



## November 2023

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### **November 11th, 2023, Saturday (6:pm) - Support for Charles James 248th USMC Birthday Ball, Winchester, VA**

**Event Level:** Chapter

**Host/POC:** VASSAR POC is Brett Osborn.

**Location:** James Charles Winery & Vineyard, 4063 Middle Rd., Winchester, VA.

**Firing Event:** No

**Event Color Guard Commander:** Osborn

**Details:** VASSAR has been asked to provide a Color Guard for this event. Guardsmen muster at 6:00 pm. This event is open to United States Marines, past or present, and their guests. This is a non-profit event, and any proceeds from ticket sales, after expenses, will be used to benefit Toys for Tots and other organizations supporting US military veterans. There will be a Toys for Tots collection box at the winery.

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** D.Hall, E.Moore, Osborn, Phillips, M.Robinson, Tyler.

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### **November 11th, 2023, Saturday (3:30 pm) - Veterans Day Parade at Colonial Williamsburg, VA**

**Event Level:** National

**Host/POC:** Colonial Williamsburg. Williamsburg Chapter VASSAR / John Lynch.

**Location:** Colonial Williamsburg, VA.

**Firing Event:** No

**Preferred Uniform:** Regimental

**Event Color Guard Commander:** TBA

**Details:** Colonial Williamsburg invited VASSAR to provide the Color Guard for the annual Veterans Day Parade. The Color Guard will be preceded by the Williamsburg Fife and Drums. Parade steps off at 3:30 pm. Color Guard muster between 2:45 and 3:00 PM at the Capitol ("Capitol Circle") This is on Duke of Gloucester street in front of the Capitol (not the Palace). US 50-star and VA flags will be carried. No others. Click here for parade information: <https://www.colonialwilliamsburg.org/events/special-event-a-veterans-day-salute-procession/>

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Adolphi, Dunaway, Lynch, A.Mills, J.Mills, R.Miller.



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**November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Saturday (2:00 pm) - Veterans Day Commemoration, Leesburg, VA**

**Event Level:** National

**Host/POC:** Sgt Maj John Champe Chapter VASSAR / John Curtis.

**Location:** Church of Our Savior, 20340 James Madison Hwy., Leesburg, VA.

**Firing Event:** No

**Event Color Guard Commander:** TBA

**Details:** Muster at 1:15 pm. This is the 2nd annual local Veteran's Day Event. Last year it was held at Patrick Henry College in Purcellville, VA. Due to the restrictions at the College (No Muskets or Firing), it was decided by the organizers to move to the Church Grounds, which are more spacious and allow musket volleys. The keynote speaker is Lt. Col. Oliver North (USMC Ret.).

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Christensen, Day, Sink.



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**November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Saturday (1:00 pm) - Veterans Day Ceremony, Lovettsville, VA**

**Event Level:** National

**Host/POC:** Sgt Maj John Champe Chapter VASSAR / Ken Bonner.

**Location:** Lovettsville Community Park, 39550 Lovettsville Park Drive, Lovettsville, VA.

**Firing Event:** No

**Event Color Guard Commander:** TBA

**Details:** Muster - our participation features Warner Workman's parade float, which will be on static display as the event centerpiece. We may also be joined by members of the local VFW. The ceremony organizer has directed that participants may arrive as early as 7:00 am, and that set up must be ready by 11:30 am. Therefore, we anticipate needing the float in place by about 11:00 am, and guardsmen should plan on arriving by 12:15 pm.

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Bonner, Cook, B. Schwoerer, Sink, Van Deusen.

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**November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Saturday (1:00 pm) - Veterans Day Appreciation, Shenandoah University Commemoration, Winchester, VA**

**Event Level:** National

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

**Location:** 1122 Ralph Shockey Dr., Winchester, VA.

**Firing Event:** No

**Event Color Guard Commander:** Daniel

**Details:** VASSAR will provide a Color Guard for the Veterans Appreciation Day at the Shenandoah University football game kick-off. Muster at 12:15 pm.

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Buck, Daniel, Phillips, Tyler.



**November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Saturday (1:00 pm) - Veterans Day Commemoration, Middletown, VA**

**Event Level:** National

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

**Location:** Middletown Veterans Park, 8050 Main St., Middletown, VA.

**Firing Event:** No

**Event Color Guard Commander:** Osborn

**Details:** The event is a commemoration to honor veterans sponsored by Middletown. It is held at the Veterans Commemorative Park in Middletown. The SAR will serve as the color guard. The VFW will fire a rifle salute to honor veterans of all services.

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Bayliss, Cook, Cordes, Corey, Cridge, D.Hall, E.Moore, Osborn, Parmerter, M.Robinson, E.Robinson, Simmons,



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**November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Saturday (11:00 am) – Veterans Day Commemoration, Culpeper, VA**

**Event Level:** National

**Host/POC:** Culpeper Minute Men Chapter VASSAR / Charles Jameson.

**Location:** Culpeper National Cemetery, 305 US Ave., Culpeper, VA.

**Firing Event:** Yes (VFW will fire)

**Event Color Guard Commander:** Dennis

**Details:** TBA.

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Crain, Dennis, Jameson, Schwetke.

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**November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Saturday (11:00 am) - Veterans Day Commemoration, Abingdon, VA**

**Event Level:** National

**Host/POC:** Abingdon Memorial Park Foundation and Gen. William Campbell Chapter VASSAR / John Gullion.

**Location:** Veterans Memorial Park, 425 Lt Billy Webb Ave., Abingdon, VA.

**Firing Event:** Yes

**Event Color Guard Commander:** Gullion.

**Details:** VASSAR Guardsmen will fire a volley at the ceremony.

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Britton, Carr, Combs, Gullion, Johnson, Richmond, Shaver, Vaughn.

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**November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Saturday (11:00 am) - Veterans Day Commemoration, Winchester, VA**

**Event Level:** National

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

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

**Firing event:** Yes

**Event Color Guard Commander:** Osborn

**Details:** A commemoration to honor veterans, co-sponsored by the American Red Cross. The event is held at the National Cemetery in Winchester, Virginia. Muster time is 10:15 am with a start time of 11:00 am. The colors will be presented, and all U.S. services will be recognized.

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Buck, Christensen, Collins, Cook, Cordes, Corey, Cridge, Daniel, D.Hall, Osborn, Phillips, M.Robinson, E.Robinson, Simmons, Tyler.



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**November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Saturday (10:00 am) - Veterans Day Commemoration, Williamsburg, VA**

**Event Level:** National

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

**Location:** Colonial Williamsburg, VA.

**Firing Event:** Yes (musket volley provided by CW reenactors)

**Event Color Guard Commander:** Lynch.

**Details:** Click here for the flyer: [Veterans Day](#). And here:

<https://www.colonialwilliamsburg.org/events/special-event-veterans-day-proclamation/>

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Adolphi, Brown, Doucette, Dunaway, Hodges, Lynch, A.Mills, J.Mills, R.Miller, Westenberger.



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**November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Saturday (9:30 am) - Wreath Laying at Geo. Washington's Tomb, Mt Vernon, VA**

**Event Level:** National

**Host/POC:** George Washington Chapter VASSAR / Rand Pixa.

**Location:** Mount Vernon, VA.

**Firing Event:** No

**Event Color Guard Commander:** TBA

**Details:** Wreath-laying at Washington's Tomb on the Mount Vernon Estate. Joint ceremony with NSDAR.

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Davenport, Jackson, McComb.



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**INFORMATION: November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Saturday - Veterans Day Commemorations**

**Event Level: National**

Originally known as Armistice Day, in recognition of when the guns fell silent at the 11th hour of the 11th day, November 1918. This day continues to be celebrated in some other countries as Armistice Day or Remembrance Day. The US changed the name of the national holiday to Veterans Day on June 1, 1954, at the urging of WWII and Korean veterans.

Veterans Day honors the service of all US military Veterans who have served, while Memorial Day honors those who died while in military service to the nation.

On October 7, 2016 the President of the United States signed the **Veterans Day Moment of Silence Act**, which calls on Americans to observe a two-minute silence commencing at 2:11 pm, Eastern Standard Time. The theme for Veterans Day 2023 is "Service." Britain's Imperial War Museum recreated the sound of the guns falling silent in this short clip: [When the Guns Fell Silent](#)

Perhaps not widely known is how the red poppy became a symbol of this national holiday.

In November 1918, a young American woman by the name of Moina Belle Michael -- a Daughter of the American Revolution -- was so moved by a Canadian war poet's work



("In Flanders Fields") that she wrote her own poem in response and bought 24 red silk poppies from Wanamaker's in NYC. At the time, she was on a sabbatical from the University of Georgia to help Veterans in New York. The American and British Legions adopted her promotion of the red poppy as a symbol to rally public support for caring for veterans. In 1924, General "Black Jack" Pershing wrote to Moina, "I wish to congratulate you on the splendid patriotic service you have rendered in conducting the sale of poppies on Armistice Day each year for the relief and benefit of war sufferers." And so, wearing the poppy on this day honors Veterans and keeps alive the memory of a young Georgia teacher who raised millions to support Veterans by selling poppies.

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### **November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Friday (11:00 am) - Veterans Day Presentation**

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

**Host/POC:** Sgt Maj John Champe Chapter VASSAR / Barry Schwoerer (703-859-03407, [bschwoerer@comcast.net](mailto:bschwoerer@comcast.net)).

**Location:** Birmingham Green Retirement Home, 8605 Centreville Road, Manassas, VA.

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

**Event Color Guard Commander:** Sink

**Details:** SMJC will present the U.S. and VA colors, then give a 30-minute presentation on Veterans Day to Veterans living at Birmingham Green.

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** B. Schwoerer, Sink.

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### **November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Sunday (2:00 pm) - Grave Marking for Patriot Maj. Joseph Eggleston, Amelia Court House, VA**

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

**Host/POC:** Richmond Chapter VASSAR / Philip Barnard, [virginiasociety8@gmail.com](mailto:virginiasociety8@gmail.com)

**Location:** Grub Hill Church Road, Amelia Court House, VA.

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

**Event Color Guard Commander:** Corey.

**Details:** This is a prominent grave of a soldier of the Revolution that has never been marked by SAR or DAR.

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Corey, Daniel, Dunaway, Geisinger, Lynch, Robinson.



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**November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Saturday (2:00 pm) - Commemoration of the Skirmish at Kemps Landing, Virginia Beach, VA**

**Event Level:** Chapter

**Host/POC:** Norfolk Chapter VASSAR / Patrick Hannum [hannumpp@verizon.net](mailto:hannumpp@verizon.net).

**Location:** Kempsville Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 5181 Singleton Way, Virginia Beach, VA.

**Firing Event:** No

**Preferred Uniform:** Militia

**Event Color Guard Commander:** Thompson.

**Details:** This was the first fight in Virginia where the first Virginian blood was spilled during Revolutionary War. Lord Dunmore, the Royal Governor of Virginia, sent about 120 British regulars of the 14th Regiment and elements of the newly formed Dunmore's Ethiopian Regiment to Kemp's Landing to combat rebel (Patriot) militia activity in the area. [**The Ethiopian Regiment** consisted of escaped African-American slaves who signed up to fight for the Crown in response to Dunmore's November 1775 Proclamation granting freedom for military service.] On November 15th, 1775 the Princess Anne militia fired on the British advance guard. The ensuing engagement left 18 Patriots captured, including Col. Joseph Hutchings, 7 killed, including 2 who drowned crossing a creek. Only one British soldier suffered a minor wound. [Outdoors ceremony planned, however currently awaiting approval of the use of the Kempsville Emmanuel Episcopal Church as a fallback venue in the event of inclement weather.]  
**Virginia SR Color Guard Attendees:** Day, Lynch, R.Miller, Thompson.

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**November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Saturday (11:00 am) - Memorial Service for Compatriot Lieutenant Colonel Mike Lyman, US Army (ret.), Kilmarnock, VA**

**Event Level:** Chapter

**Host/POC:** Richard Henry Lee Chapter VASSAR / Michael Rhodes.

**Location:** Currie Funeral Home, 116 E Church St., Kilmarnock, VA.

**Firing Event:** No

**Preferred Uniform:** Regimental (militia optional).

**Event Color Guard Commander:** Melhuish.

**Details:** Compatriot Mike Lyman was a long-standing member of the VASSAR Color Guard, a true Patriot, and a friend and mentor to many Guardsmen. His obituary may be read here: [Mike Lyman](#). Mike will be buried later (date to be determined) in a separate private graveside service in Vermont. VASSAR First Vice President and the State Secretary will attend the Memorial Service. Orders to the Guard document was sent to the below listed VASSAR Guardsmen.

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Adolphi, Bonner, Cook, Davenport, Dennis, Dunaway, Hamilton, Hodges, Jameson, Melhuish, Morris, Packett, Schwetke, B.Schwoerer, Weyler.

**War of 1812 Color Guard Attendees:** C.Belfield, Markham, Martin, Russell.



**November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Saturday (10:00 am-4:00 pm) – Clark County Heritage Days, Burwell-Morgan Mill, Millwood, VA**

**Event Level: Chapter**

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

**Location:** Burwell-Morgan Mill, 15 Tannery Ln., Millwood, VA.

**Firing Event: Yes**

**Event Color Guard Commander:** Corey.

**Details:** TBA.

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Bayliss, Buck, Corey, Daniel, Parrish, W.Reynolds, E.Robinson, Tyler.



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**November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Saturday (10:00 am) - Northern Virginia Veterans Parade, Manassas, VA**

**Event Level:** Chapter

**Host/POC:** Colonel William Grayson Chapter VASSAR / Michael Wilson.

**Location:** Payne Publishing Bldg., 8707 Quarry Road, Old Town Manassas, VA.

**Firing Event:** No

**Event Color Guard Commander:**

**Details:** Colonel William Grayson will form up at 10 am near the Payne Publishing (8707 Quarry Road) building in Manassas, VA. Parade position is D-8. Northern Virginia Veterans Parade information may be accessed at this link: <https://vetpar2.org/wp2/>

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** A.Mills, J.Mills, M.Wilson.

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**November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, Friday (10:00 am) – Dedication of the America 250<sup>th</sup> Patriot Marker, Williamsburg, VA**

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

**Host/POC:** Williamsburg Chapter NSDAR / Robyn Byrd at [robynbyrddar@gmail.com](mailto:robynbyrddar@gmail.com)

**Location:** Bicentennial Park, 320 West Court St., Williamsburg, VA.

**Firing Event:** No

**Event Color Guard Commander:** Lynch.

**Details:** The Williamsburg Chapter NSDAR has requested SAR Color Guard support.

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Adolphi, Lynch, Miller.

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