



July 2023

July 22nd, 2023, Saturday (11:00 am) - 249th Anniversary of the Signing of the Fairfax Resolves, Lorton, VA

Event Level: State

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

Location: Pohick Episcopal Church, 9301 Richmond Hwy, Lorton, VA.

Firing Event: No

Event Color Guard Commander: Schmidt.

Heat Index: N/A (indoors)

Details: The Fairfax Resolves, which were written by George Mason and adopted by a Fairfax County committee chaired by George Washington on July 18th, 1774. The Resolves came in response to the Intolerable acts (also known as the Coercive Acts), passed by the British Parliament in March 1774 to punish the colonies after the Boston Tea Party. The acts enraged the colonies and mobilized resistance. Many colonists saw the acts as a violation of their constitutional rights and their colonial charters. Twenty-five patriots signed the Fairfax Resolves, which have been called “one of the most important documents in American history” and “the best single document for understanding the constitutional and legal issues between the colonies and England.” The Fairfax Resolves, the namesake of the Fairfax Resolves Chapter, were a significant first step forward in organizing revolutionary action. A Dedication of a plaque listing the names of the Signers of the Fairfax Resolves buried at the Pohick Church Cemetery will follow immediately after commemorating the anniversary of the signing of the Fairfax Resolves.

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Cook, Cordes, McComb, McKinley, Schmidt, Schwetke..

July 22nd, 2023, Saturday (10:00 am) - Color Guard Workshop, 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: Yes

Event Color Guard Commander: Gullion.

Heat Index: 81F

Details: VASSAR firelock certification class. Instruction will also include firelock care and maintenance training.

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Combs, Gullion.



July 20th, 2023, Thursday (7:00 pm) - Funeral of VASSAR Guardsman, Compatriot Jerry Wilson, Abingdon, VA

Event Level: Chapter

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

Location: Farris Hills Chapel, 19415 Lee Hwy., Abingdon, VA.

Firing Event: No

Event Color Guard Commander: Gullion.

Heat Index: N/A (indoors)

Details: VASSAR Color Guardsman Compatriot Jerry Wilson passed on July 15, 2023. Color Guard support to the funeral will be promulgated once plans have been finalized. Click here to read his obituary: [Obituary](#)

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Britton, Butterworth, Combs, Gullion, Johnson, Richmond, Saunders, Shaver.

July 14th, 2023, Friday (6:00 pm) - Opening Ceremony at Norfolk Tides Ball Game, Norfolk, VA

Event Level: Chapter

Host/POC: Norfolk Chapter VASSAR / Bob Bruce.

Location: Harbor Park, Norfolk, VA.

Firing event: No

Event Color Guard Commander: Thompson.

Heat Index: 105F (peak)

Details: Norfolk Chapter will provide majority of the Color Guard. Additional Guardsmen support desired. Click here for flyer: [Tides Game](#)

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Hodges, Thompson.

July 13th-19th, 2023, Thursday-Wednesday - 133rd Annual NSSAR Congress – Orlando, FL

Event Level: National

Host/POC: NSSAR /

Location: Rosen Plaza Hotel, 9700 International Dr., Orlando, FL 32819.

Details: The 133rd Annual Congress is being held in Orlando, Florida. According to the visitors bureau, theme park enthusiasts, bird watchers, foodies, water sports fanatics, sun worshipers, arts patrons, serious shoppers or anything in between, will be at home in Orlando. Click here to register: [Registration](#)

Link to the schedule: <https://www.sar.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/133rd-Congress-Pocket-Program.pdf>

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Bonner, Crain, Osborn, A.Mills, J.Mills, Morris, Schwetke, Weyler.

July 9th, 2023, Sunday (10:00 am) - Fourth of July Celebration, Abingdon, VA

Event Level: National

Host/POC: Gen. William Campbell Chapter VASSAR / John Gullion
trapperjohn63@gmail.com 276-378-6605.

Location: Abingdon Muster Grounds 1780 Muster Place, Abingdon, VA.

Firing Event: Yes

Event Color Guard Commander: Johnson.

Heat Index: 78F

Details: Come out and join us at the Abingdon Muster Grounds where we step back in time when a dispatch rider brings the news that we have declared independence from England. There will be a reading of the Declaration of Independence.

[Register for Independence Day Declaration of Independence Reading](#)

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Britton, Combs, Johnson, Gullion, Richmond, Vaughn.

Tennessee SAR Color Guard Attendees: Henningsen.



July 8th, 2023, Saturday (10:00 am - 4: 00 pm) - Colonial Kids Day, Millwood, VA

Event level: Chapter

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

Location: Burwell-Morgan Mill, 15 Tannery Ln., Millwood, VA

Firing Event: Yes

Event Color Guard Commander: Corey.

Heat Index: 91F (peak)

Details: VASSAR will set up information tables to engage with the public.

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Bayliss, Christensen, Corey, Daniel, Parish, P.Moore, Osborn, Reynolds, Simmons, Tyler.

July 8th, 2023, Saturday (11:00 am) - Commemoration of the 247th Anniversary of the Battle of Cricket Hill, Hudgins, VA

Event Level: Chapter

Host/POC: Richard Henry Lee Chapter VASSAR / Michael Rhodes
airslc@gmail.com

Location: Morningstar Marinas, 249 Mill Point Rd, Hudgins, VA.

Firing event: No

Event Color Guard Commander: Thompson

Heat Index: 94F (peak)

Details: The battle, which culminated on July 9, 1776, was a signal victory for the Patriots because it resulted in John Murray, the Earl of Dunmore, the last Royal Governor of Virginia, leaving Virginia for good. The victory at Cricket Hill was the first victory by an American force after the Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. Past President Jeff Thomas will be the guest speaker.

Note: in the event of inclement weather the ceremony will be moved indoors to the Marina boat storage building.

Flyer: [Cricket Hill](#)

Note: This is a non-firing event. Kimball Thompson will bring the Color Guard flags (US; VA; VASSAR).

VASSAR Color Guard Attendees: Dunaway, Hamill, Hodges, Morris, Packett, Rhodes, Russell, Schwetke, Thompson.

July 7th, Friday (6:00 pm) – Leesburg ‘First Friday’, Leesburg, VA

Event Level: Chapter

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

Location: Historic Loudoun County Courthouse, 18 E Market Street, Leesburg, VA 20175

Details: Firing Event: No

Event Color Guard Commander: B.Schwoerer

Heat Index: 108F (peak)

Details: Color Guard muster at 5:30 pm. The event will be held on the Courthouse lawn near the Spirit of Loudoun Revolutionary War Memorial. We have been invited by County Historian and Historic Records Manager Eric Larson, to support public promotion of Loudoun County’s history as part of the counties’ Loudoun VA 250 efforts. He’s asked us to participate in 18th century attire, and we’re received permission to bring flintlocks (unloaded) onto the Courthouse grounds as part of an exhibit for the public. Parking is available in the Town Hall parking garage on Market Street. Limited street parking.

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Bonner, Christensen, B. Schworer.

July 6th, 2023, Thursday (10:00 am) – 242nd Commemoration of the Battle of Green Spring, Williamsburg, VA

Event Level: Chapter

Host/POC: Williamsburg Chapter VASSAR / Gary Dunaway,
ormazd72@gmail.com (757) 303-3673

Location: Church on the Main, 4644 Yeardley Loop, Williamsburg, VA.

Firing Event: No

Event Color Guard Commander: Dunaway.

Heat Index: 96F (peak)

Details: On the morning of July 6, 1781, Lafayette accompanied his advance guard under the command of General Anthony Wayne. Upon reaching Green Spring, the Americans began skirmishing with pickets under the command of Banastre Tarleton. Lafayette, believing that he had caught the rearguard of the British army, called for the

rest of his force to join the battle. As Wayne formed up, Lafayette examined the field. Riding forward, he noted a large group of men in red coats formed in lines. Realizing that Cornwallis had set a trap, Lafayette galloped back to the advance guard under Wayne, but it was too late. Advancing with several regiments, Wayne marched right into a veteran British brigade commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Dundas. Dundas's Brigade smashed through the American right flank with a decisive bayonet charge while the American left was hard-pressed by British light infantry. Lafayette gave the order for the entire American force to withdraw. Wayne's men formed a rearguard. For fifteen minutes, the two sides blazed away at each other. Eventually, Wayne decided that the carnage was too great for his men and ordered a retreat.

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

July 4th, 2023, Tuesday (4:00 pm) - Fourth of July Parade, Middletown, VA

Event Level: National

Host/POC: Col. James Wood II Chapter VASSAR and City of Middletown / Dale Corey.

Location: Middletown, VA.

Firing Event: No

Event Color Guard Commander: Corey.

Heat Index: 95F

Details: The Middletown Parade route begins at Laurel Ridge Community College, going south on Main Street.

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Bayliss, Carrigan, Corey, Cridges, Daniel, P.Moore, M.Robinson, Simmons.

July 4th, 2023, Tuesday (1:00 pm) - Reading of the Declaration of Independence, Culpeper, VA

Event Level: National

Host/POC: Culpeper Minutemen Chapter / Charles Jameson, Tom Hamill.

Location: Yowell Meadows Park, Charters of Freedom, N. Blue Ridge Ave, Culpeper, VA.

Firing Event: Yes

Event Color Guard Commander: Corey.

Heat Index: 99F (peak)

Details: Muster at 12:15 pm. Reading of the Declaration of Independence followed by a musket volley. Muster at 12:15 pm.

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Carrigan, Corey, M.Crain, Daniel, Dennis, Hamill, Jameson, Schwetke.

July 4th, 2023, Tuesday (10:00 am) – Reading of the Declaration of Independence, Winchester, VA

Event Level: National

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

Location: Walking Mall, Winchester, VA.

Firing Event: No

Event Color Guard Commander: Corey.

Heat Index: 95F

Details: CJWII will read the Declaration of Independence. Muster at 9:45 am.

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Bayliss, Carrigan, Corey, Cridges, Daniel, Garrett, P.Moore, Tyler.

July 4th, 2023, Tuesday (9:30 am) - Independence Day and March to the Tomb, Mount Vernon, VA

Event Level: National

Host/POC: George Washington Chapter VASSAR / Richard Douglass.

Location: George Washington's Mount Vernon, VA.

Firing Event: No

Event Color Guard Commander: Melhuish.

Heat Index: 100F (peak)

Details: Assemble at the Ann Pamela Cunningham Administrative Building (Click here: [Building 3 on the Mount Vernon Map](#)) between 9:00 AM and 9:15 AM. At 9:30 AM, expect to receive the "green light" from the Mount Vernon staff to march down to Bowling Green, and pass in review between the ranks of the 1st Virginia Regiment and the George Washington portrayer, then proceeding to the Tomb Grove.

At the Tomb Grove, the George Washington Chapter will conduct a brief ceremony featuring remarks from the GW Chapter President. There will be a wreath-laying ceremony at George Washington's Tomb after the ceremony. Approximately 40 attendees will be allowed to lay a carnation (provided by the Chapter) at General Washington's and Martha Washington's Tombs. The ceremony will conclude at 11:00 AM and participants should return to the Tomb Grove for photographs.

Note: Please refer to the VASSAR Color Guard Playbook for parade formation and movement. Go to the following link: [Mt Vernon Playbook](#)

Safety Note: [Don't forget to bring plenty of water and remain hydrated.](#)

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Christensen, Cook, Davenport, Dooley, M.Jackson, McComb, McKinley, Melhuish, A.Mills, J.Mills, Morris, B.Schwetke, Schmidt, Weyler.

Maryland SAR Color Guard Attendee: Moss.

French Military Color Guard Escort: Lt Col Brulais, French Army (in period French military attire)



INFORMATION: July 4th, 2023, Tuesday - Independence Day Celebrations

Event Level: National

Host/POC: Various

Location: Various

Details: *"...We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. --That to secure these rights Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed."*

July 4th, 2023, Tuesday (10:00 am) - Leesburg Independence Day Parade, Leesburg, VA

Event Level: National

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

Location: Muster time for parade participants is 8:00 am at Ida Lee Park, 60 Ida Lee Drive NW, Leesburg, VA 20176.

Firing Event: No

Event Color Guard Commander: B. Schwoerer

Heat Index: 97F (peak)

Details: The parade kicks off at 10:00 am, and is expected to conclude by 12:00 pm, at which time we will join the Loudoun VA 250 Committee at the Loudoun County Courthouse at 18 E Market Street in Leesburg for a reading of the Declaration of Independence. Participants from the Rev John Marks Society C.A.R. are expected to join as well.

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Bonner, B. Schwoerer, Sink, Workman.



July 3rd, 2023, Monday (5:30 pm) - Lovettsville Independence Day Town Celebration, Lovettsville, VA

Event Level: National

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

Location: Muster time for parade participants is 5:00 pm at the Lovettsville Community Center and Park at 57 East Broad Way, Lovettsville, VA.

Firing Event: No

Event Color Guard Commander: B. Schwoerer.

Heat Index: 97F (peak)

Details: The parade kicks off at 5:30 pm, and is followed by fireworks at 9:30 pm.

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Bonner, B. Schwoerer, Workman.

July 3rd, 2023, Monday (10:00 am – 4:00 pm) - Rockin' Independence Eve, Winchester, VA

Event Level: Chapter

Host/POC: Col. James Wood II Chapter VASSAR/Dale Corey and City of Winchester / Dale Corey.

Location: Walking Mall, Winchester, VA.

Firing Event: No

Event Color Guard Commander: Corey.

Heat Index: 89F

Details: “Rockin' Independence Eve” is held at the Walking Mall, Winchester, Virginia. This event is an annual celebration held by the city of Winchester to honor and commemorate the United States' birthday. Numerous vendors are present, with live

bands playing throughout the day. VASSAR Color Guard will present colors for singing of National Anthem.

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Bayliss, Carrigan, Corey, Daniel, E.Moore,

July 2nd, 2023, Sunday (7:00 pm) - Military Appreciation Night at the Ball Field, Purcellville, VA

Event Level: Chapter

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

Location: Fireman's Field Park, 250 S Nursery Ave., Purcellville, VA.

Firing Event: Yes

Event Color Guard Commander: Bonner.

Heat Index: 87F

Details: SMJC Chapter will lead presentation of colors and conduct a musket volley at the Purcellville Cannons Baseball team Military Appreciation night 2 July 2023 at 7:00pm. Muster at Fireman's Field, Purcellville, VA at 6:15pm. The Cannons are member of the Valley League. Players are promising college baseball players recruited by coaches and Major League Baseball Scouts. Firing event approved by the Purcellville Police Department.

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Bonner, Corey, Christensen, Daniel, B.Schwoerer, M.Sink, Tyler, Van Deusen.

Virginia DAR Color Guard Attendee: P.Schwoerer, V.Sink.

Virginia C.A.R. Color Guard Attendee: J.Schwoerer.

July 1st, 2023, Saturday (11:30 am) - Reading of the Declaration of Independence and Wreath Presentation, Front Royal, VA

Event Level: National

Host/POC: Col. James Wood II Chapter VASSAR and Warren Heritage Society / Corey.

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

Firing Event: Yes

Event Color Guard Commander: M.Robinson.

Heat Index: 97F (peak)

Details: Reading the Declaration of Independence from the porch of the Warren Society's porch. present wreaths and fire a salute.

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Christensen, Cook, Corey, Cridges, Daniel, Dennis, Jameson, Heflin, E.Moore, E.Robinson, M.Robinson. Schwetke, Simmons, Sink, Wilson.
