



## April 2023

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### April 29th, 2023, Saturday (1:00 pm) - Commemoration of General Joseph Martin, Martinsville, VA

**Event Level:** Chapter

**Host/POC:** Col. George Waller Chapter Vassar / Jarred Marlowe.

**Location:** Historic Courthouse, 1 East Main Street, Martinsville, VA.

**Firing Event:** No

**Event Color Guard Commander:** CG Cdr will be provided by local veteran group

**Heat Index:** 75F

**Details:** Keynote speaker will be Congressman Morgan Griffith. Guard muster at the historic Courthouse no later than 12:15 pm. Register here:

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** LeViner.

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### April 29th, 2023, Saturday (07:30 am) - Honor Flight, Ashburn, VA

**Event Level:** National

**Host Chapter/POC:** Col. James Wood II and Sgt Maj John Champe Chapters VASSAR with Honor Flight Top of Virginia.

**Location:** Ashburn Senior Center, 20880 Marblehead Dr., Ashburn, VA.

**Firing Event:** No

**Event Guard Commander:** Corey.

**Details:** Color Guard provided by Randolph Macon Academy. VASSAR Guard provided other support.

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Bonner, Christensen, Corey, Daniel, Osborn, Phillips, M.Robinson, Sink, Schwetke, B.Schwoerer, Tyler.



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**INFORMATION: April 27th, 2023, Thursday (7-8:30 pm) - Color Guard Committee Meeting**

**Host:** VASSAR Color Guard Commander.

**Location:** Zoom Conference (details provided to the Committee)

**Details:** The VASSAR Color Guard Committee will have its first Committee Meeting this year via Zoom. Committee members only. Will discuss feedback from Color Guard Workshops and the new training protocols, among other items.

**VASSAR Color Guard Committee:** Melhuish, Christensen, Corey, Osborn, Gullion, Thompson, Hall, Bonner, Day.

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**April 28th, 2023, Friday (11:00 am) - President James Monroe's 265th Birthday (Cemetery), Richmond, VA**

**Event Level:** Historic

**Host/POC:** (non-SAR) James Monroe Memorial Foundation / Peter Broadbent.

**VASSAR Guard POC:** Corey.

**Location:** Monroe's tomb, Hollywood Cemetery, 512 South Cherry St., Richmond, VA.

**Firing Event:** No

**Heat Index:** 77F

**Details:** Wreath Laying ceremony at James Monroe's tomb in Hollywood Cemetery. US Army will provide the Color Guard.

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Adolphi, Corey, Daniel, Hodges, Phillips, Schwetke.

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**April 23rd, 2023, Sunday (1:00 pm) – Patriots' Day at Fairfax, VA**

**Event Level:** National

**Host/POC:** Fairfax Resolves Chapter VASSAR / Dave Cook.

**Location:** Freeman Store and Museum. 131 Church Street Northeast, Vienna, VA.

**Firing Event:** No

**Event Color Guard Commander:** Cook.

**Heat Index:** 65F

**Details:** The event will be held outside near the main building. Request that those wishing to participate in the program as readers contact Jon Rymer at [jonrymer@msn.com](mailto:jonrymer@msn.com).

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Carrigan, Cook, Corey, Crain, Daniel, M.Robinson, Reynolds.



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**April 23rd, 2023, Sunday (1:00 pm) - Richmond Chapter VASSAR Centennial, Richmond, VA**

**Event Level:** Chapter

**Host/POC:** Richmond Chapter VASSAR / Chris Yohn.

**Location:** Willow Oaks Country Club, 6228 Forest Hill Ave., Richmond, VA.

**Firing Event:** No

**Event Color Guard Commander:** Schwetke.

**Heat Index:** NA - Indoors

**Details:** The Richmond Chapter is the oldest continuously operating Virginia Society Chapter and will reach its 100th year of service on April 23. The chapter is planning this centennial celebration to mark the accomplishment. CG should wear regimental uniform for this event.

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Bonner, Brown, Lynch, Schwetke.



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**April 23rd, 2023, Sunday (9:00 am) - Combined Wreath Laying Ceremony, Camden, SC**

**Event Level:** **National** (if PG attends, otherwise State level)

**Host/POC:** SCSSAR / Doug Doster.

**Location:** Quaker Cemetery Revolutionary War Museum, Historic Camden District, Camden, SC.

**Firing Event:** **No**

**Event Color Guard Commander:** Lyles.

**Heat Index:** 70F

**Details:** Color Guardsmen muster no later than 8:00 am. This adds a purely SAR/DAR/C.A.R. event to the weekend re-interment commemoration on Sunday.

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** LeViner, McKinley, Osborn, Phillips, Schmidt, Thomas.

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**April 22nd, 2023, Saturday (6:00 pm) - Fredericksburg National Baseball Game Presentation of the Colors, Fredericksburg, VA**

**Event Level:** **Chapter** (Public Relations)

**Host/POC:** Col Fielding Lewis Chapter VASSAR / John Hamill,  
[hamiltonjohnr@verizon.net](mailto:hamiltonjohnr@verizon.net)

**Location:** Virginia Credit Union Stadium is located at 42 Jackie Robinson Way, Fredericksburg, VA 22401. (It is past the Fredericksburg Expo & Conference Center off of Carl D. Silver Pkwy off Rt W 3 at I-95.)

**Firing event:** No

**Event Color Guard Commander:** Bonner.

**Heat Index:** 78F

**Details:** CG muster is 5:00 pm at park main entrance. Please contact John Hamilton at [hamiltonjohnr@verizon.net](mailto:hamiltonjohnr@verizon.net) or 540-847-5529 by Friday afternoon to arrange for a ticket to be made available at the 'Will Call' office.

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Bonner, Hamilton, B.Schwoerer.

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### **April 22nd, 2023, Saturday (TBA) - Culpeperpalooza, Culpeper, VA**

**Event Level:** Chapter

**Host/POC:** Culpeper Minutemen Chapter VASSAR / Jameson.

**Location:** Mountain Run Winery, 10753, Mountain Run Lake Rd., Culpeper, VA.

**Firing Event:** Yes

**Event Color Guard Commander:** Corey.

**Heat Index:** 78F

**Details:** Culpeperpalooza is a celebration of some of Culpeper's best live music, craft beverages, food, craft vendors, theater, visual artists and community programs. There will be unique music collaborations with local musicians as well as special guest musical and performance acts to be announced shortly. New this year will be theater performances and a celebration of the visual arts on Sunday. The Museum of Culpeper History will be onsite with activities and the Culpeper Minutemen will be there in full regalia.

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Carrigan, Corey, Daniel, Hamill, Jameson, M.Robinson, Reynolds, Reynolds.

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### **April 22nd, 2023, Saturday (8:30 am) - Re-interment of 14 Revolutionary War Soldiers at Camden, SC**

**Event Level:** National

**Host/POC:** SCSSAR / Doug Doster.

**Location:** Historic Camden Battleground, vicinity 222 Broad St., Camden SC

**Firing Event:** No

**Event (NSSAR) Color Guard Commander:** Lyles.

**Heat Index:** 81F

**Details:** The event will take place at 08:30 am on Saturday the 22nd of April 2023. This is described as a "once in a lifetime opportunity." The NSSAR Color Guard Commander is looking for maximum SAR Guard attendance if possible. NSSAR President General will attend. SAR will march in the funeral cortege.

**Overview:** The event honors 12 Patriot and 2 Crown Soldiers who died and were buried in unmarked graves where they fell on the Camden battlefield (August 16, 1780). The remains will be carried in a funeral cortege led by the US Army's Old Guard along a one mile route to the same Church where Maj Gen Baron de Kalb is buried: Bethesda Presbyterian Church (502, Dekalb St., Camden). Following service, the Soldiers' remains will be re-interred. Virginia's contributions to the Order of Battle at Camden

include: Major Nelson's **Regiment of Virginia State Cavalry** with three troops under Captain Edmund Reed, Captain Martin Armand Vogluson, Captain Charles Fiever. The **1st Continental Artillery of Virginia**, with Captain William Meredith, Captain-Lieutenant John Blair, Captain William Pierce. The **Virginia State Artillery Regiment**. The **Virginia Militia Brigade** under Brigadier General Edward Stevens (Culpeper) with militia units from the following counties: Louisa, Culpeper, Fauquier, Amelia, Caroline, Bedford, Chesterfield, Hanover, Luhenburg, Dinwiddie, Halifax, Charlotte, Henry, Powhatan, Pittsylvania, Amherst, and Mecklenburg.  
**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** LeViner, McKinley, Osborn, Phillips, Reynolds, M.Robinson, Schmidt, Thomas.

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**April 22nd, 2023, Saturday (10:00 am) – Patriots Day at Champe Farm, Middleburg, VA**

**Event Level:** Chapter

**Host/POC:** Sgt Maj John Champe Chapter VASSAR / Ken Bonner.

**Location:** Champe Home site, .23319 Champe Ford Rd, Middleburg, VA.

**Firing Event:** Yes

**Event Color Guard Commander:** B.Schwoerer.

**Heat Index:** 78F

**Details:** Wreath Laying ceremony at obelisk monument located on Champe Home site.

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Hamilton, B.Schwoerer, J.Schwoerer.

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**April 22nd, 2023, Saturday (10:30 am) - President James Monroe's 265th Birthday (birthplace), Colonial Beach, VA**

**Event Level:** Historic

**Host/POC:** (Non-SAR) James Monroe Memorial Foundation / Peter Broadbent.

**VASSAR CG POC:** Melhuish.

**Location:** Monroe's Birthplace House, 4460, James Monroe Highway, Colonial Beach, VA. **Firing Event:** No

**Event Color Guard Commander:** Melhuish.

**Heat Index:** 75F

**Details:** Wreath Laying ceremony in front of Monroe's Birthplace House. See the following website: <https://monroefoundation.org/>

Please RSVP to Peter Broadbent at [pbroadbent@cblaw.com](mailto:pbroadbent@cblaw.com) no later than 18 April if you wish to be recognized in the program. For additional details click on this link: [Letter](#)

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Adolphi, Cook, Davenport, Dunaway, Hamilton, Lyman, Melhuish, Morris, Russell, Schwetke.



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**April 19th, 2023, Wednesday (4:00 pm) - Patriots Day Commemoration**

**Event Level:** National

**Host/POC:** Culpeper Minutemen Chapter VASSAR / Jameson.

**Location:** Masonic Cemetery, 1012 N. Main St., Culpeper, VA.

**Firing Event:** Yes

**Event Color Guard Commander:** Corey

**Details:** Culpeper Minutemen will be conducting a Patriots Day Commemoration at the Masonic Cemetery in Culpeper. Wreaths will be presented.

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Corey, Daniel, Hamill, Jameson, Schwetke.

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**INFORMATION: April 17th, 2023, Monday – Patriots' Day**

**Event Level:** National

**Location:** Various locations

**Details:** This is a SAR national-level event commemorating the eight men of the Lexington Militia killed in action on April 19, 1775.

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**April 15th, 2023, Saturday (11:00 am-2:00 pm) - Annual Multi-Chapter Meeting, Syria, VA**

**Event Level:** Chapter

**Host/POC:** Culpeper Minutemen Chapter VASSAR / Bill Schwetke.

**Location:** Graves Mountain Lodge, 205 Graves Mountain Lane, Syria, VA.

**Firing Event:** Yes

**Event Color Guard Commander:** Schwetke.

**Details:** This will also include the Blessing of Virginia Soil for Waxhaws from 10:45-11:00 am. Color Guard Workshop to follow.

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Bolton, Bonner, Buck, Christensen, Cook, Crain, Daniel, Hodges, Kelly, Parrish, Phillips, Schmidt, Schwetke, B.Schwoerer,

Wheeler, Wilson.

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**April 15th-16th, Saturday-Sunday (Workshop times in details below) - Frontier Regional Meeting with Color Guard Workshop, Abingdon, VA**

**Event Level:** **Chapter**

**Host Chapter:** Col. William Campbell Chapter VASSAR / John Gullion.

**Location:** Abingdon Muster Grounds, 1780 Muster Pl., Abingdon, VA.

**Firing Event:** **Yes**

**Event Color Guard Commander:** Gullion.

**Details:** Please click on this link to access the two day schedule of events and workshop times: [Abingdon](#)

Registration and schedule: [South West Color Guard Workshop Register & Frontier Regional Meeting](#)

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Carrigan, Corey, Gullion, Johnson, Weyler.



**INFORMATION:** April 15th, 2023, Saturday (2:00-5:00 pm) - **Celebration of Life for Compatriot David F. Burks, Winchester, VA**

**Location:** Museum of the Shenandoah Valley, 901 Amherst St., Winchester, VA.



**VASSAR POC:** David Cress, Col. James Wood II Chapter, 540-667-4423

**Details:** Compatriot David Burks was a valued member of the VASSAR Color Guard Committee as the Insurance Advisor, and helped to steer the Society to upgrade our Insurance policy to provide unambiguous coverage for our Guardsmen and more than 2,000 VASSAR Compatriots. A Celebration of Life will be held in the Reception Hall of the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley on Saturday, April 15th between 2 and 5 pm. Compatriot Burks was a member of the Col. James Wood II Chapter VASSAR. His obituary may be read at the following link: [David F. Burks](#)

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**April 13th, 2023, Thursday (11:00 am) - 280th Birthday of President Jefferson (Wreath Laying), District of Columbia**

**Event Level:** **State equivalent** (District of Columbia)

**Host/POC:** DC Society, SAR / Paul Hays, [secretary@dcssar.org](mailto:secretary@dcssar.org)

**Firing event:** **No**

**Details:** The Colors will be carried by the Joint Armed Services Color Guard (DoD). The 280th anniversary of the birth of Thomas Jefferson will be celebrated on Thursday, April 13, 2023. The District of Columbia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, in cooperation with the National Park Service and the Military District of Washington, will sponsor a commemorative ceremony at 11:00 AM that day at the Jefferson Memorial, on the Tidal Basin in Washington. Parking is limited, so leave plenty of time. METRO (Smithsonian station) may be the best option. If you drive, plan to use Lots A, B, or C, located on Ohio Drive between and flanking the spans of the 14th Street Bridges. The lots are up to a half-mile walk from the north steps of the Memorial facing the Tidal Basin, where the ceremony will take place.

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Corey, Schwetke.



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**April 12th, 2023, Wednesday (10:00 am ) – 247th Commemoration of the signing of the Halifax Resolves, Halifax, NC**

**Event Level:** National

**Host/POC:** Halifax Resolves Chapter NCSSAR.

**Location:** Halifax, NC.

**Firing Event:** No

**Details:** The Halifax Resolves was a name later given to the resolution adopted by North Carolina on 12 April 1776. The adoption of the resolution was the first official action in the American Colonies calling for independence from Great Britain during the American Revolution. The Halifax Resolves helped pave the way for the presentation to

Congress of the United States Declaration of Independence less than three months later.

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Hall, Schwetke.



**April 10th, 2023, Monday (3:00 pm) – Funeral and Grave Marking for Compatriot Robert C. “Bob” Wolfe, Abingdon, VA**

**Event Level:** Chapter

**Host/POC:** Gen. William Campbell Chapter VASSAR / John Gullion.

**Location:** Funeral at the Frost Funeral Home, 250 E Main St, Abingdon, VA.

**Firing Event:** No

**Event Color Guard Commander:** Johnson.

**Details:** Compatriot Bob Wolfe passed on Tuesday, January 17th, aged 93. He had been a member of the VASSAR Color Guard and a long-time Gen. William Campbell Chapter member.

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Britton, Carr, Humphreys, Johnson, Richmond.

**April 8th, 2023, Saturday (10:00 am-4:00 pm) - Patriots Day Commemoration, Front Royal, VA**

**Event Level:** National

**Host Chapter:** Col. James Wood II Chapter VASSAR/Corey.

**Location:** Warren Heritage Society, 101 Chester St, Front Royal, VA.

**Firing Event:** Yes

**Event Color Guard Commander:** Schwetke.

**Details:** Wreaths will be presented to commemorate Patriots Day.

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Buck, Carrigan, Christensen, Cook, Corey, Daniel, Heflin, Reynolds, M.Robinson, Schwetke, Tyler.

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