Accommodations
A limited number of rooms at each of the following motels have been reserved at a special rate. In order to receive the discounted rate, you must mention “Germanna Foundation Reunion” and make your reservation by June 13, 2016. Rates include breakfast. We recommend making your reservations early.
Check online rates as advance purchase may be less.

Holiday Inn Express Culpeper - $129.99 + tax
787 Madison Road, Culpeper, VA 22701, 540-825-7444

Best Western Culpeper - $99.99 + tax
791 Madison Road, Culpeper, VA 22701, 540-825-1253
http://bestwesternvirginia.com/hotels/best-western-culpeper-inn/

Quality Inn Culpeper (formerly Comfort Inn) - $99.00 + tax
890 Willis Lane, Culpeper, VA 22701, 540-825-4900
https://www.choicehotels.com/virginia/culpeper/quality-inn-hotels/va431

Staff Recommended B&Bs - Please call for rates and availability, no special rate for Germanna.
Fountain Hall B&B, 609 S. East St, Culpeper, VA, 800-298-4748
Inn on Poplar Hill, 278 Caroline St, Orange, VA, 540-672-6840
Mayhurst Inn, 12460 Mayhurst Lane, Orange, VA, 888-672-5597

From John Fontaine’s Diary:

August 26, 1716. Sunday. Germanna. At seven we got up and several gentlemen of the country that were to meet the governor were to meet at this place for the expedition, came here, as also two companies of Rangers, consisting of 6 men each and officer to each company, as also four Mahorin Indians. In the morning I divert-ed myself shooting at a mark with the other gentlemen. At twelve we dined and after dinner we mounted our horses and crossed the Rapidan that runs by this place and we went to find some convenient place for our horses to feed in and to view the land hereabout.

August 27, 1716. Monday. Germanna. At ten we got our tents in order, and getting our horses shod.

August 29, 1716. Wednesday. Germanna. In the morning we got all things in readiness and about one we left the German town for to set on our intended journey. At five in the afternoon the governor gave orders to encamp near a small river three miles from Germanna, which we called Expedition Run. Here we lay all night. This first encampment was called Beverly Camp in honour of one of the gentlemen in our company. Here we remained this night. We made great fires and supped and drank good punch.

September 6, 1716. (Day after crossing the Blue Ridge mountains) We had a good dinner. After dinner we got the men all together and bailed all their arms and we drank the King’s health in champagne, and found a valley the Prince’s health in Burgundy, and found a valley, and all the rest of the Royal Family in Claret, and a valley; We drank the Governor’s health and fired another volley. We had several sorts of liquors, namely Virginia Red Wine and White Wine, Roil Cagoghnxb, Brandy, Shush, two sorts of rum, Champagne, Cusper, Cherry punch, Eder, Water, etc. the highest of the mountains we called Mount George, and the one we crossed over Mount Spotswood.

September 11, 1716. Tuesday. Germanna Town. After breakfast all company left us excepting Dr. Robinson and Mr. Cloud. We walked all about the town and the Governor settled his business with the Germans here, and accommodated the minister and the people, then to bed.
FRIDAY, JULY 15

**Knights of the Golden Horseshoe Bus Tour**
4:45 am - 4:50 pm
Depart/Return Best Western Culpeper
791 Madison Road, Culpeper, VA

Fort Germanna was the jumping off point for the expedition. We owe our understanding of what the fort may have looked like to the diary of expedition member John Fontaine who also visited the previous year. Join tour host Ann Brush Miller, Historian with the Virginia Department of Transportation, for a fun and informative tour of the possible routes taken by Alexander Spotswood and his Knights of the Golden Horseshoe as they explored land west of Germanna. As just spotted and companions did, we will toast to good health and the King along the way. The tour will stop for lunch at Hebron Lutheran Church, where the food prepared by the Women of the ELCA will be better than the smoked beef and cabbage “dirtily durt” served to Fontaine by our ancestors at Fort Germanna. Seating on the tour busses is limited, register early to guarantee your spot.

**Germania Oktoberfest Dinner**
6:00 - 9:00 pm
Salubria
19173 Salubria Lane (off Route 3), Stevensburg, VA

Put on your dirndl and lederhosen and head to the grounds of historic Salubria for this casual, family friendly dinner celebrating our German heritage. Tour the mansion and see the reconstructed window during the pre-dinner cocktail hour. Traditional Oktoberfest fare followed by a dessert of gebacken is on the menu. Schnitzel, sausages, beer! Entertainment will be provided by the LOW’s BRÖWENS, a local band playing authentic Hofbräuhaus music. Get your polka dance on! If you have not already done so, you may pick up your registration materials at the Welcome table.

**Conference Schedule**
8:30 am - 2:40 pm: Vendor Hall, Main Lobby
8:30 am - 9:00 am: Social Hour, Main Lobby
9:00 am - 9:45 am: Roll Call and Welcome Session, Room 104A
9:45 am - 10:35 am: Session I - Ann Brush Miller: Which Way Did They Go?
10:35 am - 11:10 am: Morning Break
11:10 am - 12:00 pm: Session II - Dale Sayers: Alexander Spotswood Before Kentucky
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm: Lunch
1:00 pm - 1:15 pm: Travels with Germanna
1:15 pm - 2:05 pm: Session III - Randell Jones: Daniel Boone was Veined
2:05 pm - 2:40 pm: Afternoon Break
2:40 pm - 3:30 pm: Session IV - John Blankenbaker: Social Commentary in the Hebron Records
3:30 pm - 4:00 pm: Annual Meeting

**Session Descriptions**
Ann Brush Miller—Which Way Did They Go?: Evidence for the Spotswood Expedition of 1716 and its Possible Routes
Through official records and other period documents, Ann Miller will discuss the background of the 1716 expedition, and will explore the evidence for the trip itself through the eyewitness account left by John Fontaine. The later interpretations of Fontaine’s record and the various theories as to the possible route of the expedition will be noted, compared, and critiqued. Finally, new evidence using analysis of county court records and land patents will be unveiled, and Ms. Miller believes that these strongly support one route in particular.

Dale Sayers—Alexander Spotswood
Alexander Spotswood is a multi-faceted character who fairly leaps off the pages of Virginia history. Arriving in Virginia in 1712, he found a 100-year-old colony, entrenched with “old” families already set in their ways. Yet, much of Virginia was still a wilderness, populated by native Virginia tribes and transversed by migrating Indians. A few of his initial colonial difficulties included debt, missing or conflicting records, power struggles between church and royal authority, pirates, and the ever present resistance to change. Alexander Spotswood, a military man with strong skills in organization, was a visionary. He imagined an expanding colony, strongly poised to protect itself from native and foreign enemies, with a developing economy. Come witness his transformation from a royal lackey to a Virginia gentleman.

Randall Jones—Daniel Boone Before Kentucky
Before he became America’s pioneer hero, Daniel Boone farmed, hunted, explored, and married east of the Appalachian Mountains. After a childhood in Pennsylvania, he lived as a youth for two years in the Shenandoah Valley near the zenith of Governor Spotswood’s 1716 westward exploration. He thrived in the North Carolina piedmont, making several forays into the wildernesses, but took his young family as refugees from the Cherokee War to the safety of Virginia’s Culpeper County. And, with some Virginians he met during that stay, he rode south 250 years ago, in the fall of 1765, to explore a mysterious Florida. Following the footsteps of Daniel Boone can take one far afield, but most have ever imagined.

John Blankenbaker—Social Commentary in the Hebron Records
The Records have previously proven useful in defining some family connections among people. In this talk, John will show that they also define some general relationships that it would be impossible to find anywhere else. Special emphasis will be placed on the Fink and Moyer families, two families who are not well represented in the church records.

**Banquet and Auction**
6:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Lake of the Woods Clubhouse
205 Lakeview Parkway, Locust Grove, VA

The Annual Banquet is the main social event of the reunion weekend. Join us in an air conditioned comfort overlooking Lake of the Woods for a social hour with cash bar followed by dinner. Bid on a variety of items during the silent and live auction.

**Auction Donations Needed**
Please help make our annual auction a success by donating items. Gift certifi- cates as well as themed baskets have been popular in the past. This year items evoking the “Knights of the Golden Horseshoe” in particular are also encouraged. Please submit all donations by July 10 for inclusion in the auction booklet. If items cannot be mailed or dropped off at the Germanna Foundation office in advance, an email to Barbara Bounds bbounds@germanna.org by the above date would be appreciated and ensure inclusion.

**SUNDAY, JULY 17**

**Worship at Historic Church of your choice**
10:00 am
Sunday morning has been left free so you may worship at one of the historic churches. Both Hebron Lutheran Church and Little Fork Episcopal Church have worship service at 10:00 am and will welcome you.

**Knights of the Golden Horseshoe Encampment & Boxed Lunch**
Noon - 6:00 pm
Germanna Community College Daniel Technology Center
18121 Technology Drive, Culpeper, VA

Germanna Foundation Brawdus Martin Visitor Center
2062 Germanna Hwy (Route 3), Locust Grove, VA

Explore living history on the grounds of the Germanna Foundation Visitor Center with Alexander Spotswood and friends. See how the Knights of the Golden Horseshoe prepared for their famous expedition and “roughed it” in the wilderness of Colonial Virginia. Picnic with your boxed lunch down by the Rapidan River or under the shade of the cloister in the Memorial Garden. Please pick up your boxed lunch inside the Visitor Center between Noon - 1:00 pm.

**Dedications and Presentations in the Memorial Garden**
1:00 pm
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**Register Online at:** GERMANNA.ORG