



## March 2024

**March 29th, 2024, Friday (11:00 am) - National Vietnam Veterans Day, Winchester, VA**

**Event Level:** Chapter

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

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

**Firing Event:** Yes

**Event Color Guard Commander:** A. Phillips

**Details:** TBA.

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Christensen, Corey, Daniel, D. Hall, Parish, A. Phillips, Reed, Robinson, Tyler.



**March 29th, 2024, Sunday (11:00 am) - Vietnam Veterans Remembrance, Fairfax, VA**

**Event Level:** Chapter

**Host/POC:** Fairfax Resolves Chapter VASSAR / Jim Cordes.

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

**Firing Event:** No

**Event Color Guard Commander:** Cordes.

**Details:** The color guard muster will be at 10:15 a.m. This is a joint event with the Fairfax County Chapter DAR.

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Abbott, Cordes, Crain, McKinley.

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### **INFORMATION: March 29th, 2024, Friday – National Vietnam Veterans Day**

**Event Level:** **National**

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 honors those who served in that conflict and 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.

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### **March 23rd, 2024, Saturday (1:00 pm) – National Vietnam Veterans Day, Middletown, VA**

**Event Level:** **Chapter**

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

**Location:** Veterans Memorial North, Middletown, VA.

**Firing Event:** **Yes**

**Event Color Guard Commander:** Phillips.

**Details:** In case of rain (70% at this time), the event will be in the Middletown Fire Hall at 7855 Main Street, Middletown, VA (just up the road from the Veterans Memorial North towards town). Time still 1:00 pm start, Color Guard muster 12:15 pm.

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Christensen, Cordes, Daniel, Ford, A.Phillips, B.Schwoerer, Simmons, Tyler.

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### **March 23rd, 2024, Saturday (10:00 am) – Regional Color Guard Workshop, Abingdon, VA**

**Event Level:** **Chapter (Regional Training)**

**Host/POC:** Gen. William Campbell Chapter VASSAR / John Gullion at [trapperjohn63@gmail.com](mailto:trapperjohn63@gmail.com)

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

**Firing Event:** **Yes**

**Instructor:** Gullion.

**Details:** This workshop is focused on black powder safe handling and firing certification/recertification.

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Carr, Combs, Gullion, Menerick, Richmond, Vaughan.

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### **March 22nd, 2024, Friday (8:00 pm) – SAR Color Guard support to the DAR State Conference, Williamsburg, VA**

**Event Level:** **Chapter**

**Host/POC:** Williamsburg Chapter NSDAR / Robin Doucette; Williamsburg Chapter VASSAR / Gary Dunaway.

**Location:** Williamsburg Lodge, 310 S England St., Williamsburg, VA.

**Event Color Guard Commander:** Dunaway.

**Firing Event:** No

**Details:** The DAR has invited the Williamsburg SAR Color Guard to participate in the Opening Night of the Virginia DAR State Conference. The event will occur at the Williamsburg Lodge on Friday, March 22, 2024. Mrs. Nesbitt has requested that the SAR present the Colors that evening. This will be the first time a DAR State Conference has been held in Williamsburg since 1976. Color Guard muster NLT 7:15 pm.

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Doucette, Dunaway, Lynch, Adolphi.



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**March 16th, 2024, Saturday (1:00 pm) – Grave Marking, Alexandria, VA**

**Event Level:** Chapter

**Host/POC:** Fairfax Resolves and George Washington Chapters VASSAR / Paul Walden 703-346-2091.

**Location:** Presbyterian Meeting House Cemetery, 600 Hamilton Ave, Alexandria, VA.

**Firing Event:** No

**Event Color Guard Commander:** Cordes.

**Details:** The Fairfax Resolves and George Washington Chapters will conduct a joint grave marking at the Presbyterian Meeting House Cemetery honoring Patriots Robert Adam (Signer of Fairfax Resolves), David Black, and John Dundas.

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Abbott, Cordes, Crain, McComb, McKinley, Peters, Schmidt, Schwetke. (Roth photographer.)

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**March 16th, 2024, Saturday (1:00 pm) – Regional Color Guard Workshop,**

## Leesburg, VA

**Event Level:** **Chapter** (Regional Training)

**Host/POC:** Sgt Maj. John Champe Chapter VASSAR / Barry Schwoerer ([bschwoerer@comcast.net](mailto:bschwoerer@comcast.net)) & Mark Sink ([oldsync@gmail.com](mailto:oldsync@gmail.com))

**Location:** VFW-1177, 401 Old Waterford Road, Leesburg, VA.

**Firing Event:** **Yes**

**Instructor:** Schwoerer.

**Details:** Training will include: flag carriage and presentation, wreath presentation, basic marching commands, firelock safety, firelock operations and cleaning, how to make black powder cartridges. Before coming to the workshop, recommend attendees view the VASSAR Color Guard training videos

at: <https://www.virginiasar.org/resources>. Escort and Flag Duty, Musket Firing Drill, and Safety Inspection.

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Bayliss, Bonner, Buck, Carrigan, Christensen, Daniel, Dunaway, Ford, Hall, M.Jackson, A.Mills, J.Mills, Osborn, B.Parish, A.Phillips, M.Robinson, B.Schwoerer, Sink, Tyler, Van Deusen, Wilson, Workman.



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**March 16th, 2024, Saturday (10:00 am) – Monument Dedication and multi-Patriot Grave Marking, Leesburg, VA**

**Event Level:** **Chapter**

**Host/POC:** Sgt Maj John Champe Chapter / Barry Schwoerer & Mark Sink.

**Location:** Nixon Family Cemetery, 19010 Woodburn Road, Leesburg, VA.

**Firing Event:** **Yes**

**Event Color Guard Commander:** Sink.

**Details:** Color Guard muster at 9:15 am. Woodburn Road is off of Harmony Road, off Route 15, south of Leesburg. Do not park on Woodburn Road. Follow directions to parking and follow the “No Parking” signs. Musket men report by 10:15 for safety checks. Notify both Barry Schworer at [bschworer@comcast.net](mailto:bschworer@comcast.net) or 703-859-3407 and Mark Sink at [oldsync@gmail.com](mailto:oldsync@gmail.com) or 703-943-8457 if you plan to participate in musket volley, present a wreath or be in Color Guard. Expect a 100-yard walk over grass from parking to the cemetery. Parking is limited to about 15 cars, and carpooling is strongly encouraged.

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Bonner, Buck, Christensen, Daniel, Dunaway, Ford, Hall, M.Jackson, McKinley, Osborn, Parish, M.Robinson, Schwetke, Schmidt, B.Schworer, Sink, Van Deusen, Wilson.



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**March 15th, 2024, Friday (11:00 am) – Commemoration of the Battle of Guilford Courthouse, Greensboro, NC**

**Event Level:** National

**Host/POC:** Nathanael Greene Chapter 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.

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

**Event Color Guard Commander:** Collins.

**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 must be in line no later than 10:45 am. Registration link:

[Registration](#)

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Bonner, G.Hall, Geisinger, Hamilton, Hodges, P. Kelly, LeViner, O'Kelley, Morris, Spangler.



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**March 10th, 2024, Sunday (2:00 pm) – Col. Wm. Grayson Grave Making, Woodbridge, VA**

**Event Level:** Chapter

**Host/POC:** Col. William Grayson Chapter VASSAR / Andrew Mills at fedallgen@yahoo.com 703 402-6218.

**Location:** 2338 W. Longview Dr., Woodbridge, VA.

**Firing Event:** No

**Event Color Guard Commander:** A.Mills

**Details:** Colonel William Grayson first served as an aide to General George Washington during the Revolution, then formed an additional Continental Regiment to serve under the General throughout the remainder of the war. After the Revolution, Grayson was elected as one of the first senators from Virginia but died in office in 1790. He was the first and only resident of Prince William County to be elected to the Senate.

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Bonner, Boulton, Christensen, Daniel, Hamilton, Hartman, Huddleston, A. Mills, J. Mills, E. Robinson, M. Robinson, Schwalm, B.Schwoerer, Sink, Tyler, Wilson.



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**March 2nd, 2024, Saturday, (2:00 pm) – Regional Color Guard Training Workshop, Williamsburg, VA.**

**Event Level:** **Chapter (Regional Training)**

**Host/POC:** Williamsburg Chapter VASSAR / John Lynch at [cslasoz@aol.com](mailto:cslasoz@aol.com)

**Location:** James City County / Freedom Park, 5537 Centerville Rd., Williamsburg, VA.

**Firing Event:** **No**

**Instructor:** Thompson.

**Details:** VASSAR CG non-firing workshop. Kimball Thompson will provide training. Bring your EMPTY (no black powder) cartridge box and bayonet if you have one. Firelocks MUST have a flash guard and hammer stall. This is a safety requirement for all events - even when not firing. A spring vise will be available if you need to install a flash guard. Not to worry if you don't have those things — we can share items to get everyone up to speed. Dummy cartridges will be provided so you can go through the prime and load commands.

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Adolphi, Brown, Dunaway, Hodges, Lynch, R.Miller, Thompson.

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