



## October 2023

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### **October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Sunday (11:00 am) – Monument Dedication and multi-Patriot Grave Marking, Purcellville, VA**

**Event Level:** Chapter

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

**Location:** Old Potts Graveyard 15223-15035 Shannondale Road, Purcellville, VA.

**Firing Event:** Yes

**Event Color Guard Commander:** Sink.

**Details:** To Register and request a flyer with directions: Email Barry Schwoerer at [bschwoerer@comcast.net](mailto:bschwoerer@comcast.net) and Mark Sink [oldsync@gmail.com](mailto:oldsync@gmail.com) by 26 October with your Name, Chapter, Title, Wreath (yes/no), Color Guard (yes/no), and Musket (yes/no). Muster at 10:15 am.

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Bonner, Cook, Lynch, Peter, Schwoerer, Sink, Weyler.

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### **October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023, Sunday (12:30 am) Multi-Patriot Grave Marking, Woodsboro, MD**

**Event Level:** Chapter

**Host/POC:** Sgt. Lawrence Everhart Chapter MDSSAR / Dahl Drenning at [cddrenning@gmail.com](mailto:cddrenning@gmail.com)

**Location:** Grace Lutheran Church/Rocky Hill, 10825 Coppermine Road, Woodsboro, MD.

**Firing Event:** Yes

**Event Color Guard Commander:** Embrey

**Details:** MDSSAR will honor the following Patriots at a multi-grave marking ceremony: John Delaplane, John Henry Fogle, Conrad Iler, John Link, Balsler Ream, William Renner

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Abbott, Bonner, Daniel, Phillips, Sink.



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**October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023, Saturday (2:00 pm) - Culpeper Minutemen Muster, Culpeper, VA**

**Event Level:** State

**Host/POC:** Culpeper Minutemen Chapter VASSAR / Charles Jameson at [ccj1947@gmail.com](mailto:ccj1947@gmail.com)

**Location:** Yowell Meadow Park, N Blue Ridge Ave, Culpeper, VA.

**Firing Event:** TBC

**Event Color Guard Commander:** Schwetke.

**Details:** Head for the Gardner Street Entrance rather than the main parking area.

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Bonner, Cook, Cordes, Corey, Crain, Daniel, Dennis, Jameson, Morris, Osborn, Schwetke, Weyler.





**October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Thursday (10:30 am) – Battle of Yorktown Victory Parade, Yorktown, VA**

**Event Level: National**

**Host/POC:** Thomas Nelson Jr Chapter VASSAR / Gary Hodges.

**Location:** Yorktown, VA.

**Firing Event:** No

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

**National Color Guard Commander:** Collins.

**State Color Guard Commander:** Melhuish.

**Honor Guard Commander:** Bonner.

**Details:** The Siege of Yorktown, also known as the Battle of Yorktown, the surrender at Yorktown, or the German Battle, ending on October 19, 1781, at Yorktown, Virginia, was a decisive victory by a combined force of the American Continental Army troops led by General George Washington and French Army troops led by the Comte de Rochambeau over a British army commanded by Lieutenant General Charles Cornwallis. The culmination of the Yorktown campaign, the siege proved to be the last major land battle of the American Revolutionary War in the North American region, as the surrender by Cornwallis, and the capture of both him and his army, prompted the British government to negotiate an end to the conflict.

Parade formation may be viewed here (click on link): [Yorktown SAR Formation](#). **Predicted weather:** mostly sunny with a high of 71F.

**Yorktown Day invitation and RSVP form:** Click here: [Invitation](#) and [RSVP](#)

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Adolphi, Bonner, Cook, Corey, Daniel, Davenport, Day, Dooley, Doucette, Dunaway, Geisinger, Hall, Hamilton, Hodges,

Jameson, Johnston, Lynch, McKinley, Melhuish, Miller, O'Kelley, Osborn, Phillips, Schmidt, Thompson. Westenberger, Weyler, Wilson.  
**Georgia SAR Color Guard Attendee:** Collins.  
**Kansas SAR Color Guard Attendee:** Martin.  
**Kentucky SAR Color Guard Attendee:** Doss.  
**Missouri SAR Color Guard Attendee:** McMillan (drummer).  
**North Carolina SAR Attendee:** Hilton.  
**Ohio SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Bonniwell, Beebe, Hill.  
**Texas SAR Color Guard Attendee:** Cunningham.  
**French Military Color Guard Attendees:** Lt Col David Perez, French Army; Lt Col Renan Chavane, French Air Force.



**October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Thursday (9:15 am) – Wreath Laying at the tomb of Thomas Nelson Jr., Yorktown, VA**

**Event Level:** National

**Host/POC:** Thomas Nelson Jr Chapter VASSAR / Gary Hodges.

**Location:** Grace Episcopal Church, Yorktown, VA.

**Firing Event:** No

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

**National Color Guard Commander:** Collins.

**State Color Guard Commander:** Melhuish.

**Honor Guard Commander:** Bonner.

**Details:** Muster no later than 8:15 due to complex lay-out. On-line registration for this event is now open. (Note: just FYI, if you are in the area the day prior (October 18th) you may wish to check out the [British and Canadian ceremonies at Yorktown](#). RSVP not required. Click here for information: [Brit Flyer](#)). **Predicted weather:** mostly sunny with a high of 67F.



Layout and Color / Honor Guard movements may be reviewed by clicking this link:  
[Thomas Nelson Playbook](#).

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Adolphi, Bonner, Cook, Corey, Daniel, Davenport, Day, Dooley, Doucette, Dunaway, Geisinger, Hall, Hamilton, Hodges, Jameson, Johnston, Kelly, Lynch, Melhuish, Miller, O'Kelley, Osborn, Phillips, Schmidt, Thompson, Westenberger, Weyler, Wilson.

**Georgia SAR Color Guard Attendee:** Collins.

**Kansas SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Martin.

**Kentucky SAR Color Guard Attendee:** Doss.

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**North Carolina SAR Attendee:** Hilton.

**Ohio SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Bonniwell, Beebe, Hill.

**Texas SAR Color Guard Attendee:** Cunningham.



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**October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Sunday (3:00 pm) – Joint Maryland / Virginia Grave Marking Ceremony for Robert Hanson Harrison, Nanjemoy, MD**

**Event Level:** **State**

**Host/POC:** Thomas Stone Chapter MDSSAR / Fairfax Resolves Chapter VASSAR; Jeff Thomas.

**Location:** Christ Church Durham Parish, 8700 Ironsides Dr., Nanjemoy, MD.

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

**Color Guard Commander:** Osborn.

**Details:** Harrison was the second longest-serving Aide-de-Camp to General Washington and the first Maryland Supreme Court Chief Justice. Click here for the flyer: [Harrison](#).

Muster at 2:15 pm.

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Abbott, Bonner, Cook, Crain, Cordes, Daniel, McKinley, Osborn, Phillips, Schmidt, B.Schwoerer.



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**October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Saturday (6:30 pm) - 15<sup>th</sup> Army Air Force Bomb Groups Reunion, Herndon, VA**

**Event Level:** Chapter

**Host/POC:** Fairfax Resolves Chapter VASSAR / Dave Cook.

**Location:** Rivanna Room D, E, F, G, Dulles Westin Airport Hotel 2520 Wesser Terrace, Herndon, VA.

**Firing Event:** No

**Event Color Guard Commander:** TBA

**Details:** BY INVITATION ONLY--all slots filled. Compatriot Ed Clendenin, a member of the Alexander Hamilton Chapter, Texas SAR, is the historian of his father's WWII Army Air Corps Veterans group. Their veteran's group holds an annual reunion, along with a dozen other 15th Air Force veterans groups to honor their father's memory. They requested VASSAR CG to present and post the colors prior to their annual banquet.

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Cook, Corey, Crain.

**Texas SAR Color Guard Attendee:** Clendenin.

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**October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Saturday (10:00 am - 4:00 pm) - Festival of Leaves Parade, Front Royal, VA**

**Event Level:** Chapter

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

**Location:** Chester Street, Front Royal, VA.

**Firing Event:** Yes



**Details:** VASSAR will parade the Colors down Chester Street and provide a musket salute. Muster at 9:15 am.

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Bayliss, Carrigan, Christensen, Corey, Daniel, E.Moore, W.Reynolds, M.Robinson, Schwetke.

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**October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Sunday (2:00 pm) - Founding of the Fairfax Independent Company, Fairfax, VA**

**Event Level:** State

**Host/POC:** Fairfax Resolves Chapter / Dave Cook.

**Location:** Fairfax City Veterans Amphitheater, 10455 Armstrong Street, Fairfax, VA..(or) Fairfax City Veterans Amphitheater, 10455 Armstrong Street, Fairfax, VA.

**Firing Event:** No

**Event Color Guard Commander:** Cook.

**Details:** The Fairfax Independent Company was an independent militia established by George Mason on September 21, 1774. When Virginia's Royal Governor dissolved the House of Burgesses in May 1774, the assembly was denied the chance to renew the militia law, which had expired in late 1773. Mason convinced fellow gentlemen and freeholders in Fairfax County to adopt a resolution to "form ourselves into a Company, not exceeding one hundred Men, by the Name of The Fairfax Independent Company of Volunteers."

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Abbott, Bonner, Cook, Cordes, Crain, Daniel, Huxsoll, McKinley, Osborn, M.Robinson, Schmidt, B.Schwoerer, Weyler.



**October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Saturday (11:00 am) – 243<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Kings Mountain, Blacksburg, SC**

**Event Level:** National

**Host/POC:** Kings Mountain Chapter NCSSAR / Daniel Morgan Chapter SCSSAR.

**Location:** Kings Mountain National Military Park, 2625 Park Rd., Blacksburg, SC.

**Firing Event:** TBC

**Details:** The Commemoration of the 243<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Kings Mountain is scheduled for Friday, October 7, 2022, with the wreath-laying ceremony beginning at 11 a.m. Anticipate about 60 min. total time.

A registration table will be set up outside the Visitors Center to link up with the National Color Guard Commander and the other state color guard participants.

The Battle of Kings Mountain was fought on October 7, 1780, and destroyed the left wing of Lord Cornwallis' army, effectively ending Loyalist ascendance in the Carolinas. The victory halted the British advance into North Carolina, forced Lord Cornwallis to retreat from Charlotte into South Carolina, and allowed General Nathanael Greene to reorganize the American Army. The Patriot force of about 1,400 men was under the overall command of Colonel William Campbell, Virginia Militia.

In "The Winning of the West," SAR Compatriot President Theodore Roosevelt wrote of Kings Mountain, "This brilliant victory marked the turning point of the American Revolution." Thomas Jefferson called it "The turn of the tide of success". SAR Compatriot President Herbert Hoover at the sesquicentennial commemoration at the site of the battle, said, "This small band of Patriots turned back a dangerous invasion well designed to separate and dismember the united Colonies. It was a little army and a little battle, but it was of mighty portent. History has done scant justice to its significance, which rightly should place it beside Lexington, Bunker Hill, Trenton, and Yorktown." {Hoover's full sesquicentennial address may be reached here: [Speech](#).]

In 1931, the Congress of the United States created the [Kings Mountain National Military Park](#) at the site of the battle.

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Britton, Carr, Leviner, Richmond, Vaughn.

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