SAIS and the State Department. He has led tours for the Notre Dame Washington Program, the Center for Public Justice and the Harvard and Berkeley alumni clubs.

To reserve your spot and cover the Tour Leader's costs, we are asking for a \$5 contribution. Please RSVP at www.hksdc.org. All HKS alums, family and friends are welcome. It promises to be an enjoyable and educational morning.

Bring: Comfortable clothes; sensible shoes; curiosity. Kids welcome. If you get thirsty, bring a water bottle. There is a drinking fountain in the basement of the Lincoln Memorial; four fountains outside and three more on the way to Lafayette Square. See map:

<http://www.runwashington.com/2015/05/27/where-to-get-a-drink-on-a-run-around-d-c/>

Rain Plan: We will walk in the event of light rain or showers. A torrential downpour accompanied by thunder and lightning will cause a cancellation; in which case people may join me for coffee at Peet's on 17th and Pennsylvania. .

Contact: [\(202\) 422-5598](tel:2024225598). Cell phone for Richard Hyde.

Cost: \$5 to cover the Tour Leader's costs and administrative fees via www.hksdc.org or by cash/check on the day.

Brunch: After a stimulating morning stroll, what could be better than brunch? The Exchange Saloon (1719 G between 17th and 18th) has outside seating on what is a quiet street on Sunday. If people want to grab a sandwich and eat outside in Lafayette Square, sandwiches, salads and wraps are available at Peet's or Cosi (17th and Pennsylvania), or Panera (over towards 18th on H). For fancier fare, there is the Old Ebbitt Grill on 15th and G; and a swank restaurant in the Hay-Adams at 16th and H.

More about the tour:

We will take a good look at the Lincoln Memorial then walk leisurely along the Reflecting Pool to the World War II Memorial and conclude by 11:30 in Lafayette Square.

On this fifteenth anniversary of the terror attacks in 2001, we will certainly consider the concluding promises of Lincoln's two great speeches:

The Gettysburg Address:

that this nation, under God, **shall have a new birth of freedom**; and that government of the people by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

The Second Inaugural:

to do all which may achieve and cherish **a just, and a lasting peace, among ourselves, and with all nations.**

And consider the words of George C. Marshall in the midst of World War II:

We are determined that before the sun sets on this terrible struggle, our flag will be recognized throughout the world as a **symbol of freedom** on the one hand **and of overwhelming force** on the other.

We will also talk about the impact of Harvard on the National Mall. The McMillan Commission, which remade Washington along the lines of Pierre L'Enfant's original plan, included three Harvard graduates, Charles McKim, Frederick Law Olmsted, Jr. and secretary Charles Moore. They all studied at Harvard during the forty-year presidency of Charles Eliot, 1869-1909. The impact of the Commission on Washington was akin to Eliot's impact on Harvard. Most influential upon McKim, Olmsted and Moore was Professor Charles Eliot Norton. President Eliot – they were cousins - appointed Norton to be the first lecturer of Fine Arts at Harvard in 1873. His lectures were influential upon all undergraduates from that first year until the last, 1898.

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