



## December 2023

**December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Saturday (1:00 pm) – Veterans Appreciation Ceremony, Tazewell, VA**

**Event Level:** Chapter

**Host/POC:** Gen. William Campbell Chapter VASSAR / Kevin Combs at [kcombs@carilionclinic.org](mailto:kcombs@carilionclinic.org)

**Location:** American Legion Building, 222 N. Central Ave., Tazewell, VA.

**Event Color Guard Commander:** Gullion.

**Firing Event:** No

**Details:** The General William Campbell Chapter, in association with the Clinch Mountain Militia Chapter of the SAR, will present local veterans with a certificate of appreciation for their military service. 20 veterans will be honored during this event on December 30, 2023, at 1:00 pm at the American Legion Building in Tazewell, Virginia. The Color Guard will present the Colors at the beginning of the ceremony. Color Guard muster no later than 12:30 pm.

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



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**December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Sunday (11:00 am) - Wreaths Across America, Front Royal, VA**

**Event Level:** National

**Host/POC:** Col. James Wood II Chapter VASSAR and Boy Scout Troop #4

**Location:** Prospect Hill Cemetery, Prospect St, Front Royal, VA.

**Firing Event:** No (rain)

**Event Color Guard Commander:** Corey.

**Details:** TBA.

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Bonner, Carrigan, Corey, Daniel, M.Robinson, Reynolds, Tyler.



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**December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Saturday (times: see flyer) - 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Boston Tea Party, Boston, MA**



**Event Level:** National (250<sup>th</sup>)

**Host/POC:** Co-hosted by MASSAR.

**Location:** City of Boston, MA.

**Firing Event:** TBA

**Event Color Guard Commander:** Collins (NSSAR CG Cdr)

**Details:** On December 16, 2023, Boston will commemorate the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Boston Tea Party, a moment that forever changed the course of American history. On this day the collaborative efforts of multiple organizations will culminate in a grand-scale reenactment of the Boston Tea Party. A full evening of reenactments will play out in 4-parts across the City of Boston at several historic locations. Click here for [Overview](#).

Click on the following link for event and hotel information: [Flyer](#).

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



Photo: Stuart Cahill, Boston Herald

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**December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Saturday (7:40 pm) – 250<sup>th</sup> Tea Party Observance, Warrenton, VA**



**Event Level: Chapter**

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

**Location:** Fauquier County Courthouse, Warrenton, VA.

**Firing Event: No**

**Event Color Guard Commander:** Schwetke.

**Details:** TBA.

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Bonner, Corey, Daniel, Hamill, E.Robinson, M.Robinson, Schwetke.

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**December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Saturday (7:40 pm) – 250<sup>th</sup> Tea Party Observance, Culpeper, VA**



**Event Level: Chapter**

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

**Location:** Yowell Meadow Park, Culpeper, VA.

**Firing Event: No**

**Event Color Guard Commander:** Jameson.



**Details:** TBA.

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Crain, Dennis, Jameson.

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**December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Saturday (6:00 pm) - Boston Tea Party 250<sup>th</sup> Commemoration, Fredericksburg, VA**



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

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

**Location:** City Dock Park, 207 Sophia St., Fredericksburg, VA.

**Event Color Guard Commander:** TBA

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

**Details:** If you can't make Boston, come instead to Fredericksburg to celebrate one of the most famous tea-ditching events in our nation's history. This event will involve a short march to the Park Dock and observe tea leaves being dumped in the river. Color Guard muster at 5:30 pm in the commuter parking lot at the Fredericksburg train station ( located on riverside of Caroline Street and on south side of the train station). At 6 pm we will march downside of Sofia Street to City Park / Dock for a short program and ceremonial dumping of tea leaves.

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Hamilton, A.Mills, J.Mills..



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**December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Saturday 3:30 pm) - Boston Tea Party 250<sup>th</sup> Commemoration, Leesburg, VA**



**Event Level:** Chapter

**Host/POC:** Sgt Maj John Champe Chapter VASSAR / Barry Schwoerer at [bschwoerer@comcast.net](mailto:bschwoerer@comcast.net)

**Location:** Loudoun County Courthouse near the Spirit of Loudoun Revolutionary War Statue, 18 E Market St., Leesburg, VA.

**Firing Event:** No

**Event Color Guard Commander:** Schwoerer.

**Details:** Come listen to background and quotes from Founding fathers regarding an event that kick started the Revolution. Replica tea chests will be displayed. Attendees will be poured a cup of tea that they will empty into buckets. They will then receive a cup of hot coffee.

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Bonner, Christensen, Corey, Daniel, Schwoerer, Sink, Workman.

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**December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Saturday (3:00 pm) - 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Boston Tea Party, Bridgewater, VA**



**Event Level:** Chapter

**Host/POC:** Fort Harrison Chapter VASSAR / Bridgewater Historical Society.

**Location:** Wildwood Park, 104 Miller Dr., Bridgewater, VA.

**Event Color Guard Commander:**

**Firing Event:** Yes (re-enacting group: Beaver Creek Longknives)

**Details:** With the Sons of the American Revolution and the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Bridgewater Historical Society will help commemorate one of the defining moments in American history in the "harbor" at Wildwood Park. Bring the family and relive our country's history as we prepare for the 250th anniversary of the birth of the United States in 2026. Presenters, Musket Volley, Refreshments.

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



With the Beaver Creek Longknives Reenactors and Paul Parish

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**December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Saturday (10:20 am) - Wreaths Across America, Purcellville, VA**

**Event Level:** National

**Host/POC:** Col. James Wood II, Sgt Maj John Champe Chapters VASSAR, and Ketoctin Chapter VADAR.

**Location:** (1) Ketoctin Baptist Church, 16595 Ketoctin Church Road, Purcellville, VA.  
(2) North Fork Baptist Church, 38130 North Fork, Purcellville, VA.

**Firing Events (2):** Yes (both locations)

**Event Color Guard Commander:** Corey.

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Bonner, Christensen, Corey, Daniel, Hall, Reynolds, E.Robinson, M.Robinson, Schwoerer, Sink, Van Deusen, Weyler, Workman.

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**December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Saturday (6:00 pm) - Leesburg Christmas Parade, Leesburg, VA.**

**Event Level:** Chapter

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

**Location:** King St., Leesburg, VA.

**Firing Event:** No

**Event Color Guard Commander:** Schwoerer.

**Details:** The parade will begin at Ida Lee Park at 6:00pm and travel south down King Street, ending at Fairfax Street. Lighted holiday floats, music and local organizations will be participating to bring holiday cheer to Leesburg.

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Christensen, Daniel, Phillips, Schwetke, Schwoerer, Sink, Workman.

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**December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Saturday (1: 00 pm) - Christmas 1780 After the Victory, Abingdon, VA**

**Event Level:** Chapter

**Host/POC:** Gen. William Campbell Chapter VASSAR / John Gullion.  
**Location:** Abingdon Muster Grounds, 1780 Muster Place, Abingdon, VA.  
**Firing Event:** No  
**Event Color Guard Commander:** Gullion.  
**Details:** Annual Christmas event.  
**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Britton, Combs, Gullion, Vaughan.

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**December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Saturday (12:30 pm) - Grave marking, North Hill Farm, Berryville, VA**

**Event Level:** Chapter

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

**Location:** North Hill Farm, 67 North Hill Lane, Berryville, VA.

**Firing Event:** Yes

**Event Color Guard Commander:** Schmidt

**Details:** Ketocin DAR and Fort Loudoun DAR will participate. After the Boston tea Party celebration, attendees will process to a nearby cemetery for a wreath laying ceremony at the grave of George Washington's niece.

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Christensen, Collins, Cordes, Corey, Daniel, Dunaway, McKinley, Phillips, M.Robinson, Schmidt, Simmons, Tyler.

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**December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Saturday (11:00 am) - 250th Anniversary of the Boston Tea Party, Berryville, VA**



**Event Level:** Chapter

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

**Location:** North Hill Farm, 67 North Hill Lane, Berryville, VA.

**Firing Event:** Yes

**Event Color Guard Commander:** Schmidt

**Details:** Ketocin DAR and Fort Loudoun DAR will participate. Tea will be dumped into the Shenandoah River to commemorate the event. After this commemorative event, attendees will process to a nearby cemetery for a wreath laying ceremony at the grave of George Washington's niece. In the event of inclement weather, an indoor venue is available. Musket volleys will be fired at both ceremonies. Color Guard muster at 10:15 am.

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Carrigan, Christensen, Collins, Cordes, Corey, Cridge, Daniel, Dunaway, McKinley, Phillips, M.Robinson, Schmidt, Simmons, Tyler.





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**December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Saturday (7:17 am) - Culpeper Commemoration of Battle of Great Bridge, Culpeper, VA**

**Event Level:** Chapter

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

**Location:** Culpeper Minuteman Monument, Yowell Meadow Park, Culpeper, VA.

**Firing Event:** Yes

**Event Color Guard Commander:** Schwetke.

**Details:** TBA.

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Cook, Daniel, Dunaway, Jameson, Phillips, Schwetke, Weyley.

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**December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, Sunday (5:00 pm) - Gold Star Family Gala, Virginia Beach, VA**

**Event Level:** Public Service

**Host/POC:** Honor and Remember Organization / George Lutz, the founder and Gold Star father.

**VASSAR POC:** Thompson.

**Location:** The Founder's Inn, 5641 Indian River Rd., Virginia Beach, VA 23464. Hotel reservation: [833-449-1273](tel:833-449-1273)

**Firing event:** No

**Event Color Guard Commander:** Thompson.

**Details:** This will mark the eleventh year the VASSAR Color Guard has supported this annual public service event. It is held to honor and remember our fallen servicemen and women at the Gold Star Family Gala. Several hundred people typically attend this event. Only a small Color Guard is usually provided: two musket men and two flag bearers (US and the Honor & Remember flags).



The NSSAR President General's June 29, 2010, Resolution stated in part, "...be it resolved that the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution supports legislation to establish a unique national flag to honor and remember those who have given their lives in military service for our great nation, the United States of America...and it further resolved that the United States Congress is urged to adopt House of Representatives Bill 1034 to select the 'Honor and Remember Flag' which has been created by Honor and Remember, Incorporated, to serve as a national symbol."

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Adolphi, Melhuish, Schwetke, Thompson.



SAR Compatriot Mike Rose, Medal of Honor recipient (center)

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**December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, Sunday (2:00 pm) - Middletown Christmas Parade, Middletown, VA.**

**Event Level:** Chapter

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

**Location:** Middletown, VA.

**Firing Event:** No

**Event Color Guard Commander:** Corey.

**Details:** Muster time is 12:15. A float and another vehicle for those who are not able to walk the route will be available (six spots for riders). We hope to have a couple of compatriots who can carry a parade banner. Flag harnesses will be provided for those who wish to march. The parade is one mile in length, not including the half mile to the parking lot.

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Bayliss, Buck, Carrigan, Christensen, Corey, Daniel, E.Robinson, M.Robinson, B.Schwoerer, Tyler, Workman.



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**December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023, Saturday (11:00 am) – Support to DAR Luncheon, Winchester, VA**

**Event Level: Chapter**

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

**Location:** George Washington Hotel, 103 E Piccadilly St., Winchester, VA.

**Firing Event: No**

**Event Color Guard Commander:** Corey.

**Details:** The CJWII Color Guard will present the colors for the DAR luncheon. Color Guard muster at 10:15.

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Collins, Corey, Daniel, Robinson, Tyler.





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**December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023, Saturday (11:00 am) - 248<sup>th</sup> Commemoration of the Battle of Great Bridge, Chesapeake, VA**

**Event Level:** National

**Co-Hosts/POCs:** Norfolk Chapter VASSAR / Bob Bruce; Great Bridge Chapter VADAR / Lisa Davis.

**Location:** 1775 Historic Way, Chesapeake, VA. (Inclement weather alternate location: Chesapeake Municipal Center, Council Chambers, 306 Cedar Rd., Chesapeake, VA)

**Firing Event:** Yes

**National Color Guard Commander:** Collins.

**VASSAR Color Guard Commander:** Melhuish.

**Honor Guard Commander:** Thompson.

**Details:** Color Guard muster no later than 10:15. Link to the event's formal invitation (click here): [Invitation](#). Please register no later than November 22. This event commemorates the Battle of Great Bridge, fought December 9, 1775, in Great Bridge, Virginia, early in the American Revolutionary War. The victory by colonial Virginia militia forces led to the departure of Royal Governor Lord Dunmore and any remaining vestiges of British power over the Colony of Virginia during the early days of the conflict. Following increasing political and military tensions in early 1775, Dunmore and colonial rebel leaders recruited troops and struggled for available military supplies. The struggle eventually focused on Norfolk, where Dunmore had taken refuge aboard a Royal Navy vessel. Dunmore's forces had fortified one side of a critical river crossing south of Norfolk at Great Bridge, while rebel forces had occupied the other. Dunmore



ordered an attack across the bridge to break up the rebel gathering, which was decisively repulsed. Colonel William Woodford, the Virginia militia commander at the battle, described it as "a second Bunker's Hill affair". Shortly thereafter, Norfolk, at the time a Loyalist center, was abandoned by Dunmore and the Tories, who fled to navy ships in the harbor. Rebel-occupied Norfolk was destroyed on January 1, 1776, in an action begun by Dunmore and completed by rebel forces.

Color Guard Playbook click here: [Great Bridge](#)

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Adolphi, Cook, Davenport, Day, Dennis, Dunaway, Hamill, Hamilton, Jameson, Lynch, McKinley, Melhuish, Morris, Schmidt, Schwetke, Thomas, Thompson, Weyler, Wilson.

**Georgia SAR Color Guard Attendee:** Collins.

**North Carolina SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Davis, DeLoach, Dowless, Elliott, Grimes.

