



## March 2023

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**UPDATED: March 30th, 2023, Thursday (11:30 am-1:30 pm) – Funeral service and interment of Paul A. Chase LT COL, USAF (Ret.)**

**Event level: Chapter**

**Chapter/POC:** Col. William Grayson / Michael Wilson 540-935-4669.

**Locations:** (1) 11:30 am funeral service: at the Baker-Post Funeral Home and Cremation Center, 10001 Nokesville Rd., Manassas, VA.

(2) 1:30 pm interment: Quantico National Military Cemetery, 18424 Joplin Rd., Triangle, VA.

**Details:** Former Compatriot Paul Alan Chase, LT COL USAF (Ret.) passed away on March 17, 2023, aged 81. Paul was selected as the VASSAR Color Guardsman of the Year in 2017, and was the VASSAR Color Guard Commander from February to September 2019. He had been a member of the Col. William Grayson Chapter and a dual member of the Col. James Wood II Chapter. LT COL Chase will be buried with military honors next to his late wife, Elsa. Paul's obituary may be read here: [Chase Obituary](#)

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Cook, Corey, Davenport, A.Mills, Morris, Osborn, Schwetke, B.Schwoerer, Taimi.

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**March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Wednesday (11:00 am) - National Vietnam Veterans Day, Winchester, VA**

**Event Level: Chapter**

**Host Chapter:** Col. James Wood II Chapter VASSAR/Corey.

**Location:** Winchester National Cemetery, 401 National Ave., Winchester, VA.

**Firing Event: Yes**

**Event Color Guard Commander:** Corey.

**Details:** On March 29, 1973, U.S. President Richard Nixon officially withdrew the American combat forces from Vietnam. A year later, the first Vietnam Veterans Day was held. Vietnam Veterans Day commemorates the hardships suffered and sacrifices made by nine million Americans during the Vietnam War. However, the holiday not only honors those who served in that conflict, but also their families who supported them before and after the war. U.S. President Donald Trump formally signed the Vietnam

War Veterans Recognition Act of 2017 as a law designated for the National Vietnam Veterans Day celebration on March 29 each year.

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Carrigan, Cordes, Corey, Daniel, Hall, Osborn, M.Robinson Phillips, Tyler.



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**March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Sunday (4:00 pm) - Vietnam Veterans Remembrance, Fairfax, VA**

**Event Level:** Chapter

**Host/POC:** Fairfax Resolves Chapter VASSAR/David Cook, [cook006new@yahoo.com](mailto:cook006new@yahoo.com)

**Location:** Veterans Memorial outside the Historic Fairfax Courthouse, 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, VA.

**Firing Event:** No

**Event Color Guard Commander:** Cook.

**Details:** This event seeks to thank and honor veterans of the Vietnam War, and recognize the service of the Armed Forces during that war.

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Bonner, Christensen, Cook, Cordes, Corey, Daniel.

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**March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Saturday (1:00 pm) – National Vietnam Veterans Day, Middletown, VA**

**Event Level:** Chapter

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

**Location:** Middletown Fire Hall, 7855 Main St., Middletown, VA.

**Firing Event:** Yes

**Event Color Guard Commander:** Corey.

**Details:** This event honors veterans from Vietnam era. All are welcome to attend. There will be wreath laying and a presentation on veterans. Muster at 12:15 pm. Contact Dale Corey at [Dale.Corey@comcast.net](mailto:Dale.Corey@comcast.net).

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Bonner, Buck, Carrigan, Christensen, cook, Corey, Daniel, Jameson, E.Moore, Osborn, Parish, Reynolds, M.Robinson, Schwetke, Tyler.





**March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Saturday (11:00 am) - Multi-Patriot Grave Marking, Fort Valley, VA**

**Event Level:** Chapter

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

**Location:** Dry Run Cemetery, 8398 Fort Valley Rd., Fort Valley, VA.

**Firing event:** Yes

**Event Color Guard Commander:** Osborn.

**Details:** Multi patriot grave marking. Will count as five patriots towards the grave marking medal. Wreaths will be presented.

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Carrigan, Christensen, Cook, Corey, Daniel, Dunaway, Hartman, E.Moore, P.Moore, Osborn, Parmeter, Phillips, Reynolds, E. Robinson, M.Robinson, Schwetke, B.Schwoerer, Simmons, Sink, Wilson, Weyler.





**March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Wednesday (11:00 am) - 242<sup>nd</sup> Commemoration of the Battle of Guilford Courthouse**

**Event Level:** National

**Host/POC:** NCSSAR/Danny Murray at [dmurray001@triad.rr.com](mailto:dmurray001@triad.rr.com)

**Location:** Guilford Courthouse National Military Park, 2332 New Garden Rd, Greensboro, NC 27410.

**Firing Event:** Yes (safety governed by the National Park Service)

**Details:** The battle of Guilford Courthouse in North Carolina, on March 15, 1781, proved pivotal to the American victory in the American Revolutionary War (1775-83). Although British troops under Lieutenant General Charles Cornwallis (1738-1805) scored a tactical victory at Guilford Courthouse over American forces under Major General Nathanael Greene (1742-86), the British suffered significant troop losses during the battle. Afterward, Cornwallis abandoned his campaign for the Carolinas and took his army into Virginia instead. In October of that year, he surrendered to General George Washington (1732-99) following the Battle of Yorktown, the last major land battle of the war.

Note: Color Guard members are requested to be in line no later than 10:45 am. The march will commence at 11 am.

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Daniel, Hodges, Kelly, O'Kelley, Morris, Osborn, Richmond, Phillips.



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**March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Sunday (3:00 pm) - 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the establishment of the Virginia Committee of Correspondence (William Grayson Tomb)**



**Event Level: State (\*250)**

**Host/POC:** Col. William Grayson Chapter VASSAR/Andrew Mills at [fedallgen@yahoo.com](mailto:fedallgen@yahoo.com)

**Location:** 2338 West Longview Drive, Woodbridge, VA.

**Firing Event: No**

**Event Color Guard Commander:** Mills.

**Details:** This marks the 233th Anniversary of the death of Prince William County, Virginia's most famous Patriot. The event will take place on Sunday, March 12, 2023 at 3 pm at the Grayson Family Vault located at West Longview Drive, Woodbridge, VA.

Col. William Grayson(1740–1790) was a soldier, lawyer, and statesman. Col. Grayson practiced law in Prince William County and is frequently mentioned as a guest at Mount Vernon, and as a hunting companion of George Washington. At the outbreak of the American Revolution, he served as a captain of the local militia but left the Virginia forces to become an aide-de-camp to General Washington. He later took command of one of the sixteen regiments of the Continental Army. After a bloody battle at Monmouth, New Jersey that virtually destroyed his entire regiment, Col. Grayson went on to serve on the Board of War. After the war, he served as a member of the Continental Congress and was later one of Virginia's first two Senators.

Col. Grayson died in Dumfries on 12 March 1790, the first member of the United States Congress to die in office. He was interred in the Grayson family vault in Woodbridge on a hill overlooking Marumsco Creek. The family burial vault, originally located on a one-thousand-acre plantation; now, less than five acres remain undeveloped. The vault now sits amid a Woodbridge residential neighborhood. It was encased in concrete in the early 1900s by the Daughters of the American Revolution, and has been recently repaired and made accessible to the public. The Reverend Spence Grayson, a "fighting parson" of the Revolution and lifelong friend of George Washington, is also buried in the vault.

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Carrigan, Cook, Corey, Daniel, Hartman, A.Mills, J.Mills, Schwoerer.

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### **March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Sunday (1:30 pm) - Williamsburg Chapter 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemoration (Williamsburg)**



**Event Level: State (\*250)**

**Host/POC:** Williamsburg Chapter VASSAR/Bruce Laubach.

**Location:** Colonial Williamsburg Courthouse, 101 W. Duke of Gloucester St. Williamsburg, VA.

**Details:** **Guardsmen: do not bring flags, firelocks or swords.** Colors/flags will not be carried/presented by the SAR at this event. The wearing of period attire is highly encouraged, however.

Historical background: Please read the short paper drafted by Compatriot Hannum on the Committee of Correspondence for context (click here): [Virginia Resolves](#)

250th Conference background: The Virginia 250 committee is holding a conference in Williamsburg on the 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> of March. The conference will be concluding the weekend with a parade and Closing ceremony. The ceremony will include Dave Catanese as Richard Henry Lee, and Kurt Smith as Thomas Jefferson who will Present the Virginia Committee of Correspondence Resolution of March 12, 1773.

VASSAR context: The Williamsburg Chapter would like to use this as an SAR 250 commemoration event. The Closing ceremony will begin at 1:30pm on Sunday the 12<sup>th</sup> at the Courthouse on Duke of Gloucester St, (across from the Powder Magazine). From there everyone will proceed to the Raleigh Tavern for the presentations by R.H. Lee and Thomas Jefferson. **Virginia Color Guard Attendees:** Adolphi, Dunaway, Lynch, Melhuish, Morris, Westenberger.



On the steps of the historic Raleigh Tavern, Williamsburg

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**March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Saturday (3:00 pm) - 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary establishment Virginia Committee of Correspondence**



**Event Level: State (\*250)**

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

**Location:** VFW Post 9760, Berryville, VA

**Firing Event: Yes**

**Event Color Guard Commander:** M.Robinson.



**Details:** On 11 March 2023, the Colonel James Wood II Chapter of the Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution conducted a ceremony to commemorate the 250th Anniversary of the Virginia Committees of Correspondence.

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Bayliss, Buck, Carrigan, Cook, Corey, Daniel, Ford, E.Robinson, M.Robinson, St Jacques.



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**March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Saturday (1:00 pm) - 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary establishment Virginia Committee of Correspondence**



**Event Level:** State (\*250)

**Host/POC:** Sgt Maj John Champe Chapter VASSAR/Vice President Barry Schwoerer at [bschwoerer@comca\\$st.net](mailto:bschwoerer@comca$st.net)

**Location:** Loudoun Museum, 16 Loudoun Street NW, Leesburg, VA

**Firing event:** No

**Event Color Guard Commander:** B.Schwoerer.

**Details:** 250th Anniversary of the establishment of the Virginia Committee of Correspondence. This is the first of many Semiquincentennial (250th) events for the Commonwealth of Virginia. Mrs. Nancy Spannaus will be guest speaker.

**Virginia Color Guard Attendees:** Bonner, Cook, Daniel, Ford, E.Robinson, M.Robinson, B.Schwoerer, J.Schwoerer, Sink.



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**March 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023, NSSAR Spring Leadership, Louisville, KY**

**Event Level: National**

**Host/POC: NSSAR**

**Location: The Brown Hotel, 335 West Broadway, Louisville, KY 40202.**

**Details:** The Spring Leadership schedule can be accessed by clicking this link: [Spring Schedule](#)

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Bonner, Cook, Crain, Osborn, Schwetke, Weyler.

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