



January 2024

January 27th, 2024, Saturday (1:30 pm) – Peter Muhlenberg Commemoration, Woodstock, VA Event Level: State

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

Location: Shenandoah County Courthouse, 103 Main Street, Woodstock, VA.

Firing Event: No

Event Color Guard Commander: Daniel.

Details: Peter Muhlenberg was an ordained Anglican pastor serving a Lutheran community in Woodstock, VA. Besides his new congregation, he led the Committee of Safety and Correspondence for Dunmore County, Virginia. He was elected to the House of Burgesses in 1774 and was a delegate to the First Virginia Convention. Toward the end of 1775, Muhlenberg was authorized to raise and command the 8th Virginia Regiment of the Continental Army. After George Washington personally asked him to accept this task, he agreed. However, his brother Fredrick Augustus Muhlenberg, a minister, disapproved of him going into the army until the British burned down his church in front of him. Then, he joined the military himself. According to a biography written by his great-nephew in the mid-19th century, on January 21, 1776, in the Lutheran church in Woodstock, Virginia, Reverend Muhlenberg took his sermon text from the third chapter Ecclesiastes, which starts with "To everything, there is a season..."; after reading the eighth verse, "a time of war, and a time of peace," he declared, "And this is the time of war," removing his clerical robe to reveal his Colonel's uniform. Outside the church door, the drums began to roll as men turned to kiss their wives and then walked down the aisle to enlist, and within half an hour, 162 men were enrolled. The next day, he led 300 men from the county to form the nucleus of the 8th Virginia Regiment.

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Bayliss, Bonner, Buck, Christensen, Cordes, Corey, F.Crain, Daniel, M.Day, Dennis, D.Hall, Hamill, Jameson, L.Johnson, McComb, A.Mills, E.Moore, Parish, Reed, W.Reynolds, E.Robinson, M.Robinson, Schwetke, B.Schwoerer, Simmons, Tyler, M.Wilson.



January 17th, 2024, Wednesday (10:30 am) – Commemoration of the Battle of Cowpens

Event Level: National

Host/POC: Daniel Morgan Chapter SCSSAR / Hoyle at jdhoyle@rocketmail.com.

Location: 4001 Chesnee Highway, Gaffney, SC.

Firing Event: Yes (NPS restrictions apply)

Event Color Guard Commander: Collins.

Details: Fought on January 17, 1781, the Battle of Cowpens was an engagement during the American Revolutionary War between American Colonial forces under Brigadier General Daniel Morgan and British forces under Lieutenant Colonel Banastre Tarleton as part of the campaign in the Carolinas (North and South).

The National SAR Wreath Laying Ceremony will be held at the National Monument in front of the Visitors Center, Cowpens National Battlefield. Only a single wreath will be presented at the Monument. Organizations wishing to have their names recognized as wreath presenters should send the name of the organization and presenter to

jdhoyle@rocketmail.com. These will be compiled into a list, which will be published/scrolled on the Cowpens National Battlefield Social Media accounts on the day of the event. The deadline for registrations is Monday, January 1, 2024

Note: Beginning in 2023, the National Park Service elected to hold the formal anniversary ceremonies on the actual anniversary of the Battle of Cowpens.

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Osborn, Richmond.

January 13th, 2024, Saturday (1:00 pm) – Commemoration of the Battle of Cowpens at Daniel Morgan's Gravesite, Winchester, VA

Event Level: Chapter

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

Location: Mt. Hebron Cemetery, 305 E. Boscawen St., Winchester, VA.

Firing Event: Yes

Event Color Guard Commander: Corey.

Details: TBA.

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Bayliss, Bonner, Carrigan, Christensen, Collins, Cordes, Corey, Daniel, D.Hall, Moore, Morris, Osborn, Parmeter, Reed, Reynolds, M.Robinson, Schwetke, B.Schwoerer, Tyler, Weyler, Williams, Wilson.

Maryland SAR Color Guard Attendee: Harris.



January 13th, 2024, Saturday (11:00 am) – Commemoration of the 1776 Burning of Norfolk, VA

Event Level: Chapter

Host/POC: Norfolk Chapter VASSAR / Bob Bruce.

Location: St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 201 St. Paul's Blvd., Norfolk, VA

Firing Event: No

Event Color Guard Commander: Melhuish.

Details: Color Guard muster at 10:15 am. The Norfolk Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution and the Old Cannonball Society, Children of the American Revolution are co-hosting a commemoration of the 248th anniversary of the burning of Norfolk. This is an inaugural local event in preparation for Norfolk 250.

This was pivotal during the American Revolutionary War and Virginia's effort to free herself from Lord Dunmore and Royal rule. Forced to embark in ships after the Battle of Great Bridge, and with the Patriots occupying Norfolk, the British bombarded Norfolk. The Patriots eventually burned Norfolk to deny British use of the key Virginia port.

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Dennis, Jameson, Hamill, Melhuish, Miller.



January 7th, 2024, Sunday (2:30 pm) – Wreath Laying – Battle of Assunpink Creek, Trenton, NJ

Event Level: **National** (“Ten Crucial Days”)

Host/POC: NJSSAR / Richard Serfass.

Location: Mill Hill Park, East Front St., South Broad St., Trenton, NJ.

Firing Event: **No**

Event Color Guard Commander: TBA.

Details: Commemorative Wreath Laying as part of the Ten Crucial Days Campaign.

Note: there will be a "Dutch" Lunch at Leonardo's II, (2021 Brunswick Pike, Lawrence, NJ) from 1:00 to 2:00 pm.

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Osborn.

January 7th, 2024, Sunday (2:00 pm) – Old Christmas at the Old Russell County Courthouse, Castlewood, VA

Event Level: **Chapter**

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

Location: Old Russell County Courthouse, 24071 US Hwy 58, Castlewood, VA.

Firing Event: **No**

Event Color Guard Commander: Gullion.

Details: TBA.

Virginia SAR Color Guard attendees: Blakson, Britton, Combs, Gullion.

January 7th, 2024, Sunday (11:30 am) – Wreath Laying – Battle of Princeton, Princeton, NJ

Event Level: **National** (“Ten Crucial Days”)

Host/POC: NJSSAR / Richard Serfass.

Location: Princeton Battlefield State Park, 500 Mercer St., Princeton, NJ.

Firing Event: **No**

Event Color Guard Commander: TBA.

Details: Commemorative Wreath Laying as part of the Ten Crucial Days Campaign.

Details of the battle celebration, click here: <https://pbs1777.org/event/battle-of-princeton-2024/>

Important note: Mercer Street will be closed at 9:00 AM, so the Princeton Battlefield State Park parking lot will have limited access. Access will be available to reenactors, members of the military in uniform, and Color Guard in period dress. Officers and SR-NJ Color Guard members not in period dress will also have access, but to reserve space, we need to provide the PBS Parking Team with a list of names. Regardless, to park at the Princeton Battlefield State Parking lot, you **MUST arrive before 9:00 AM**. Anyone who arrives after 9:00 AM, must use Parking Options #2, 3 or 4 on the attached document. [Princeton](#)

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Osborn.
