



## April 2024

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### **April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Sunday (12:00 pm) – NSSAR Color Guard Training Video Shoot, Cool Spring Battlefield, Bluemont, VA**

**Event Level:** Other

**Host/POC:** NSSAR / Brett Osborn.

**Location:** 1400 Parker Ln., Bluemont, VA.

**Firing event:** No

**Event Coordinator:** Brett Osborn

**Details:** This is the fourth in a series of SAR Color Guard training videos shot by the Shenandoah University videography department. This particular session focused on sword and pole arm drills.

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Osborn, Melhuish.

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### **April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Saturday (1:00 pm) – Color Guard Workshop, Middletown, VA**

**Event Level:** Chapter (Regional Training)

**Host Chapter:** Co. James Wood II Chapter VASSAR / Dale Corey.

**Location:** Wayside Inn, 7783 Main St., Middletown, VA.

**Firing Event:** Yes

**Event Color Guard Commander:** Corey.

**Details:** Will discuss flag etiquette and sword drill movements. Musket firing certification.

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Buck, Carrigan, Cordes, Corey, Cridge, Daniel, Osborn, McComb, Melhuish, A. Phillips, Reynolds.

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### **April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 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:** TBA.

**Details:** Guard muster at the historic Courthouse no later than 12:15 pm.

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:**

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### **April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Saturday (12:00 pm) – Commemoration of President James Monroe's Birthday, Middletown, VA**

**Event Level:** Chapter

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

**Location:** Wayside Inn, 7783 Main St., Middletown, VA.

**Firing Event:** Yes

**Event Color Guard Commander:** Corey.

**Details:** Wreaths and Chapter flags are presented.

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Buck, Carrigan, Christensen, Cordes, Corey, Daniel, McComb, A.Phillips.



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**April 27th, 2024, 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:** Bonner.

**Details:** The thirtieth annual meeting of eight Virginia SAR chapters who join for friendship and to be addressed by the Virginia SAR President. The meeting will be immediately preceded by The Blessing of Virginia Soil for Waxhaws. The Blessed Virginia Soil will be presented to the Virginia SAR President with a charge to spread it over the mass grave of Virginians on the Waxhaws Battlefield in South Carolina as part of the commemoration of that battle in late May. At the conclusion of the meeting there will be the Traditional Picture of the Eight Chapter Color Guard on the rustic rear porch of Graves' Mountain Lodge. Come march with us and enjoy Springtime in the Mountains, just 69 miles SW of Mount Vernon or 82 miles NW of the Virginia State Capitol. Click here for additional details/registration: [Invitation](#). (Note: there will not be a CG Workshop at this event.)

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Bonner, Hamill, Jameson, B.Schwetke, Simmons, Wilson.

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**April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Saturday (7:30 am) – Honor Flight Color Guard, Ashburn Senior Center, Ashburn, VA**

**Event Level:** Chapter

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

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

**Firing event:** No

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

**Details:**

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Carrigan, Corey, A.Phillips, B.Schwoerer, Tyler.

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**April 21st, 2024, Sunday (2:00 pm) – Patriots Day at Fairfax, VA**

**Event Level:** National

**Host/POC:** Fairfax Resolves Chapter VASSAR / TBD.

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

**Firing Event:** No

**Event Color Guard Commander:** Schmidt.

**Details:** Color Guard muster at 1:15 pm.

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Carrigan, Cook, Cordes, Corey, F.Crain, Daniel, Kelly, McKinley, M.Robinson, Schmidt.



**April 20th, 2024, Saturday (2:00 pm) – Grave Marking for Captain Adam Clement, Gladys, VA**

**Event Level:** Chapter

**Host/POC:** Patrick Henry Chapter VASSAR / Mark Day at [oscm64@msn.com](mailto:oscm64@msn.com)

**Location:** Gladys, VA.

**Firing Event:** Yes

**Event Color Guard Commander:** Gary Hall

**Details:**

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Carrigan, Carwile, Corey, Daniel, Driscoll, G.Hall, A.Phillips, B.Schwoerer.

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**April 20th, 2024, Saturday (11:00 am) – Regional Color Guard Workshop, Patrick Henry's Red Hill, Brookneal, VA**

**Event Level:** Chapter (Regional Training)

**Host/POC:** Patrick Henry Chapter VASSAR / Mark Day at [oscm64@msn.com](mailto:oscm64@msn.com)

**Location:** Patrick Henry's Red Hill, 1250 Red Hill Road, Brookneal, VA.

**Firing Event:** Yes



**Instructor:** Mark Sink

**Details:** The Executive Director of Red Hill has given VASSAR permission to conduct a Color Guard Workshop on site. Open to all VASSAR Guardsmen. Interested participants should plan on registering for the Color Guard Training / Workshop no later than the 18th of April. To register, Compatriots should send their name and chapter to the following email address: [oscm64@msn.com](mailto:oscm64@msn.com).

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Carrigan, Carwile, Corey, Daniel, Driscoll, Geisinger, G.Hall, A.Phillips, B.Schwoerer, Sink.

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**April 20th, 2024, Saturday (10:30 am) - 266th Birthday of President James Monroe (Birthplace), Colonial Beach, VA**

**Event Level:** Historic

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

**VASSAR CG POC:** Osborn.

**Location:** Monroe's Birthplace House, 4460, James Monroe Highway, Colonial Beach, VA.

**Firing Event:** No

**Event Color Guard Commander:** Dunaway.

**Details:** Wreath Laying ceremony in front of Monroe's Birthplace House. Specific details here: [Monroe](https://monroefoundation.org/). See the following website: <https://monroefoundation.org/>

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Boulton, Dunaway, Hamilton, Packett, Russell, Tugman, Wilson.



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**April 20th, 2024, Saturday (10:00 am) – 71st NATO Fest Parade of Nations, Norfolk, VA**

**Event Level:** Public Service

**Host/POC:** Norfolk Chapter VASSAR / John Hall.

**Location:** 150 Park Ave., Norfolk, VA. (See details below.)

**Firing Event:** No

**Event Color Guard Commander:** Thompson

**Details:** The only parade in the U.S. to honor NATO features over 100 parade units

including U.S. and international bands, military units, community groups and floats representing every NATO member nation. The senior NATO Officer (French four-star general) will be the reviewing official. The SAR / French Heritage Combined Color Guard will march in front of the U.S. float (which will display an American Rev War theme) and the Yorktown Fifes and Drums unit (Click here for the parade USA formation: [NATO Parade Playbook](#). Click here for the parade route: [Parade Route](#).) Click here for the parade staging & parking: [Staging](#).)

- **Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Adolphi, Brown, Lynch, Melhuish, Thompson.

- **French Military Color Guard Attendees:** LtCol Dubois, French Air Force; LtCol Chavane, French Air Force.



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**April 19th, 2024, Friday (7:00 pm) – Color Guard support to GMU Rugby Game, Fairfax, VA**

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

**Host/POC:** George Washington Chapter VASSAR / Mark Jackson at [mjackson999@hotmail.com](mailto:mjackson999@hotmail.com), 808-425-6806.

**Location:** George Mason University, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax, VA (additional details TBA).

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

**Event CG Commander:** B.Schwoerer.

**Details:** To celebrate the Universities' namesakes and their historical significance. George Mason was the first university rugby team in the Washington, D.C. area (1965), and George Washington University was the second. GMU competed as the first intercollegiate sports team at George Mason against their "crosstown" rivals GWU and continued to do so almost 60 years later. GMU has requested Color Guard members to



present colors.

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Jackson, McComb, B.Schwoerer, Van Deusen.



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**April 19th, 2024, Friday (4:00 pm) - Patriots Day Commemoration**

**Event Level:** **National**

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

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

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

**Event Color Guard Commander:** TBA.

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

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Bish, Bonner, Carrigan, Corey, Daniel, Hamilton, Jameson, M. Robinson.

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**April 17th, 2024, Wednesday (3:00 pm) – Color Guard support to ROTC, Emory, VA**

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

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

**Location:** Van Dyke Center Dining Hall, Emory and Henry College, 30461 Garnand Dr., Emory, VA.

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

**Details:** The VASSAR Color Guard is requested to provide support to the College ROTC Silver Medal Award ceremony.

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Britton, Combs, Gullion, Lentz, Richmond, Vaughan.



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**INFORMATION: April 15th, 2024, Monday – Patriots Day**

**Event Level: National**

Since 1969, Patriots Day has been observed on the third Monday in April. 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 13th, 2024, Saturday (3:00 pm) – President Thomas Jefferson's Birthday Commemoration, Middletown, VA**

**Event Level: Chapter**

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

**Location:** Wayside Inn, 7783 Main St., Middletown, VA.

**Firing Event: Yes**

**Event Color Guard Commander:** Schwoerer.

**Details:** Wreaths presented and Chapter flags.

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Bayliss, Buck, Carrigan, Christensen, Corey, Daniel, Ford, D.Hall, Parish, A.Phillips, M.Robinson, B.Schwoerer, Simmons, Tyler.



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**April 13th, 2024, Saturday (2:00 pm) – Patriots Day Commemoration, Middletown, VA**

**Event Level:** National

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

**Location:** Wayside Inn, 7783 Main St., Middletown, VA.

**Firing Event:** Yes

**Event Color Guard Commander:** A.Phillips.

**Details:** Wreaths presented and Chapter flags.

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Bayliss, Buck, Carrigan, Christensen, Corey, Daniel, Ford, D.Hall, Parish, A.Phillips, M.Robinson, B.Schwoerer, Simmons, Tyler.

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**April 13th, 2024, Saturday (11:00 am) – Commemoration of John Champe & Patriots Day, Middleburg, VA**

**Event Level:** Chapter

**Host Chapter:** Sgt Maj John Champe Chapter / Barry Schwoerer

([bschwoerer@comcast.net](mailto:bschwoerer@comcast.net))

**Location:** Champe Farm, Champe Ford Road, Middleburg, VA. (Across Highway 50 from Cana Winery. Follow signs.)

**Firing Event:** Yes

**Event Color Guard Commander:** Sink

**Details:** Commemorate John Champe at an obelisk erected from stone from his farmhouse on land he owned. Following will be a commemoration of Patriots Day and the remembrance of the first Patriots killed in action at the opening battle of the Revolutionary War.

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Carrigan, Christensen, Corey, Daniel, Morris, Parish, A.Phillips, M.Robinson, B.Schwoerer, Sink, Tyler, Van Deusen, Welker, Workman.

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**April 13th, 2024, Saturday (11:00 am) – 281st 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

**VASSAR Vice President Escort:** Bonner.

**Details:** VASSAR will be represented by 1st VP Mike Weyler. The Joint Armed Services Color Guard (DoD) will carry the Colors (confirmed). The 281st anniversary of

the birth of Thomas Jefferson will be celebrated on Saturday, April 13, 2024. 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:** Bonner, Jackson, McComb.



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**April 12th, 2024, Friday (10:30 am) – Commemoration of the signing of the Halifax Resolves, Halifax, NC**

**Event Level:** **National**

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

**Location:** Halifax State Historic Site, 70 Market St, Halifax, NC.

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

**Event Color Guard Commander:** TBA.

**NCSSAR State Color Guard Commander:** McKee.

**Details:** Weapons check for participants will commence at 09:45 am. **No firelocks will be discharged.** Color Guard muster at 10:00 am. Registration form here: [Halifax Registration](#) (RSVP no later than 8 April). A post-event luncheon will be held at the Halifax UMC, 152 S. King St., following the program.

The Halifax Resolves was a name later given to the resolution adopted by North Carolina on 12 April 1776. Adopting 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 of the United States Declaration of Independence to Congress less than three months later. Halifax State Historic site link: [Halifax State Historic Site](#)

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:**

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