



February 2024

February 29th, 2024, Thursday – Spring Leadership, Louisville, KY

Event Level: National

Host/POC: NSSAR

Location: The Brown Hotel, 335 West Broadway, Louisville, KY.

Details: Click here for the [Agenda](#). Click here for [Registration](#).

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Bonner, Crain, Lynch, Kelly, Osborn, B.Schwetke.

February 24th, 2024, Saturday (11:00 am) – Commemoration 1766 Leedstown Resolutions, Oak Grove, VA

Event Level: State

Host/POC: James Monroe Chapter VASSAR / Charles Belfield.

Location: Ingleside Winery, 5872 Leedstown Rd., Oak Grove, VA.

Firing Event: No

Event Color Guard Commander: Schwetke.

Details: During a fireside chat between brothers Richard Henry Lee and Francis Lightfoot Lee, they will discuss the origins of the seeds of rebellion planted after the French and Indian War in 1763. After the lengthy and costly war, Britain was under a massive debt load and had to find relief. Several egregious acts ensued, including the 1765 Stamp Act, taxation without representation, and other taxes being raised to defray the debt and interest. The responses from the Colonists, including the 1766 Leedstown Resolutions, were just the tip of the iceberg. The spiral of discontent had begun, and a flame had touched down on the long fuse to the biggest powder keg of all that would ignite the American Revolutionary War. For more information and registration, click here: [registration](#).

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Beckett, Belfield, McComb, Morris, Packett, B.Schwetke.

February 24th, 2024, Saturday (10:00 am) Commemoration of the Battle of Moore's Creek, Currie, NC

Event Level: National

Host/POC: Lower Cape Fear Chapter NCSSAR / Gary Green at garyogreen@gmail.com

Location: Moore's Creek Battlefield, 200 Moore's Creek Dr, Currie, NC.

Firing Event: Yes

Event Color Guard Commander: TBA.

Details: The Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge was fought in North Carolina on 27 February 1776. The Patriot victory ended British authority in North Carolina and provided an essential boost to Patriot morale. Within two months of the American victory, North Carolina became the first colony to vote in favor of independence from Britain.

Please register (use the following link) [no later than January 29](#) to be included in the

program: [Registration](#).

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: UNK

February 22nd, 2024, Thursday (4:00 pm) – George Washington's Birthday and Reading of his Farewell Address, Culpeper, VA

Event Level: National

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

Location: Masonic Cemetery, Culpeper, VA.

Firing Event: Yes

Event Color Guard Commander: Schwetke.

Details: This observance is conducted near the graves of General Edward Stevens and Colonel John Jameson.

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Cordes, Hamilton, Jameson, Schwetke.

February 22nd, Thursday (2:00 pm) – George Washington Birthday Celebration, Yorktown, VA

Event Level: National

Host/POC: Williamsburg Chapter VASSAR / Gary Dunaway at ormazd72@gmail.com

Location: American Revolution War Museum, 200 Water St., Yorktown, VA.

Firing Event: No

Event Color Guard Commander: Dunaway

Details: The American Revolution Museum at Yorktown has graciously agreed for our Color Guard to commemorate George Washington's Birthday at 2:00 PM on Thursday, February 22nd. We will conduct the ceremony at the Houdon Washington statue in the gallery. Firelocks are permitted -- but do not bring black powder cartridges. Muster in the museum's entrance lobby at 1:20 pm.

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Adolphi, Brown, Dunaway, Hodges, Johnston, Lynch, Miller, Thompson, Westenberger.



February 22nd, 2024, Thursday (11:00 am) – Commemoration of George Washington’s Birthday, Winchester, VA

Event Level: National

Host/POC: Col. James Wood II Chapter VASSAR / Chip Daniel.

Location: 32 W. Cork St., Winchester, VA.

Firing Event: No

Event Color Guard Commander: Daniel.

Details: Commemoration of George Washington’s Birthday. Muster at 10:15 am.

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Cordes, Cridge, Daniel, Jameson, Schwetke, Simmons.



February 22nd, Thursday (9:00 am) – Wreath Laying at Geo. Washington’s Tomb, Mt. Vernon, VA

Event Level: National

Host/POC: George Washington Chapter VASSAR / Scot Bryant at sbryant.sarmail@gmail.com

Location: Mt. Vernon, VA.

Firing event: No

Event Color Guard Commander: TBA

Details: A shuttle bus will provide transportation from the front of the Mount Vernon Inn restaurant to Washington's Tomb. (Please plan to arrive early in time to catch the shuttle bus.)

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:

February 19th, 2024, Monday (1:00 pm) – George Washington Birthday Parade, Alexandria, VA

Event Level: National

Host/POC: George Washington Chapter VASSAR / Scot Bryant at sbryant.sarmail@gmail.com

Location: Old Town Alexandria, Alexandria, VA.

Firing Event: No

Event Color Guard Commander: B.Schwoerer.

Details: The parade route resumes its former route. The parade float offered to the SMJC Chapter is registered for the parade. Seats for 4-6 riders. Please contact Barry Schworer at bschworer@comcast.net if you wish to ride.

Parade Website: <https://washingtonbirthday.com/20234-parade-route-copy>

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Adamy, Christensen, Cordes, Crain, Daniel, Dooley, A.Mills, J.Mills, Petrie, Phillips, M.Robinson, Schwetke, B.Schworer, Sink, Tyler, J.Thomas, Workman.



February 19th, 2024, Monday (11:00 am) – Tomb of the Unknown Soldier of the American Revolution, Alexandria, VA

Event Level: **Chapter**

Host/POC: Kate Waller Barrett Chapter VADAR / George Washington Chapter VASSAR / Scot Bryant at sbryant.sarmail@gmail.com

Location: Old Presbyterian Meeting House, 323 South Fairfax Street, Alexandria, VA.

Firing Event: **No**

Event Color Guard Commander: B.Schwetke.

Details: SAR-DAR Wreath Laying at the Old Presbyterian Meeting House (OPMH) honoring an Unknown Revolutionary War Soldier typically finishes by 12 Noon. A small VASSAR Color Guard will support this event.

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Adamy, Christensen, Cordes, Crain, Daniel, Dooley, A.Mills, J.Mills, Petrie, A.Phillips, M.Robinson, Schwetke, B.Schworer, J.Thomas, Tyler, Weyler.



February 17th, 2024, Saturday (10:00-11:00 am) – Commemoration of the Crossing of the Dan, South Boston, VA

Event Level: National

Host/POC: Dan River Chapter VASSAR / Gary Hall.

Location: The Prizery, 700 Bruce St., South Boston, VA.

Firing Event: Yes (fired by the 7th VA Regt. Certificate of Insurance held by VASSAR.)

National Color Guard Commander: Collins.

Details: Following an American victory at the Battle of Cowpens in South Carolina in January 1781, General Nathanael Greene's southern army outran British forces under Lord Cornwallis as both armies raced northward across the Carolinas. What became known as the Race to the Dan a few weeks later, on February 14, 1781, became "The Crossing" when Greene's army crossed the Dan River to safety near South Boston. The Crossing of the Dan became a turning point in the American Revolution, precipitating events that led to the British surrender at Yorktown. Playbook is at the following link:

[Crossing of the Dan Playbook](#). Additional information and registration at this link: [Dan](#)

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Bonner, Corey, Daniel, M.Day, G.Hall, LeViner, O'Kelley, A.Phillips, Morris, M.Robinson, Schwetke, Williams.

Georgia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Collins.



February 16th, 2024, Friday (5:00 pm) – Commemoration of the Banister River Crossing, Halifax, VA

Event Level: Chapter

Host/POC: Dan River Chapter VASSAR / Gary Hall.

Location: The historic Halifax United Methodist Church; 133 Mountain Road; Town of Halifax, VA.

Firing Event: Yes

Event Color Guard Commander: Hall.

Details: After a program at the church, the color guard will march to the Halifax War Memorial. The Race to the Dan River did not end General Greene's Southern Army's retreat from General Cornwallis' British Army after crossing the Dan River on February 14, 1781. That river was only passable by boat at the time but could have gone down quickly, allowing a continued pursuit by the British. Although Greene was successful in his objective, he was concerned enough to prepare for continuing the retreat by preparing another crossing of the Staunton River at Cole's Ferry. While some of Greene's troops stayed on the north bank of the Dan for surveillance, the main army moved north, crossing the Banister River at Cowford, near this site, onto the old Halifax Court House at Crystal Hill some five or six miles north of the Banister. Additional information and registration at this link: [Banister](#)

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Bonner, Corey, M.Day, Geisinger, G.Hall, Morris, M.Robinson, Schwetke, Williams.



February 15th, 2023, Thursday (7-8:30 pm) - VASSAR CG Commander's Workshop & Town Hall (Zoom)



Event Level: State

Host: Brett Osborn, VASSAR CG Commander

Details: Compatriots, the VASSAR Color Guard Commander, now hosts a virtual (Zoom) CG Workshop on the first Thursday following the Annual/Semi-Annual VASSAR Meetings. This replaces the previous CG Workshops during those meetings, allowing Compatriots to attend other functions. Since we are looking to conduct more frequent

CG Workshops in each Region during the year, the CG Commander Workshop is designed to inform Guardsmen on the status of the Guard, initiatives, and focus on the next few months, as well as offering Compatriots an opportunity to provide feedback and comment to the CG Committee. Slides will be posted on the CG Resources page after the Zoom.

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Bonner, Boulton, Christensen, Combs, Cordes, Corey, Daniel, M.Day, Dunaway, Gullion, G.Hall, J.Hamilton, Hodges, Huddleston, LeViner, Lynch, Melhuish, R.Miller, A.Mills, Morris, Osborn, Parish, Peters, A Phillips, Rankin, M.Robinson, Sink, Schmidt, Schwalm, Schwetke, B.Schwoerer, Thompson, Welker, M.Wilson.



VASSAR Color Guard Workshop & Town Hall

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February 9th-10th, 2024, Friday-Saturday – 134th Annual VASSAR Meeting, Richmond, VA

Event Level: State

Host/POC: Richmond and George Washington Chapters, VASSAR

Location: Richmond Omni Hotel, 100 S 12th St., Richmond, VA.

Firing Event: No

Event Color Guard Commander: Melhuish.

Details: This is a state-level event hosted by the VASSAR, including the Annual Meeting, Public Service, Memorial, and Chapter Awards, as well as the installation of 2024 - 2025 Officers and the Society's 104th President.

There will be a Guardsmen social get-together and awards presentation (“**Drumhead Muster**”) on Friday 2-4 pm in Omni Salon "D". This will also be open to all VASSAR Compatriots and will provide an opportunity for Compatriots seeking to join the Guard to get information on period attire, etc. A table will be set up to sell hunting shirts. Billy Flora medals and OLCs will be presented at the Drumhead Muster. Additional details were provided separately on February 3rd in an "Orders to the Guard."

Annual Meeting Program click here: [Program](#).

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Abbott, Adolphi, Bonner, Boulton, Christensen, Combs, J.Cook, Cordes, Corey, Crain, Daniel, Davenport, Day, Dooley, Driscoll, Dunaway, Elston, Hamill, Hamilton, Hartman, Hodges, Jameson, Kelly, Lynch, McKinley, Melhuish, Morris, O'Kelley, Osborn, Parish, Peters, M.Robinson (D), Schmidt, B.Schwetke, B.Schwoerer, Sink, Thomas, Thompson, Weyler, Wilson.
Note: (D) denotes Drumhead Muster only.

February 9th, 2024, Friday (11:00 am) – Patriot Grave Marking, Richmond, VA

Event Level: Chapter

Host/POC: Richmond Chapter VASSAR / Chris Yohn.

Location: Shockoe Hill Cemetery, 320 Hospital St., Richmond, VA

Firing event: Yes

Event Color Guard Commander: Bonner.

Details: Join us on Friday, February 9, at 11 a.m. to mark the graves of two of the Patriots listed on the Shockoe Hill Cemetery SAR Patriots Monument: Captain Philip Slaughter and Sergeant James Vaughn. Captain Slaughter was a Culpeper Minute Man who answered Patrick Henry's call to march on Williamsburg, served under Colonel Daniel Morgan, wintered at Valley Forge, and fought in the major battles of the war. Sergeant Vaughn served in the Virginia State Line and fulfilled a three-year term of service in the American Revolution.

Parking details: Enter from Hospital Street. The gate and the roads are narrow. The ceremony takes place at the SAR Patriots Monument located toward the back of the cemetery, straight down the entrance road. Park on the side of the cemetery roads, pulling to the right to allow traffic to pass your vehicle. Do not park beyond the monument to prevent vehicles from appearing in event photography. Registration: [Shockoe Marking](#). Click here for the Playbook page: [Shockoe Playbook](#).

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Abbott, Adolphi, Bonner, Boulton, Christensen, Combs, Cordes, Corey, Crain, Daniel, Davenport, Day, Driscoll, Hodges, Jameson, Lynch, Morris, Peters, M.Robinson, B.Schwetke, B.Schwoerer, Sink, Thompson, Wilson.

February 3rd, 2024, Saturday (1:00 pm) - Honoring Black and Native American Patriots, Rapidan, VA

Event Level: Chapter

Host/POC: Culpeper Minutemen Chapter VASSAR / Hamill.

Location: Carver Center, 9432 N. James Madison Hwy. Rapidan, VA (this is a change from the original plan).

Firing Event: Yes

Event Color Guard Commander: Bonner.

Details: Kick-off to Black History Month - The Culpeper Minutemen Chapter has recognized African American and Native American Patriots during other events. The Chapter hopes this will become an annual event fully recognizing the efforts and sacrifices of Black and Native American Patriots in the Revolution.

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Bonner, Christensen, Cordes, Corey, Daniel, M.Day, Dennis, Hamill, Jameson, A.Phillips, B.Schwoerer, Sink.

