

# Message to the Guard

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Subject: Extension of VASSAR Black Powder Certification

Guardsmen,

Coincident with losing a significant January Color Guard Workshop due to brutally cold weather, I have decided to extend the current black powder certification period. The new date will be **30 April 2024**. This resets the certification period to accommodate the annual Spring workshops better.

- 48 Guardsmen are black powder certified out of the 134 rostered VASSAR Guardsmen. (See attached list.)

This was discussed with the entire Color Guard Committee, which unanimously concurred with this course of action.

- Please review Annexes A through C in our CG Handbook.  
[https://www.virginiasar.org/assets/COLOR\\_GUARD/VASSAR%20CG%20HANDBOOK\\_Ver\\_12.pdf](https://www.virginiasar.org/assets/COLOR_GUARD/VASSAR%20CG%20HANDBOOK_Ver_12.pdf)
- And, of course, refamiliarize yourself with the following training videos:
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3O-CdagUPIw>
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l-HFDAXHNhs>

Wear your cockade with pride. You earned it.

Yours in Patriotism,

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