



May 2024

May 31st, 2024, Friday (1:00 pm) - Commemoration of Wayne's Crossing, Tuscarora, MD

Event Level: Chapter

Host/POC: Sgt Lawrence Everhart Chapter, MDSSAR / Edward Spannaus, edspannaus@verizon.net, 301-969-8001

Location: C&O Canal Park, Noland's Ferry, Tuscarora, MD. (Access from New Design Road, south of the intersection with MD Route 28.)

Firing Event: No

Event Color Guard Commander: (Provided by MDSSAR).

Heat Index: 82F

Details: This event commemorates the crossing of Gen. Anthony Wayne and approximately 1000 Pennsylvania Continentals into Virginia on May 31, 1781. They were on their way to reinforce the Marquis de Lafayette, a crucial step in what eventually became the Yorktown Campaign. Details in the flyer (click here): [Invitation](#).

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



May 29th, 2024, Wednesday (7:00 pm) - Elks Youth Recognition Dinner, Fairfax, VA

Event Level: Chapter

Host/POC: Fairfax Resolves Chapter VASSAR / James Cordes at

jcord_2000@yahoo.com.

Location: Elks Lodge 2188, 8421 Arlington Boulevard, Fairfax, VA.

Firing Event: No

Event Color Guard Commander: Cordes

Heat Index: N/A (Indoors)

Details: Color Guard muster at 6:30 pm in the parking lot. The lodge hosts an annual dinner recognizing the Girl Scout Gold Award and Scout's BSA Eagle Award recipients. The Fairfax Resolves Chapter awards certificates of achievement and provides a Color Guard to open the evening's activities. Dinner is provided at no charge.

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Cordes, Crain, McKinley, Schmidt.

May 29th, 2023, Wednesday (1:00 pm) - Wreath Laying at Patrick Henry's Gravesite, Red Hill Plantation, Brookneal, VA

Event Level: Chapter

Host/POC: Patrick Henry Chapter, Virginia SAR / Mark Day.

Location: Patrick Henry's Red Hill, 1250 Red Hill Road, Brookneal, VA.

Firing Event: Yes

Event Color Guard Commander: Day.

Heat Index: 77F

Details: Over the past two years, ceremonies have been conducted first by the State and then by the Chapter to honor Patrick Henry's May 29, 1736, birthday at Red Hill. These programs were conducted at the grave site. State President Thomas had designated the 2021 event as one of his Presidential Initiatives. DAR and C.A.R. participation will also be encouraged. The Red Hill National Memorial will provide refreshments for the participants and attendees.

Inscribed on Patrick Henry's tomb: *"His fame his best epitaph."*

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Day, Sink.

May 28th, 2024, Tuesday (10:00 am) – Marker Dedication, Taneytown, MD

Event Level: Chapter

Host/POC: Westminster Chapter, MDSSAR / John Laycock at

obiwan1129@yahoo.com.

Location: American Legion Hesson-Snider Post #120, 9 Broad St., Taneytown, MD.

Firing Event: No

Event Color Guard Commander: Provided by MDSSAR.

Heat Index: N/A (indoor venue)

Details: Dedication of a Marker commemorating the 1781 encampment of General Anthony Wayne's Army at Bruceville, MD, as the army marched from York, PA, to join General Lafayette near Orange, VA.

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: B.Schwoerer.

May 27th, 2024, Monday (2:00 pm) - National Memorial Day Parade - District of Columbia

Event Level: National

Host/POC: George Washington Chapter VASSAR / Scott Bryant at

sbryant.sarmail@gmail.com.

Location: National Mall, Washington, DC.

Firing Event: No

National Color Guard Commander: Scott Collins.

Heat Index: 86F

Details: NSSAR P-G Dodd will participate. Muster no later than 1:00 pm on the Mall, 7th St., between Madison Dr. and Jefferson Dr. The parade length is approximately 1.5 miles. Participants will also need to factor in the distance to and from parking sites to determine the total miles walked in this event (perhaps 3 miles total). The George Washington Chapter, VASSAR, continues its tradition of organizing SAR parade participation in the District of Columbia to support the DC Society SAR. If you intend to participate in this parade, the event organizer requires participants to sign a liability release form (click here: [Release Form](#)). David Thomas must receive The signed form (via US Mail) no later than May 13. Parade map click here: [Map](#). More details may be found here: [Muster](#). Please note that **ALL WEAPONS MUST BE 100% INOPERABLE. A WEAPONS CHECK BY LAW ENFORCEMENT WILL OCCUR AT THE TENT LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF 7TH ST. AND MADISON DRIVE AT 12:45 PM.**

Georgia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Collins (National Color Guard Commander)

Maryland SAR Color Guard Attendees: Mortland.

Spanish "Continental Line" (non-SAR reenactor): Diaz.

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Jackson, McComb, McKinley, Morris, Schmidt, Wilson.

DC SAR Color Guard Attendee: Fryar.



May 27th, 2024, Monday (1:00 pm) - Memorial Day Commemoration, Middletown, VA

Event Level: National

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

Location: Middletown Veterans Memorial, 8050 Main St., Middletown, VA.

Firing Event: No (Not VASSAR -- fired by the VFW unit)

Event Color Guard Commander: Corey.

Heat Index: 81F

Details: TBA.

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Buck, Carrigan, Christensen, Corey, Cordes, Daniel, A.Phillips, Reynolds, M.Robinson, Tyler.

May 27th, 2024, Monday (11:00 am) - Memorial Day Parade, Hamilton, VA

Event Level: National

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

Location: Muster at the Hamilton Safety Center, 39071 E Colonial Hwy., Hamilton, VA.

Firing Event: No

Event Color Guard Commander: B.Schwoerer.

Heat Index: 84F

Details: The Color Guard muster will be at 10 a.m. VASSAR will support a float in the Hamilton Memorial Day Parade. The VASSAR Color Guard will carry colors in front of the parade. After the parade, we take the float to Hamilton Town Park, where we set up a display with colonial games for kids and handouts between 12 and 2 p.m. At noon, VASSAR will present a flag certificate to the Mayor and town council at the illuminated flagpole at the entrance to the Town Park.

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Bonner, B.Schwoerer, J.Schwoerer, Sink, Van Deusen, Watts, Workman.



May 27th, 2024, Monday (11:00 am) - Memorial Day Commemoration, Culpeper, VA

Event Level: National

Host/POC: VFW / Keith Price. Supported by Culpeper Minutemen Chapter VASSAR / Charles Jameson.

Location: Culpeper National Cemetery, 305 U.S. Ave., Culpeper, VA.

Firing Event: No

Event Color Guard Commander: Schwetke.

Heat Index: 85F

Details: Color Guard muster no later than 10:15 am.

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Bish, Crain, Hamilton, Jameson, B.Schwetke.

May 27th, 2024, Monday (11:00 am) – Memorial Day Commemoration, Winchester, VA

Event Level: National

Host/POC: Col. James Wood II Chapter VASSAR and the American Red Cross / Dale Corey.

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

Firing Event: Yes

Event Color Guard Commander: Corey.

Heat Index: 77F

Details: Color Guard muster no later than 10:15 am. A musket salute will be fired after the wreath presentation.

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Buck, Carrigan, Christensen, Cordes, Corey, Daniel, A.Phillips, Reynolds, M.Robinson, Tyler.

May 27th, 2024, Monday (11:00 am) - Memorial Day Commemoration, Veterans Park, Abingdon, VA

Event Level: National

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

Location: Veterans Memorial Park, Lt. Billy Webb Ave., Abingdon, VA.

Firing Event: Yes

Event Guard Commander: Gullion.

Heat Index: 76F

Details: VASSAR Guardsmen muster at 10 a.m. The sheriff's department Honor Guard will carry the colors.

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Britton, Gullion, Johnson, Vaughan.



May 27th, 2024, Monday (11:00 am) - Memorial Day Commemoration, Halifax, VA

Event Level: National

Host/POC: Dan River Chapter VASSAR / Gary Hall.

Location: Halifax County War Memorial, Halifax, VA.

Firing Event: No

Event Color Guard Commander: Hall.

Heat Index: 83F

Details: TBA.

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Geisinger, Hall, Spangler.

May 27th, 2024, Monday (10:00 am) - Memorial Day Parade, Norfolk, VA

Event Level: National

Host/POC: Larchmont-Edgewater Civic League / Mike Crockett. Norfolk Chapter VASSAR / John Hall at johnhall@norfolksar.net.

Location: Larchmont, Norfolk, VA.

Firing Event: No

Event Color Guard Commander: Melhuish.

Heat Index: 89F

Details: This event marks the second Memorial Day Parade in Norfolk and includes the Norfolk Chapter VASSAR and the Great Bridge Chapter, NSDAR, as participants. The Honorable Kenneth Alexander, Mayor of Norfolk, will be in the parade. Navy Rear Admiral Steffen will be the guest speaker. The parade concludes at Larchmont United Methodist Church with a wreath laying, playing of Taps by a US Navy bugler, and a bagpipe Lament. Free hot dogs and ice cream will be offered. More info here: [Flyer](#).

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Melhuish.



May 27th, 2024, Monday (10:00 am) - Memorial Day Commemoration, Colonial Williamsburg, VA

Event Level: National

Host/POC: Colonial Williamsburg & Williamsburg Chapter / John Lynch.

Location: In front of the Governor's Palace, Colonial Williamsburg.

Firing Event: No (Volley fired by Colonial Williamsburg reenactors)

Event Color Guard Commander: Dunaway.

Heat Index: 85F

Details: Start time for the ceremony is 10:00 AM.

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Adolphi, Brown, Doucette, Dunaway, Hodges, R.Miller, Westenberger.

INFORMATION: May 27th, 2024, Monday – Memorial Day

Event Level: National

Memorial Day is a federal holiday observed annually on the last Monday in May. It honors those who died serving in the United States military. In the United States, Memorial Day weekend starts the summer season, and Labor Day weekend ends the summer. Most government and business offices will be closed on this Day. Armed Forces Day honors those currently serving in the military, and Veterans Day honors men and women who have previously served in the United States armed forces.

The National Moment of Remembrance: On May 3, 2000, a “National Moment of Remembrance” was established. This is observed at 3 pm local time on Memorial Day to pause and remember those who died in defense of our Nation. The first national observance of Memorial Day occurred on May 30, 1868. Then known as Decoration Day, the holiday was proclaimed by Major General John A. Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic to honor the Union soldiers who had died in the Civil War.

May 26th, 2024, Sunday (2:00 pm) - Gold Good Citizenship Medal Presentation, Gunston Hall, VA

Event Level: National

Host/POC: Fairfax Resolves Chapter & George Mason Chapter VASSAR / Ken Morris.

Location: 10709 Gunston Road, Lorton, VA.

Firing Event: No

Event Color Guard Commander: B.Schwoerer.

Heat Index: 93F (Peak)

Details: We have received a request from the George Mason Chapter for a color guard to present colors at a Gold Good Citizenship Medal presentation. NSSAR PG Dodd will be the presenter. The event will be held at Gunston Hall. Gold Good Citizenship Medals are rarely given and have National significance.

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Christensen, A.Mills, J.Mills, Morris, B.Schwoerer, Sink, Tugman, Van Deusen, Weyler, Wilson.



May 26th, 2024, Sunday (2:00 pm) - Memorial Day Commemoration, Berryville, VA

Event Level: National

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

Location: Rose Hill, Berryville, VA.

Firing Event: No

Event Color Guard Commander: Corey.

Heat Index: 86F

Details: Posting and retiring Colors. Supporting American Legion Post 41, Berryville, VA. Tom Vorisek Commander (540-303-0774). Open house following the service at VFW Post 9760 (Berryville).

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

May 25th, 2024, Saturday (3:00 pm) - Patriot Grave Marking for James Campbell, Rose Hill, VA

Event Level: Chapter

Host/POC: Martin's Station Chapter VASSAR / Donald Campbell at

dhc196855@yahoo.com.

Location: Old Campbell Cemetery of Rose Hill, 2062 Giles Hollow Rd., Rose Hill, VA

Firing event: No

Event Color Guard Commander: TBA

Heat Index: 78F

Details: Join the Martin's Station Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution who is proudly hosting a grave marking ceremony in honor of James Campbell, a Patriot of the American Revolution. This event will take place on Saturday, May 25, 2024, at 3 pm in the historic Old Campbell Cemetery in Rose Hill, VA. Paying homage to a hero of our nation's founding, the ceremony promises to be a meaningful and respectful tribute to

James Campbell's enduring legacy.
Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:

May 25th, 2024, Saturday (10:30 am) - Commemoration of the Battle of Waxhaws (Buford's Massacre), Lancaster, SC

Event Level: **National**

Host/POC: Francis Marion Chapter SCSSAR / Greg Ohanesian.

Location: Buford Battleground, 262, Rocky River Rd., Lancaster, SC.

Firing Event: **Yes** (Re-enactors only)

Virginia Color Guard Commander: Bill Schwetke.

Heat Index: **91F**

Details: This is a national-level event sponsored by the General Francis Marion Chapter, SCSSAR. The Battle of Waxhaws (also known as Buford's massacre) took place during the American Revolutionary War on May 29, 1780, near Lancaster, South Carolina, between a Continental Army force led by Abraham Buford and a mainly Loyalist force led by British officer Banastre Tarleton. Buford refused an initial demand to surrender, but when Tarleton's cavalry attacked his men, many threw down their arms to surrender. Buford attempted to surrender. However, the British commanding officer Tarleton was shot at during the truce, causing his horse to fall and trap him. Loyalists and British troops were outraged at the breaking of the truce in this manner and proceeded to fall on the rebels. While Tarleton was trapped under his dead horse, men continued killing the Continental soldiers, including those not resisting. A little quarter was given to the patriots/rebels. Of the 400 or so Continentals, 113 were killed with sabers, 150 so severely injured they could not be moved, and the British and Loyalists took 53 prisoners. "Tarleton's quarter" became a common expression for refusing to take prisoners. In some subsequent battles in the Carolinas, few of the defeated were taken alive by either side. This 'Battle of Waxhaws' became the subject of an intensive propaganda campaign by the Continental Army to bolster recruitment and incite resentment against the British. Equally plausible accounts of the battle by soldiers from both sides describe Tarleton as having no part in ordering a massacre as he had been trapped under his horse. When freed, he immediately ordered medical treatment of American prisoners and the wounded. Video here: [Buford's Massacre](#)

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Bonner, Doucette, Geisinger, LeViner, Lynch, Melhuish, Reynolds, B.Schwetke.



May 25th, 2024, Saturday (9:00 am - 3:00 pm) - 42nd Plumb Alley Day, Abingdon, VA

Event Level: Chapter

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

Location: Plumb Alley, Abingdon, VA.

Firing Event: No

Event Color Guard Commander: Gullion.

Heat Index: 78F

Details: Plumb Alley Day is the largest fundraiser for the Kiwanis Club of Abingdon, and every nickel raised is donated to kids' groups in our area. Some 6,000 - 8,000 residents and visitors are expected on Abingdon's Plumb Alley on Saturday, May 25, when the Kiwanis Club holds its Annual Plumb Alley Day. The festival is rated one of the largest one-day events in the Southeast runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Britton, Gullion, Johnson, King, Saunders, Yearly.

May 23rd, 2024, Thursday (1:30 pm) – Lafayette Trail Marker Dedication, Fredericksburg, VA

Event Level: Chapter

Host/POC: Lafayette Trail / Julien Icher; Col. Fielding Lewis Cahptar VASSAR / John Hamilton.

Location: Fredericksburg Area Museum, 907 Princess Anne St., Fredericksburg, VA

Firing Event: No

Event Color Guard Commander: Hamilton

Details: Julien Icher, a French national who founded and is president of The Lafayette Trail project, will be the honored guest and speaker. The initiative aims to erect a

marker at every venue that Lafayette visited during his 1824-25 Farewell Tour of the U.S.

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Boulton, Hamilton, Tugman.



INFORMATION: May 20th, 2024, Monday - Armed Forces Day Celebrations

Event Level: National

First observed on May 20, 1950, the day was created on August 31, 1949, to honor Americans serving in the five U.S. military branches – the U.S. Army, U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Air Force, and U.S. Coast Guard – following the consolidation of the military services in the U.S. Department of Defense. It was intended to replace the separate Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard Days, but the separate days are still observed, especially within the respective services.

May 18th, 2024, Saturday (11:00 am) – Regional Color Guard Workshop, Gloucester, VA

Event Level: Chapter (Regional Training)

Host/POC: Williamsburg Chapter VASSAR / Gary Dunaway at

gdunaway4sar@gmail.com (757) 303-3673.

Location: Gloucester Museum of History, 6539 Main St., Gloucester, VA.

Firing Event: **Yes**

Instructor: Thompson

Heat Index: N/A

Details: This Color Guard workshop offers training for VASSAR Color Guardsmen to safely handle and fire black powder with the aim of recertification. Instructors muster at 10:30 am.

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Doucette, Dunaway, Hamilton, Lynch, Melhuish, Miller, Thompson, Tugman, Westenberger.



May 11th, 2024, Saturday (10:00 am) - America's First Frontier (formerly the Raid at Martin's Station), Ewing, VA

Event Level: **National**

Host/POC: Martin's Station Chapter VASSAR / Tom Coker at trc@mounet.com

Location: Wilderness State Park, 8051 Wilderness Road Trail, Ewing, VA.

Firing Event: **Yes**

Event Color Guard Commander: B.Schwetke.

Heat Index: 67F

Details: Participants desiring to present a wreath must deliver it to the appropriate area near the monument no later than 9:30 a.m. on May 11th. Compatriots wearing period, Militia, or Continental Line dress are limited to the location in front of the Information Center and the SAR Monument. After the wreath-laying ceremony, the above are

restricted to areas in front of the Information Center to comply with WRSP rules. Parking fees will be waived only for Compatriots wearing period attire. Compatriots wearing Continental uniforms (not militia) will be asked to leave the Fort area immediately after the wreath-laying ceremony to preserve the 1775 frontier impression. Wreaths may be dedicated to a specific Organization, an individual patriot, or anything deemed appropriate. For registration, click here: [Registration](#). Overall schedule, click here: [Martin's Station Event](#)

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Coker, Combs, Hamilton, B.Schwetke, D.Schwetke.



May 10th, 2023, Friday (11:00 am) - Naturalization Ceremony at Patrick Henry's Red Hill National Memorial, Brookneal, VA

Event Level: Chapter

Host/POC: Patrick Henry Chapter VASSAR / Mark Day.

Location: Patrick Henry Red Hill National Memorial, 1250 Red Hill Road, Brookneal, VA.

Firing Event: No

Event Color Guard Commander: Hall

Heat Index: 74F

Details: Patrick Henry's Red Hill will hold a Naturalization Ceremony on 10 May beginning at 11:00 am.

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Corey, Daniel, Driscoll, Geisinger, Hall, A.Phillips, B.Schwetke, D.Schwetke, Sink, Spangler.



May 5th, 2024, Sunday (2:00 pm) – Historic Marker Dedication, Charles City, VA

Event Level: Chapter

Host/POC: Richmond Chapter VASSAR / Chris Yohn at cy.rva.sar@gmail.com

Location: 12602 Harrison Landing Rd., Charles City, VA.

Firing Event: Yes

Event Color Guard Commander: Dunaway

Heat Index: 74F

Details: Historic marker dedication. This will be a wreath-laying event with invitations being sent statewide and to SAR, DAR, Founders and Patriots, etc. It will largely follow the grave marking program agenda. The marker will commemorate this forgotten shipyard of the Revolution, the Berkeley Plantation Shipyard (not the Chickahominy Shipyard). While less well known, the Berkeley Shipyard constructed 18 warships for the Patriot cause at the site of Berkeley Plantation. It is located at the home of a Founding Father and signer of the Declaration of Independence, Benjamin Harrison V. This military production and Harrison's patriotic efforts made Berkeley an enemy target. Benedict Arnold destroyed it in his 1781 raid up the James to Richmond. Since Berkeley is a popular tourist destination, this will be a high-profile and lasting marker for the SAR and its mission and generate interest in America 250 activities with the general public.

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Bonner, Carrigan, Corey, Daniel, Doucette, Dunaway, Lynch, McKinley, Miller, Morris, M.Robinson, Schmidt.



May 1st, 2024, Wednesday (6:00 pm) – Color Guard support to VFW, Winchester, VA

Event Level: **Chapter**

Host/POC: Col. James Wood II Chapter VASSAR / Dale Corey (sponsoring organization is VFW Post 2123).

Location: Shenandoah University Wilkins Athletic and Event Center, 1155 Ralph Schockley Dr., Winchester, VA.

Firing event: **No**

Event Color Guard Commander: B.Schwoerer.

Details: VFW Post 2123 has asked VASSAR to present and post the colors at a Veterans Appreciation Dinner at 6:00 p.m. at the Shenandoah University Field House. We have done this for the past couple of years. The Color Guard will present three flags: the US, VA, and 250th Anniversary. The CG will have to navigate the steps up to the stage and, after honors, navigate down, so flag harnesses will be provided for the event. Jameson will post the POW/MIA flag.

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Carrigan, Christensen, Corey, M.Crain, Daniel, A.Phillips, M.Robinson, B.Schwoerer, Tyler, Wilson.
