



June 2024

June 29th, 2024, Saturday (11:00 am) – 250th Commemoration of the James City County Resolves, Williamsburg, VA

Event Level: Chapter

Host/POC: Williamsburg Chapter VASSAR / John Lynch at cslasoz@aol.com (757) 345-8483.

Location: Freedom Park, 5537 Centerville Rd, Williamsburg, VA.

Firing event: Yes

Color Guard Commander: R. Miller

Heat Index: 95F

Details: Six-Mile Ordinary, a popular 18th-century tavern known as Allen's for its proprietor Isham Allen, stood six miles from Williamsburg. On 1 July 1774, a group of freeholders congregated there and drafted the James City Resolves not to import British goods. Color Guard muster at 10:15.

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Adolphi, Hodges, Lynch, R. Miller, Thompson, Westenberger.



June 25th, 2024, Tuesday (10:00 am) – Presentation of the Colors at DAR Constitution Hall, Washington, DC

Event Level: **Chapter** (support to NSDAR)

Host/POC: Sgt. Maj. John Champe Chapter VASSAR / Ken Bonner at ken.l.bonner@gmail.com

Location: DAR Constitution Hall, 18th St., NW, Washington, DC.

Firing Event: **No**

Event Color Guard Commander: Bonner

Heat Index: **82F**

Details: NSDAR PG has requested a compact SAR Color Guard to parade the Colors (four flags: US, US period, DAR, plus one other). There are only four positions available. All Guardsmen must be in Continental (Regimental) uniform. If interested, please contact Ken Bonner.

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Bonner, Osborn, Phillips, B.Schwetke.



June 23rd, 2024, Sunday (2:00 pm) – Chief Justice John Marshall Grave Marking, Richmond, VA

Event Level: **State**

Host/POC: Richmond Chapter VASSAR / Chris Yong at cy.rva.sar@gmail.com, (248) 703-1755.

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

Firing Event: No

Event Color Guard Commander: Corey.

Heat Index: 105F (Heat Advisory)

Details: John Marshall is still known as the quintessential Supreme Court Justice and is perhaps the most influential person in asserting the power of the Supreme Court and assuring the Executive and Legislative branches adhered to the U.S.

Constitution. Location details: Enter from Hospital Street. The gate and the roads are narrow. The ceremony takes place at the John Marshall plot located in the front section of the cemetery, to the right of the entry gate. Please park on the side of the cemetery roads, pulling to the right to allow traffic to pass your vehicle.

Note: There are no restroom facilities available - please plan accordingly.

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Christensen, Corey, Daniel, Jameson, Lynch, Morris, A.Phillips, M.Robinson, B.Schwetke, Weyler, Wilson.



June 22nd, 2024, Saturday (10:00 am) - Dedication of Lafayette Trail Marker, Leesburg, VA

Event Level: Chapter

Host/POC: Lafayette Trail / Loudoun VA 250 Committee. (Sgt Maj John Champe and CJWII asked to provide CG support.)

Sponsor: Loudoun County VA 250 Committee.

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

Firing Event: No

Event Color Guard Commander: Sink.

Heat Index: 96F

Details: Muster at 9:15 pm at the Spirit of Loudoun Revolutionary War Memorial near

the old Courthouse.

The event will be attended by Julien Icher - Lafayette Trails, members of the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors, the Mayor of Leesburg, multiple DAR Ladies, and Loudoun County VA 250 Committee members. The Loudoun County VA 250 Committee plans to advertise this event hoping for a large public turnout. Parking garages are available a short walk from the event site.

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Bonner, Boulton, Sink.



June 22nd, 2024, Saturday (10:00 am) – Ceremony Honoring Jane Summers, wife of Revolutionary War patriot Francis Summers, Alexandria, VA

Event Level: Chapter

Host/POC: Fairfax Resolves Chapter VASSAR / James Cordes at jcord_2000@yahoo.com

Location: Mason District Governmental Center, 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA (venue change due to predicted heat).

Firing Event: No

Event Color Guard Commander: Cordes.

Heat Index: N/A

Details: Color Guard muster at 9:15 am. The Henry Clay and Thomas Lee Chapters of Virginia, and the Cactus Wren and Piastewa Peak Chapters of Arizona, NSDAR, will hold a ceremony in honor of Jane Summers, wife of Revolutionary War Patriot Francis Summers. The Henry Clay and Thomas Lee Chapters, NSDAR are requesting VASSAR Color Guard Support (no firing) for this ceremony. This event is Part II of a historic preservation project at the Summers Family Cemetery, which will return Jane Summers' headstone to her grave site. Part I, which also involved the VASSAR (Thad Hartman and others), was to restore and return the headstone of Francis Summers to his grave site as well as to mark the cemetery with a bronze sign. That was completed in April 2022. Invitees for the June 22nd event include Vice President General Morgan Elliot, NSDAR, among others. Reception to follow at Mason District Governmental Center, 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA.

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

June 22nd, 2024, Saturday (10:00 am) – Commemoration of the Battle of Spencer's Ordinary, Williamsburg, VA

Event Level: State

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

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

Firing Event: No

Event Color Guard Commander: R. Miller.

Heat Index: 93F

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 (i.e., 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. Color Guard muster at 09:15 am.

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Adolphi, Doucette, Lynch, R. Miller, Morris, Westenberger.



June 16th, 2024, Sunday (1:30 pm) – Dedication of a Plaque & Patriot Grave Marking for the Chairman Loudoun Resolves, Leesburg, VA

Event Level: Chapter

Host Chapter: Sgt Maj John Champe Chapter VASSAR / Barry Schwoerer at bschwoerer@comcast.net.

Location: Ball Burying Ground, 42045 Victory Lane, Leesburg, VA (Fenced Cemetery on the left just before North Spring Behavioral Healthcare)

Firing Event: Yes

Event Color Guard Commander: Sink.

Heat Index: 89F

Details: This will be the second event in Commemoration of the 250th Anniversary of the signing of Loudoun Resolves. Francis Peyton was the chairman of the Loudoun Resolves and a patriot of the American Revolution. The ceremony will dedicate a plaque commemorating his service as Chairman of the Resolves and will dedicate a Patriot grave marker. Parking will be on the grounds of North Spring Behavioral Healthcare.

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Bonner, Christensen, Cordes, Corey, Morris, M.Robinson, A.Phillips, B.Schwoerer, J.Schwoerer, Sink, Van Deusen, Workman.



June 15th, 2024, Saturday (2:00 pm) - 250th Anniversary of signing Loudoun Resolves, Leesburg, VA

Event Level: Chapter

Host Chapter: Sgt Maj John Champe Chapter / Barry Schwoerer
(bschwoerer@comcast.net)

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

Firing Event: No

Event Color Guard Commander: Sink.

Heat Index: 85F

Details: The Chapter is partnered with the Loudoun VA 250 Committee to commemorate a pivotal event in Loudoun County. Members of the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors, the Mayor of Leesburg, and other dignitaries are expected to attend.

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Bonner, Christensen, Corey, Daniel, A.Phillips, M.Robinson, B.Schwetke, B.Schwoerer, Sink.

June 15th, 2024, Saturday (11:00 am) - Gen. Daniel Morgan's Commemoration, 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: 83F

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, Buck, Christensen, Cordes, Corey, Daniel, Hall, McComb, Parmerter, A.Phillips, B.Schwetke, Simmons, Tyler.



June 14th, 2024, Friday (1:00 pm) - Flag Day, Flag Retirement with Girl Scouts, VA

Event Level: Chapter

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

Location: TBD.

Firing Event: Yes

Event Color Guard Commander: Corey.

Heat Index:

Details: Combined event with the Girl Scouts to conduct a Flag Retirement Ceremony.

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Carrigan, Corey, Daniel, A.Phillips, Simmons, Tyler.

June 14th, 2024, Friday (10:00 am) - Flag Day Harrisonburg, VA

Event Level: Chapter

Host/POC: Fort Harrison Chapter VASSAR / TBD.

Location: 173 W Spotswood Ave., Elkton, VA.

Firing Event: Yes

Event Color Guard Commander: Corey

Heat Index: 95F (peak)

Details: A ceremony to conduct a Flag Retirement.

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Carrigan, Corey, Daniel, A.Phillips.

INFORMATION: June 14th, 2024, Friday - Flag Day

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

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.

INFORMATION: June 14th, 2024, Friday – 249th Anniversary of the US Army

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

On 14 June 1775, Congress *"Resolved, That six companies of expert riflemen, be immediately raised in Pennsylvania, two in Maryland, and two in Virginia... [and] as soon as completed, shall march and join the army near Boston, to be there employed as light infantry, under the command of the chief Officer in that army."*

The delegates then prescribed an oath of enlistment that required the soldiers to swear: *"I have, this day, voluntarily enlisted myself, as a soldier, in the American continental*

army, for one year, unless sooner discharged: And I do bind myself to conform, in all instances, to such rules and regulations, as are, or shall be, established for the government of the said. Army."

The next day Congress voted to appoint George Washington "to command all the Continental forces" and began laying the foundation for "the American army."

June 10th, 2024, Tuesday (11:00 am) - Dr. Joseph Warren Commemoration, Front Royal, VA Event Level: Chapter

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

Location: Warren County Admin Building, 220 N. Commerce Ave, Front Royal, VA.

Firing Event: Yes

Event Color Guard Commander: Corey.

Heat Index: 77F

Details: Commemoration to Dr Joseph Warren on his birthday, the county's namesake. Joseph Warren, a Founding Father of the United States, was an American physician who was one of the most important figures in the Patriot movement in Boston during the early days of the American Revolution, author of the Suffolk Resolves and served as President of the revolutionary Massachusetts Provincial Congress. He dispatched Paul Revere on his famous ride and fought at the battle of Bunker Hill. He was at the front of the battle on Breeds Hill, where he was killed in action.

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Carrigan, Corey, Daniel, B.Schwetke.

June 8th, 2024, Saturday (11:30 am) - 250th Anniversary of the Fredericksburg Resolves, Fredericksburg, VA

Event Level: State

Host/POC: Col. Fielding Lewis Chapter VASSAR / John Hamilton (540) 847-5529.

Location: Rising Sun Tavern, 1304 Caroline St, Fredericksburg, VA.

Firing Event: No

Event CG Commander: TBA

Heat Index: 78F

Details: Col. Fielding Lewis Chapter will observe the 250th anniversary of the Fredericksburg Resolves on June 1, 1774. This will be combined with our regular June chapter meeting on June 8th. This meeting will be held at Rising Sun Tavern, located at 1304 Caroline St, Fredericksburg, VA. Tours of the Rising Sun Museum may also be available. As part of our program, the Resolves will be read by someone in colonial attire. CFL will provide US, NASSAR, 250th, and CFL flags.

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Hamilton, B.Schwetke.

June 8th, 2024, Saturday (11:00 am) - Commemoration of the Virginia Declaration of Rights, Lorton, VA

Event Level: Chapter

Host/POC: George Mason Chapter VASSAR / Ken Morris.

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

Firing Event: Yes

Event Color Guard Commander: B.Schwoerer.

Heat Index: 78F

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, Cordes, McComb, A. Mills, J. Mills, Sink, B.Schwoerer, Weyler, Wilson.



June 8th, 2024, Saturday (10:30 am) - 250th Anniversary of Frederick and Dunmore County Resolves, Winchester, VA

Event Level: **State**

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

Location: TBA

Firing Event: **No**

Event Color Guard Commander: Corey.

Heat Index: 76F

Details: TBD. Frederick County was early in the assertion of American liberties. On June 8, 1774, the freeholders met and adopted the Frederick County Resolves. Declaring the inherent right of British subjects to be governed and taxed by their elected representatives, Frederick County considered those acts of Parliament affecting the internal policies of the colonies an unconstitutional invasion of their rights. Appointing a committee of correspondence, the freeholders deemed it important to communicate with other such committees. On June 16, 1774, the inhabitants of Dunmore County met to consider the best mode to secure their liberties and properties. At a meeting of the freeholders and other inhabitants of the county of

Dunmore, held at the town of Woodstock on the 16th day of June 1774, they adopted resolves as the best mode to secure their liberties and properties.

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Corey, Daniel, Hunter, A.Phillips, Reynolds, E.Robinson, M.Robinson, Simmons.



June 2nd, 2024, Sunday (2:00 pm) - Roadside Marker Dedication, Amelia Court House, VA

Event Level: Chapter

Host/POC: Richmond Chapter VASSAR / Phillip Barnard at virginiasociety8@gmail.com

Location: St. John's "Grub Hill" Church, 12640 Grub Hill, Church Rd., Amelia Court House, VA.

Firing Event: Yes

Event Color Guard Commander: Corey.

Heat Index: 84F

Details: The roadside marker being dedicated at this event will inform travelers they are passing the burial site of Revolutionary War Major Joseph Eggleston and point them to his graveside marker, which was dedicated last November. This roadside marker will be the first Pomeroy Foundation-sponsored Virginia SAR marker dedication.

"Lighthouse Harry" Lee's second in command, Major Eggleston, was captured at Elizabethtown and later exchanged. Rejoining his unit, Eggleston was recognized for gallantry in his distinguished service at Guilford, Augusta, and Eutaw Springs.

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Carrigan, Corey, Daniel, Dunaway, A.Phillips.



June 1st, 2024, Saturday (4:00 pm) - Present Colors for opening DAR-sponsored exhibit "History of the Revolution," Sterling, VA

Event Level: Chapter

Host/POC: Sgt. Maj. John Champe Chapter VASSAR / Barry Schwoerer, bschwoerer@comcast.net.

Location: Heritage Farm Museum, 21668 Heritage Farm Lane, Sterling, VA.

Firing Event: Yes

Color Guard Commander: B.Schwoerer (alt: Sink)

Heat Index: 82F

Details: Musket men muster at 3:15 pm. DAR has produced a 12-panel display, "History of the Revolution," as a 250-anniversary project. This will be the first display in Virginia. Great opportunity to log a SAR-DAR cooperative event. The event will be in the Farm Garden if weather permits. The SMJC Chapter will conduct a site safety assessment, including identifying a clear lane to fire.

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Bonner, Carrigan, Christensen, Corey, Daniel, Morris, M.Robinson, Schmidt, B.Schwoerer, Sink Van Deusen, Wilson.



June 1st, 2024, Saturday (1:00 pm) - Commemoration of Wayne's Crossing, Leesburg, VA

Event Level: **State**

Host/POC: Co-hosted by Sgt. Maj. John Champe and Fairfax Resolves Chapters VASSAR / Ken Bonner.

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: **82F**

Details: On 26 May 1781, General Anthony Wayne began moving south from PA to reinforce the Marquis de Lafayette, who was maneuvering against British Lt. Gen. Charles Cornwallis in VA. Wayne's troops, including three infantry battalions of the PA Line and one Continental artillery unit, reached the Potomac River on 31 May and crossed at Noland's Ferry, northeast of town. After passing through Leesburg, Wayne joined Lafayette, about 70 miles southwest of Orange County, on 10 or 11 June. Under Lafayette's command, the combined force marched toward Charlottesville to deter British raids in central Virginia and then shadowed Cornwallis as he left the region and moved toward the coast before continuing to Yorktown.

The link to registration is in the attached event flyer (click here: [Flyer](#)). Public parking is available near the Loudoun Museum. 16 Loudoun Street SW, Leesburg, VA.

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Bonner, Carrigan, Christensen, Corey, Daniel, A.Phillips, Sink, B.Schwoerer, J.Schwoerer, Van Deusen, Welker, Workman.

Maryland SAR Color Guard Attendees: Harris.
