



June 2023

June 30th, 2023, Friday (5:30 pm) - Star Spangled South Riding Parade

Event Level: National

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

Location: Muster time for parade participants is 5:00 pm at the South Riding Town Hall at 43055 Center Street, South Riding, VA

Firing Event: No

Event Color Guard Commander: N/A

Heat Index:

Details: The parade kicks off at 5:30 pm; details are still fluid, and parade organizers are asking to use Compatriot Warner's float as a patriotic static display located near the parade start. Fireworks follow at dusk, at the nearby South Riding Golf Club. Please consider joining Warner and Steve in South Riding Friday evening for a festive kickoff to the holiday weekend if you're in the area!

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Workman, Van Deusen.



June 26th, 2023, Monday (11:00 am) - Funeral of Compatriot Wayne Rouse, Stafford, VA

Event Level: District

Host/POC: Col. Fielding Lewis Chapter VASSAR (logistics support). / VASSAR Lead POC: VASSAR State Secretary.

Location: (1) Memorial Service (11:00 am) and Reception (12:00 pm): Regester Chapel United Methodist Church (RUMC), 106 Regester Chapel Rd., Stafford, VA. (Reception will be held at the RUMC Youth Center adjacent to the Sanctuary.)

(2) Compatriot Grave Marking (3:00 pm): Andrew Chapel United Methodist Church (AUMC) cemetery, 1732 Brooke Rd., Stafford, VA. (Approximately 3 miles from RUMC.)

Firing Event: Yes

Event Color Guard Commander: Melhuish.

Event Color Guard Adjutant: Corey.

Heat Index: 95F (Militia attire vice Continental uniform strongly recommended. Spare hunting shirts will be available.)

Details: Funeral of past State Secretary, Wayne Rouse, will be held on Monday, June

26th. AMSA Vice President, Compatriot Davenport, and VASSAR State President, Compatriot Coggins will attend. Funeral service will be held at the RUMC, with the grave marking ceremony at AUMC cemetery later that afternoon, following the reception. Compatriot Rouse's obituary here: [Obituary](#)
VASSAR Color Guard Commander requests as many Guardsmen attend this funeral as individual schedules permit.

Remember to remain hydrated -- bring water -- and stay in shade as much as possible.

Slides of the layout may be reached via this link: [Layout](#)

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Bonner, Christensen, Cook, Cordes, Corey, F.Crain, Daniel, Davenport, Dennis, Dunaway, Hamilton, Hodges, Jameson, McKinley, Melhuish, A.Mills, McComb, Morris, Phillips, Schmidt, B.Schwetke, B.Schwoerer, Sink, Weyler, Wilson.





June 25th, 2023, Sunday (5:00 pm) - Fairfax City Hometown Celebration, Fairfax, VA

Event Level: Chapter

Host/POC: Fairfax Resolves Chapter VASSAR / David Huxsoll.

Location: Fairfax City Hall, 10455 Armstrong Street, Fairfax, VA.

Firing Event: No

Event Color Guard Commander: TBD

Heat Index: 94F

Details: The Fairfax Resolves Chapter VASSAR and the Fairfax County Chapter of the DAR will set up adjoining booths at the Fairfax City Hometown Celebration. Members of the Fairfax Resolves Chapter will discuss the Fairfax Resolves Resolution. Recruiting material will be on hand and members will be prepared to answer questions about joining the SAR. Members of the color guard will discuss period costumes and weapons. The Fairfax City Hometown Celebration kicks off Independence Day celebrations in Fairfax. The event will take place at the Veterans Amphitheater adjacent to City Hall and will feature games, food trucks and a concert by the award-winning City of Fairfax Band.

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Cook, Cordes, Crain.

June 25th, 2023, Sunday (2:00 pm) - Grave Marking Ceremony, Mt. Crawford, VA

Event Level: Chapter

Host/POC: Ft. Harrison Chapter, VASSAR / Randy Atkins.

Location: 3960 Friedens Church Road, Mt Crawford, VA.

Firing Event: Yes

Event Color Guard Commander: Corey.

Heat Index: 92F

Details: Color Guard muster at 1:15 pm. This is a multi-patriot grave marking event.
Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Atkins, Corey, Daniel, Davenport, P.Kelly, Morris, Phillips, Reynolds, Robinson, Wilson.

June 24th, 2023, Saturday (2:30 pm) - Korean War Veteran's Funeral, Winchester, VA

Event Level: Chapter

Host/POC: Korean War Veterans / Corey.

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

Firing Event: Yes

Event Color Guard Commander: Corey.

Heat Index: 87F

Details: Public service support.

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Corey, Daniel, Davenport, Hall, Morris, Phillips, Reynolds, M.Robinson.



June 24th, 2023, Saturday (1:30 pm) - Dedication of Bench to Compatriot Fletcher, Winchester, VA

Event Level: Chapter

Host/POC: Col. James Wood II Chapter VASSAR / Doug Hall.
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Location: Korean War Veterans Memorial, Jim Barnett Park, Winchester, VA.

Firing Event: **Yes**

Event Color Guard Commander: Corey.

Heat Index: **87F**

Details: Dedication of a bench to Compatriot Gary Fletcher.

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Bayliss, Corey, Crain, Daniel, Hall, Morris, Phillips, Reynolds, M.Robinson.



June 24th, 2023, Saturday (10:00 am) – 242nd Commemoration of the Battle of Spencer's Ordinary, Williamsburg, VA

Event Level: **State**

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

Location: Freedom Park, 5537 Centreville Road, Williamsburg, VA.

Firing Event: **No**

Event Color Guard Commander: Dunaway.

Heat Index: **85F**

Details: The Battle of Spencer's Ordinary was an inconclusive skirmish that took place on June 26, 1781, late in the American Revolutionary War. British forces under Lieutenant Colonel John Graves Simcoe and American forces under Colonel Richard Butler, light detachments from the armies of General Lord Cornwallis and the Marquis de Lafayette, respectively, clashed near a tavern (the "ordinary") at a road intersection not far from Williamsburg, Virginia. Lafayette had been shadowing Cornwallis as he

moved his army toward Williamsburg from central Virginia. Aware that Simcoe had become separated from Cornwallis, he sent Butler out in an attempt to cut Simcoe off. Both sides, concerned that the other might be reinforced by its main army, eventually broke off the battle. Muster at 09:15 am. Flyer here: [Spencer](#)

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Doucette, Dunaway, Hamill, Hodges, Johnston, Westenberger, Weyler.



June 17th, 2023, Saturday (3:00 pm) - 248th Commemoration of Loudoun Resolves, Leesburg, VA

Event Level: **Chapter**

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

Location: Loudoun Revolutionary War Memorial, 18 E. Market Street, Leesburg, VA.

Firing Event: **No**

Event Color Guard Commander: B.Schwoerer.

Heat Index: **84F**

Details: Color Guard muster at 2:15 pm. The event will be held on the Courthouse lawn at the Spirit of Loudoun Revolutionary War Memorial. County approval for the event is pending but expected.

On June 14, 1774, Freeholders of Loudoun County signed the Loudoun Resolves, a protest against Great Britain's "most oppressive and tyrannical Act of the British Parliament, made in the 14th year of his present Majesty's reign". This was a prelude to the Declaration of Independence and one of many Resolutions by Counties and Colonies protesting acts of Parliament. We will summarize the various Resolves and read the Loudoun Resolves near the Old Courthouse steps. Parking in a nearby parking garage. Limited street parking.

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Bonner, Buck, Carrigan, Christensen, Cook, Corey, Crain, Daniel, Phillips, Schwetke, B.Schwoerer, Sink, Weyler, Wilson.

June 17th, 2023, Saturday (11:00 am) – Gen. Daniel Morgan's Commemoration and Beeline March, Winchester, VA

Event Level: State

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

Location: Mount Hebron Cemetery, 305 E Boscawen Street, Winchester, VA.

Firing Event: Yes

Event Color Guard Commander: Corey.

Heat Index: 79F

Details: Daniel Morgan (1735/1736 – July 6, 1802) was an American pioneer, soldier, and politician from Virginia. One of the most respected battlefield tacticians of the American Revolutionary War of 1775–1783, he later commanded troops during the suppression of the Whiskey Rebellion of 1791–1794.

Born in New Jersey to Welsh immigrants, Morgan settled in Winchester, Virginia. He became an officer of the Virginia militia and recruited a company of riflemen at the start of the Revolutionary War. Early in the war, Morgan served in Benedict Arnold's expedition to Quebec and in the Saratoga campaign. He also served in the Philadelphia campaign before resigning from the army in 1779.

Morgan returned to the army after the Battle of Camden and led the Continental Army to victory in the Battle of Cowpens. After the war, Morgan retired from the army again and developed a large estate. He was recalled to duty in 1794 to help suppress the Whiskey Rebellion and commanded a portion of the army that remained in Western Pennsylvania after the rebellion. Morgan, a member of the Federalist Party, ran for the United States House of Representatives twice, winning the House election in 1796. He retired from Congress in 1799 and died in 1802.

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Bayliss, Bonner, Buck, Carrigan, Christensen, Cook, Corey, M.Crain, Cridge, Daniel, Davenport, Day, Ford, Hall, Jackson, McComb, Morris, Osborn, Phillips, M.Robinson, B.Schwetke, B.Schwoerer, Sink, Wheeler, Weyler, Wilson.



June 17th, 2023, Saturday (8:30 am) - Regional Color Guard Workshop, Winchester, VA

Event Level: Chapter

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

Location: Ruritan Club, 136 Ruritan Way, Clear Brook, Virginia.

Firing Event: Yes

Event Color Guard Commander: Corey.

Heat Index: 79F

Details: This is located at the Frederick County Fairgrounds. All guardsmen are strongly urged to participate, as the saying goes "practice makes perfect". We will work on commands, etiquette and musketry.

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Bayliss, Bonner, Carrigan, Christensen, Cook, Corey, M.Crain, Cridge, Daniel, Day, Ford, Jackson, McComb, Phillips, M.Robinson, B.Schwetke, B.Schwoerer, Sink, Tyler, Wheeler, Wilson.



June 14th, 2023, Wednesday (3:30 pm) - Flag Retirement Ceremony, Clear Brook, VA

Event Level: Chapter

Host/POC: Girl Scouts / Anne Simmons.

Location: Ruritan Club, 136 Ruritan Way, Clear Brook, VA.

Firing Event: Yes

Event Color Guard Commander: Corey.

Heat Index: 74F

Details:

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Bayliss, Corey, Daniel, E.Moore, Osborn, Phillips, M.Robinson, Simmons, Tyler

June 14th, 2023, Wednesday (10:00 am) - Retirement Ceremony and Flag Dedication, Timberville, VA

Event Level: Chapter

Host/POC: Fort Harrison Chapter VASSAR / Randy Atkins, 540-433-9423.

Location: 351 New Market Road, Timberville, VA.

Firing Event: **Yes**

Event Color Guard Commander: Corey.

Heat Index: 75F

Details: This is the second year for a Chapter signature event. Last year 150 people attended, including local and elected officials, Scouts, and DAR. Outdoor tent will be set up.

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Corey, Daniel, E.Moore, M.Robinson.

INFORMATION: June 14th, 2023, Wednesday - Flag Day

Event Level: *Not a National Event for Color Guard medal purposes.*

Location: Various.

Details: Flag Day is celebrated on June 14 every year and commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States. In 1777, the second continental congress passed a resolution stating that “the flag of the thirteen United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation”. George Washington’s troops now had a new, unified flag to represent their cause. A brief discussion on the Hopkinson and Betsy Ross flags may be found here (link): [Hopkinson](#)

There were few public ceremonies that honored the flag until June 14, 1877, when it was flown from every government building for the centennial of the flag’s adoption. After that, many citizens and organizations advocated the adoption of a National Day of Commemoration for the flag. In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson unofficially declared June 14 as Flag Day.

Coincidentally, Wilson also proclaimed “The Star-Spangled Banner” the U.S. national anthem that same year. Nonetheless, Congress did not designate the song as the national anthem until 1931, and only in 1949 did President Harry Truman sign the legislation that made June 14 of each year Flag Day.

This year's Flag Day message from our President-General: [Message](#).

June 12th, 2023, Friday (11:00 am) - Commemoration of Dr. Joseph Warren, Front Royal, VA

Event Level: **Chapter**

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

Location: Warren County Administration Building, 220 N. Commerce St., Front Royal, VA.

Firing Event: **Yes**

Event Color Guard Commander: Corey.

Heat Index: 74F

Details: A commemoration to Dr. Joseph Warren, namesake of Warren County. There will be a presentation on Dr. Warren, wreath presentations, and a musket salute fired in his honor.

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Bayliss, Christensen, Cook, Cordes, Corey,

Daniel, Davenport, Johnson, Morris, Osborn, Phillips, Schwetke, Schwoerer, Simmons, Weyler.

June 10th, 2023, Saturday (11:00 am) - Commemoration of the Virginia Declaration of Rights, Lorton, VA

Event Level: District

Host/POC: George Mason Chapter VASSAR / Morris.

Location: Mason Family Cemetery Gunston Hall, 10709 Gunston Road, Lorton, VA.

Firing Event: Yes

Event Color Guard Commander: Corey.

Heat Index: 84F

Details: The Commemoration of the Virginia Declaration of Rights authored by George Mason and Adopted on June 12, 1776, by the Virginia Constitutional Convention will take place in the form of a wreath laying at the tomb of George Mason. This document contained points that Thomas Jefferson used in the first ten amendments to the U. S. Declaration of Independence less than a month later, on July 4, 1776.

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Bonner, Carrigan, Christensen, Cordes, Corey, Daniel, Davenport, Morris, Schwoerer, Sink, Weyler.

June 10th, 2023, Saturday (10:00 am) - Flag Retirement Ceremony, Abingdon Muster Grounds, Abingdon, VA

Event Level: Chapter

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

Location: Abingdon Muster Grounds, Abingdon, VA.

Firing Event: Yes

Event Color Guard Commander: Johnson.

Heat Index: 78F

Details: The General William Campbell Chapter, along with Blacks Fort Chapter VADAR, Scout Troop 222, and the Over Mountain Victory Trail will host a Flag Retirement Ceremony at the Muster Grounds.

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Britton, Gullion, Jackson, Johnson,

June 3rd, 2023, Saturday (1:00 pm) – 242nd Commemoration of Wayne's Crossing, Leesburg, VA

Event Level: State

Host/POC: Co-Hosted by the Sgt Maj John Champe / Bonner, and Fairfax Resolves Chapters VASSAR / Schwoerer.

Location: Spirit of Loudoun Revolutionary War Memorial, Loudoun County Courthouse, 18 E Market Street, Leesburg, VA.

Firing Event: No

Event Color Guard Commander: B.Schwoerer.

Heat Index: 85F

Details: This event commemorates the crossing of the Potomac River by General Anthony Wayne's army on May 31, 1781. The army passed through Leesburg on June 3, 1781, en route to joining General Lafayette's Army. Parking is available near the Loudoun Museum. 16 Loudoun Street SW, Leesburg, VA, Link to event flyer [here](#)

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Abbott, Carrigan, Christensen, Cordes, Corey, Crain, Daniel, Dennis, Jameson, Morris, Osborn, Reynolds, Schmidt, Schwoerer, Sink, Van Deusen, Weyler, Wilson, Workman.



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June 3rd, 2023, Saturday (10:00 am) - DAR Grave Marking Patriot Christian Streit, Winchester, VA

Event Level: District

Host/POC: Fort Loudoun Chapter VADAR / VASSAR POC - Dale Corey

Location: Mount Hebron Cemetery, 305 Boscawen St., Winchester, VA.

Firing Event: Yes

Event Color Guard Commander: M.Robinson.

Heat Index: 83F

Details: VASSAR will provide Color Guard support to DAR.

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Bayliss, Carrigan, Christensen, Corey, Daniel, Davenport, Reynolds, M.Robinson, Tyler, Workman.



June 3rd, 2023, Saturday (07:30 am) - Honor Flight, Winchester, VA

Event Level: National

Host/POC: Col. James Wood II Chapter VASSAR and Honor Flight Top of Virginia / Dale Corey.

Location: Shenandoah University, Winchester, VA.

Firing Event: No

Event Color Guard Commander: Corey.

Details: VASSAR will present the Colors and provide a Walk of Honor for WWII, Korea, and Vietnam War Veterans.

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Buck, Carrigan, Corey, Daniel, Hall, Osborn, Reynolds, Robinson, Tyler, Workman.
