



VASSAR Color Guard Playbook

To be consulted for the following Color Guard related events (more may be added):

- Crossing of the Dan
- Independence Day at Mount Vernon
- Battle of the Capes Wreath Laying
- Thomas Nelson Wreath Laying
- Yorktown Victory Day Parade
- Battle of Great Bridge Wreath Laying



Crossing of the Dan

Wreath Laying at the Dan

Version 4

Dan River

Split rail fence



Monument



VA



US



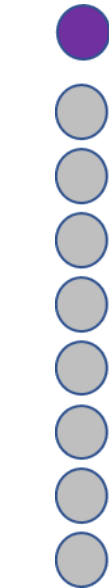
Color Guard



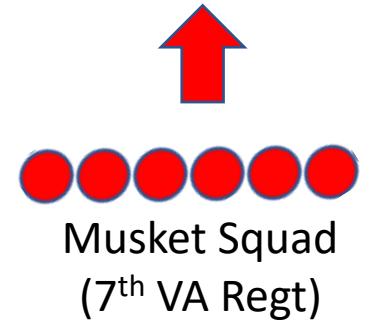
MC




Attendees

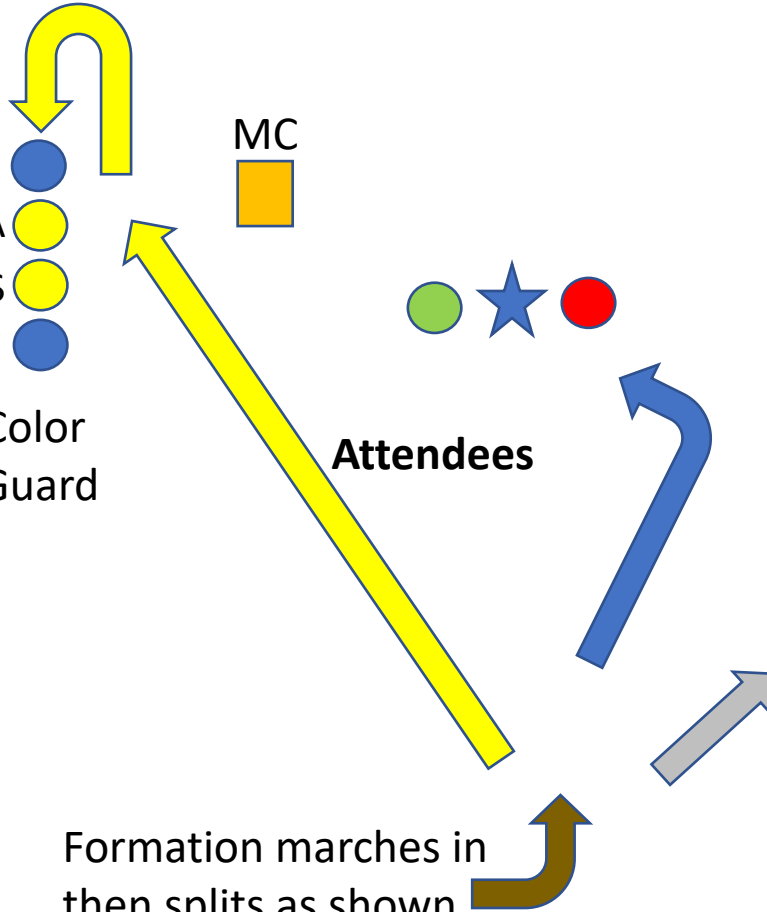


Honor Guard



-  State President
-  NSSAR CG Cdr
-  VASSAR CG Cdr
-  Honor Guard Cdr

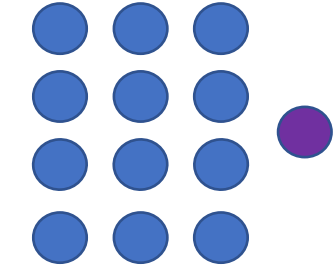
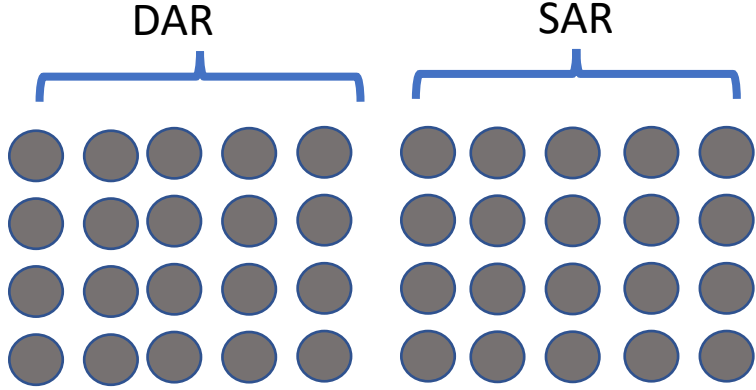
Formation marches in then splits as shown



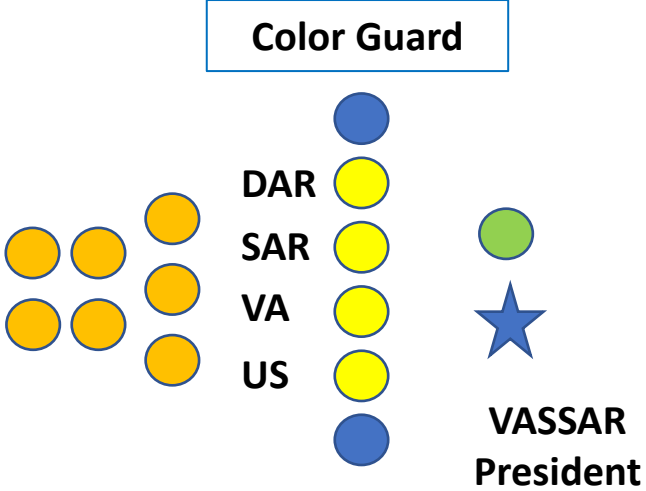


March to Washington's Tomb

Independence Day at Mt. Vernon: Parade



Honor Guard



Legend

-  VASSAR President
-  Color Guard Commander
-  Honor Guard Commander
-  Musketman
-  Flag Bearer
-  Marcher
-  Musicians

- Notes:
1. Bayonets will be fixed and unfixed only when in formation.
 2. Formation limited to four abreast, with the exception of the Color Guard.
 3. The two musketmen flanking the Colors will – on command – fall back behind the Colors (one behind the US flag, and the other behind the DAR flag). This movement will take place just before the column wheels towards the lane to the Grove.
 4. “Advance Arms” will be commanded after the column wheels down the lane.
 5. The command “Trail Colors” will be given prior to entering the Grove.
 6. The Honor Guard and Color Guard are considered one unit for participation credit.

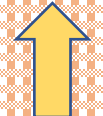
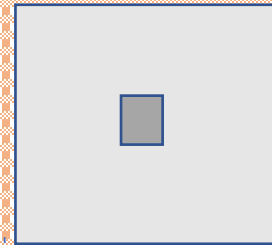
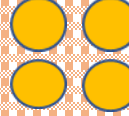
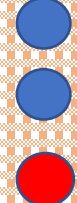
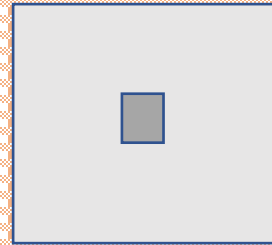
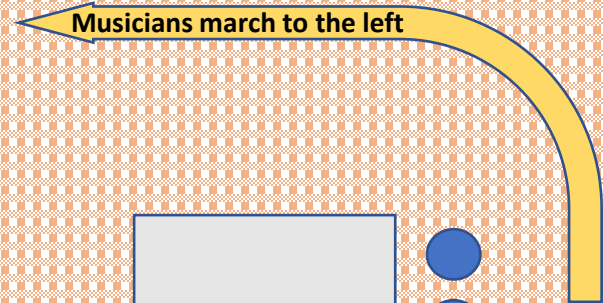
Independence Day at Mt. Vernon: Grave site



Tomb Guard forms up before the procession arrives and remains in place during the ceremony







MC



Musicians march up the path

Legend

-  Tomb Guard Commander
-  Musketsman
-  Musicians
-  Ushers



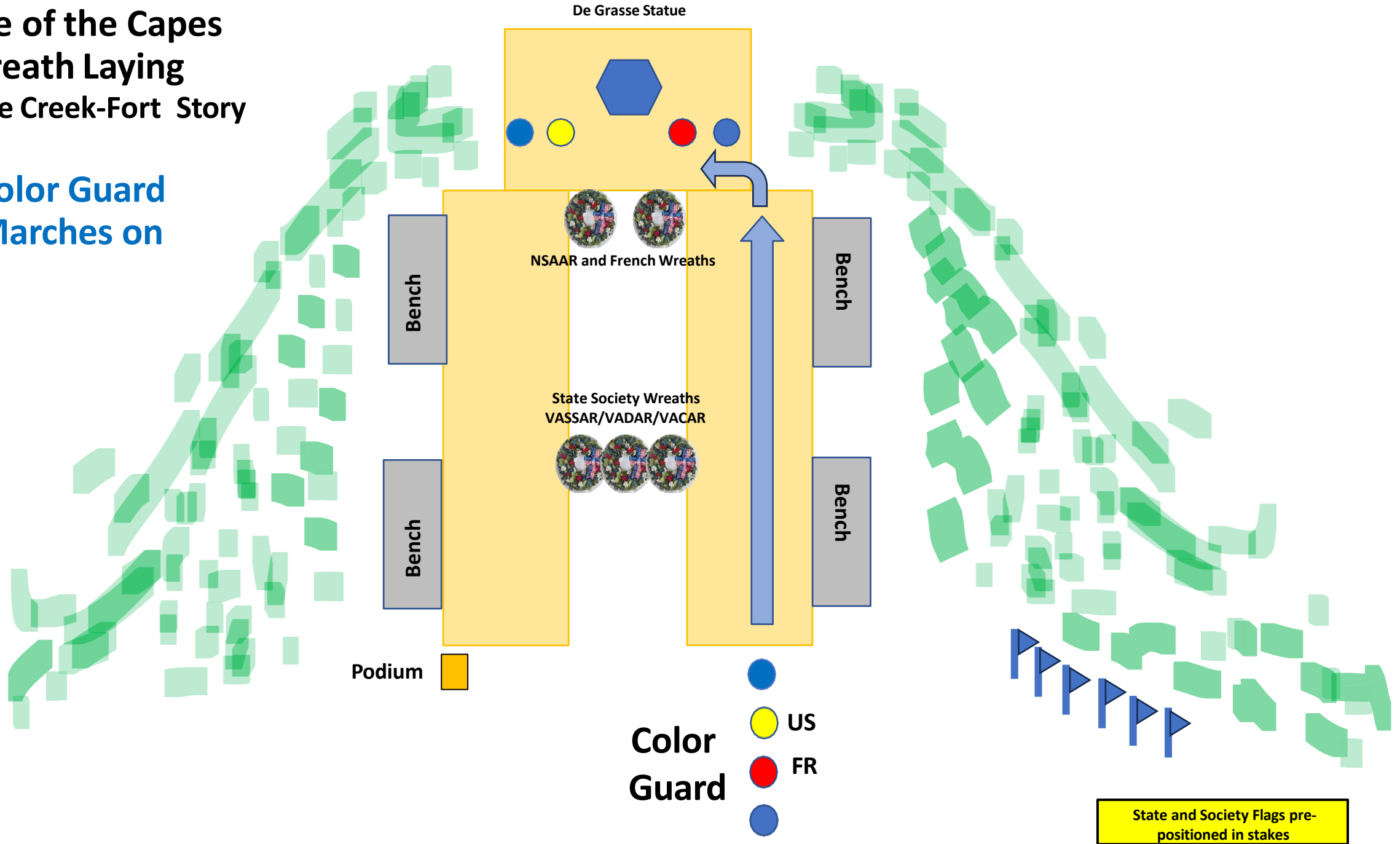
Battle of the Capes

Comte de Grasse Statue



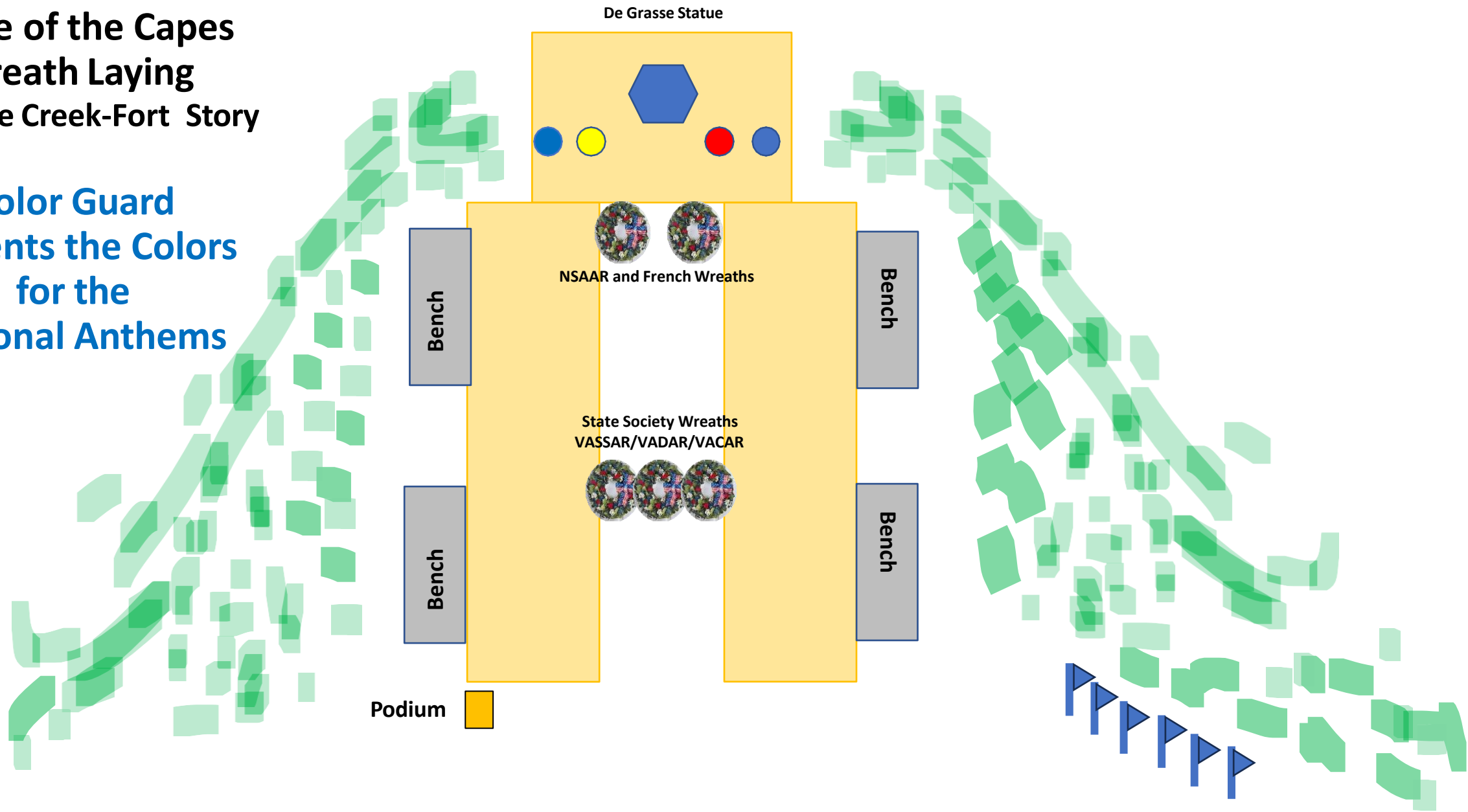
Battle of the Capes Wreath Laying JEB Little Creek-Fort Story

Color Guard
Marches on



Battle of the Capes Wreath Laying JEB Little Creek-Fort Story

Color Guard
Presents the Colors
for the
National Anthems

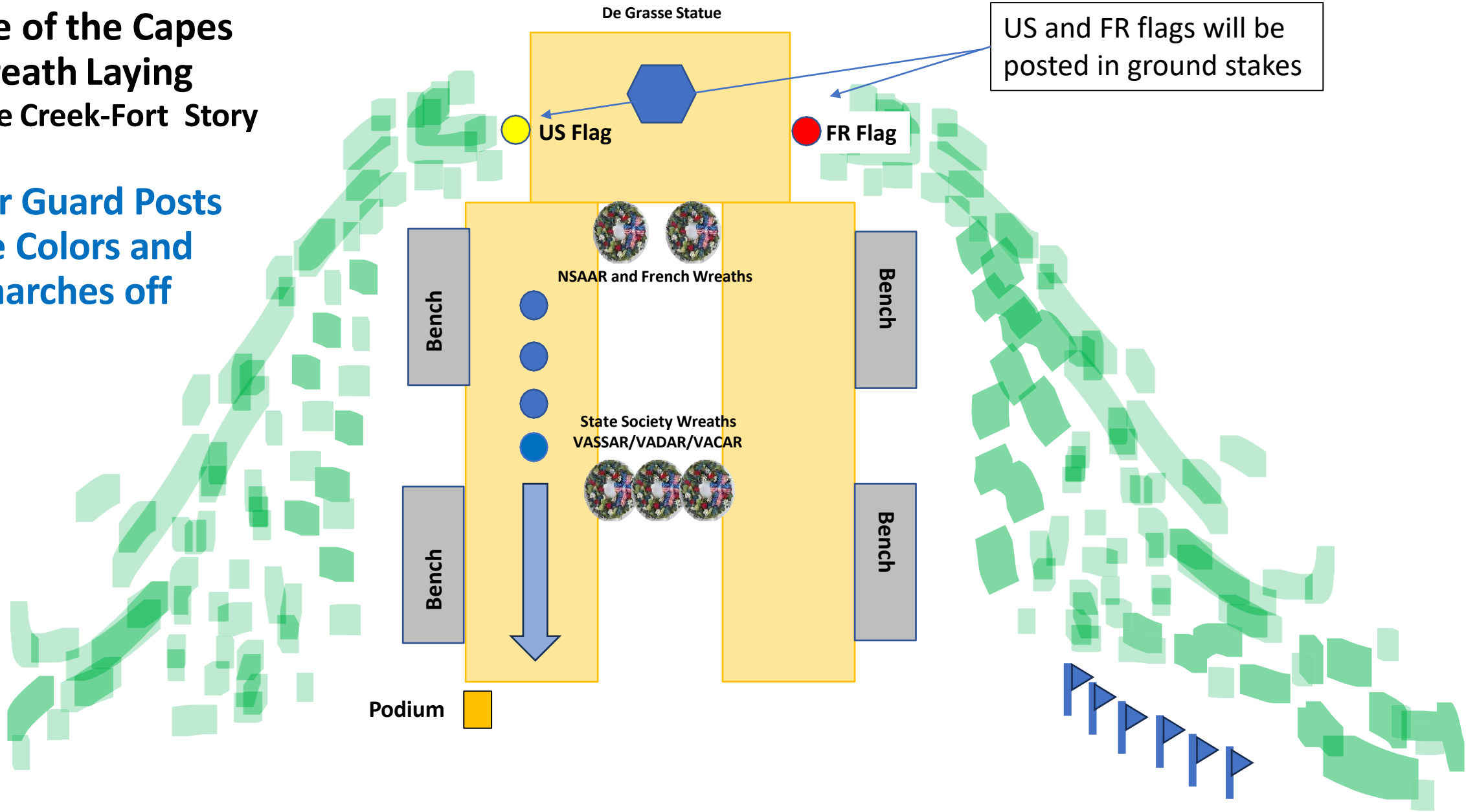


Podium

State and Society Flags pre-
positioned in stakes

Battle of the Capes
Wreath Laying
JEB Little Creek-Fort Story

**Color Guard Posts
the Colors and
marches off**



US and FR flags will be posted in ground stakes

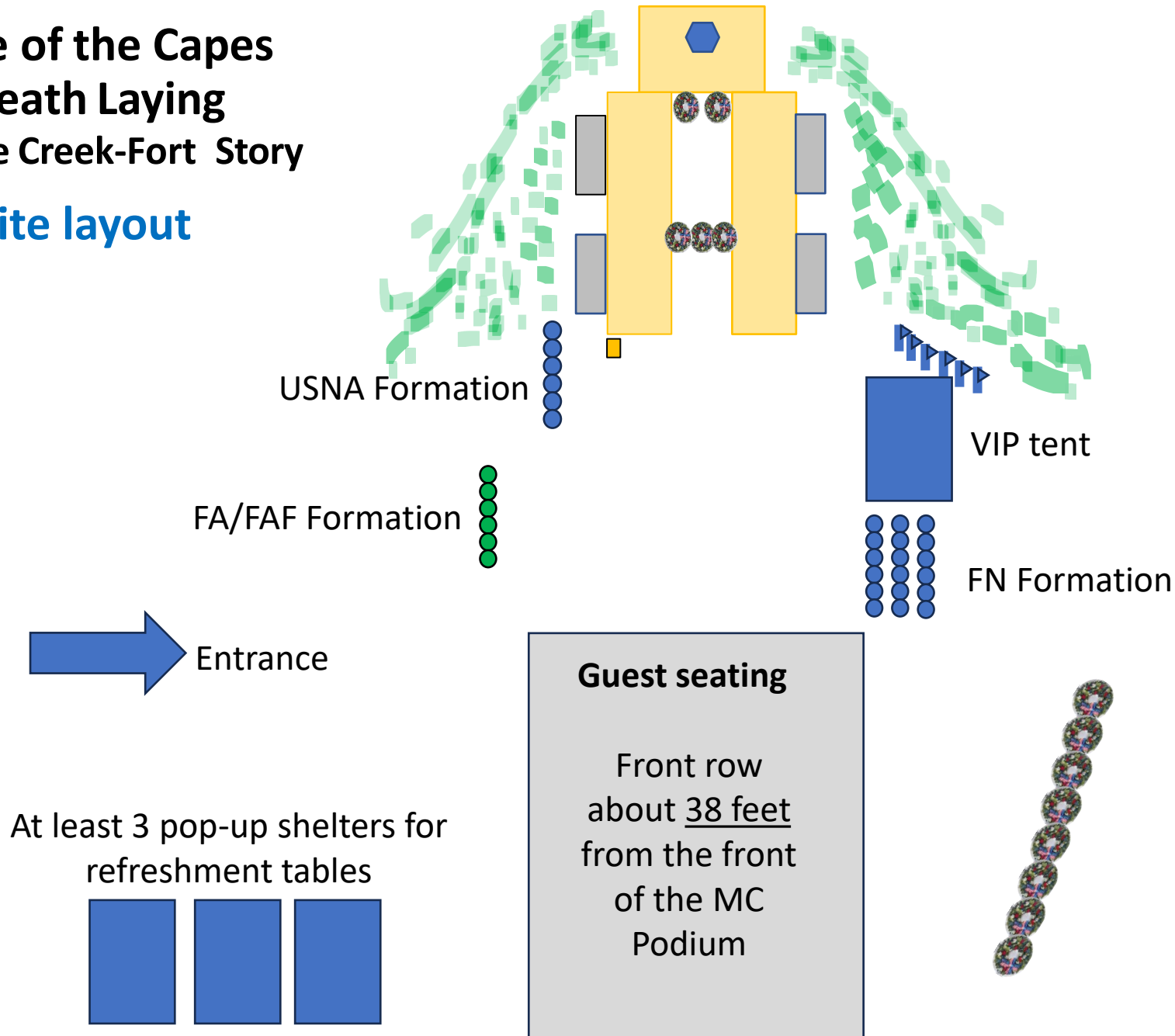
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Battle of the Capes Wreath Laying

JEB Little Creek-Fort Story

Site layout



Responsibilities

SAR

- US flag and all flag stakes
- Flag harnesses
- 3 x color bearers/escorts
- Chairs
- 3 x pop-up shelters
- US wreath
- Static flag display
- Water bottles (100?)
- () x Coolers with ice
- FR and US national anthem recordings (blue tooth)
- Guest Speaker

Marine Nationale

- FR flag
- 1 x color bearer
- 1 x VIP pop-up shelter
- Podium
- Sound system
- FR wreath

VASSAR Color Guard Popup Shelter and Supplies



Battle of the Capes Notes:

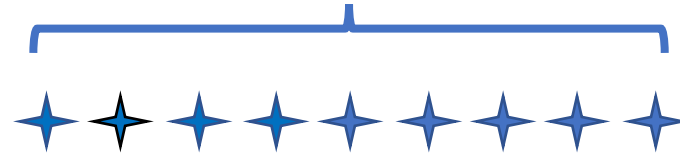
1. Permission to bring 2 x muskets & 2 x swords on base must be obtained from the Base ATFP Officer. These will be placed in a single vehicle at the entrance to Gate 8 and then the vehicle will be escorted to the ceremony site by Base Security.
2. Only two flags will be carried by the Color Guard due space constraints: US 50-star and French Tricolor.
3. French period, State and Chapter flags will be pre-arranged in flag stakes as depicted.
4. The French military will provide their flag and flag bearer. Senior French presence is anticipated.
5. Two Principal wreaths will be formally presented: An officer from the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution will present on behalf of the President-General. A French Flag Officer will present on behalf of France.
6. **France will provide a 3 x 5 fringed French Tricolor and 84” wooden pole.** The French Navy will provide a Color Bearer.
7. VASSAR will provide the following:
 - US fringed 50-star flag on 84” wooden pole
 - US Hopkinson flag
 - VA state flag
 - VASSAR, DAR, and SAR 250th flags
 - French Royal flag (white with yellow Fleur-de-Lis)
 - Ground stakes
 - Pop-up shelters (at least three)



Thomas Nelson Wreath Laying

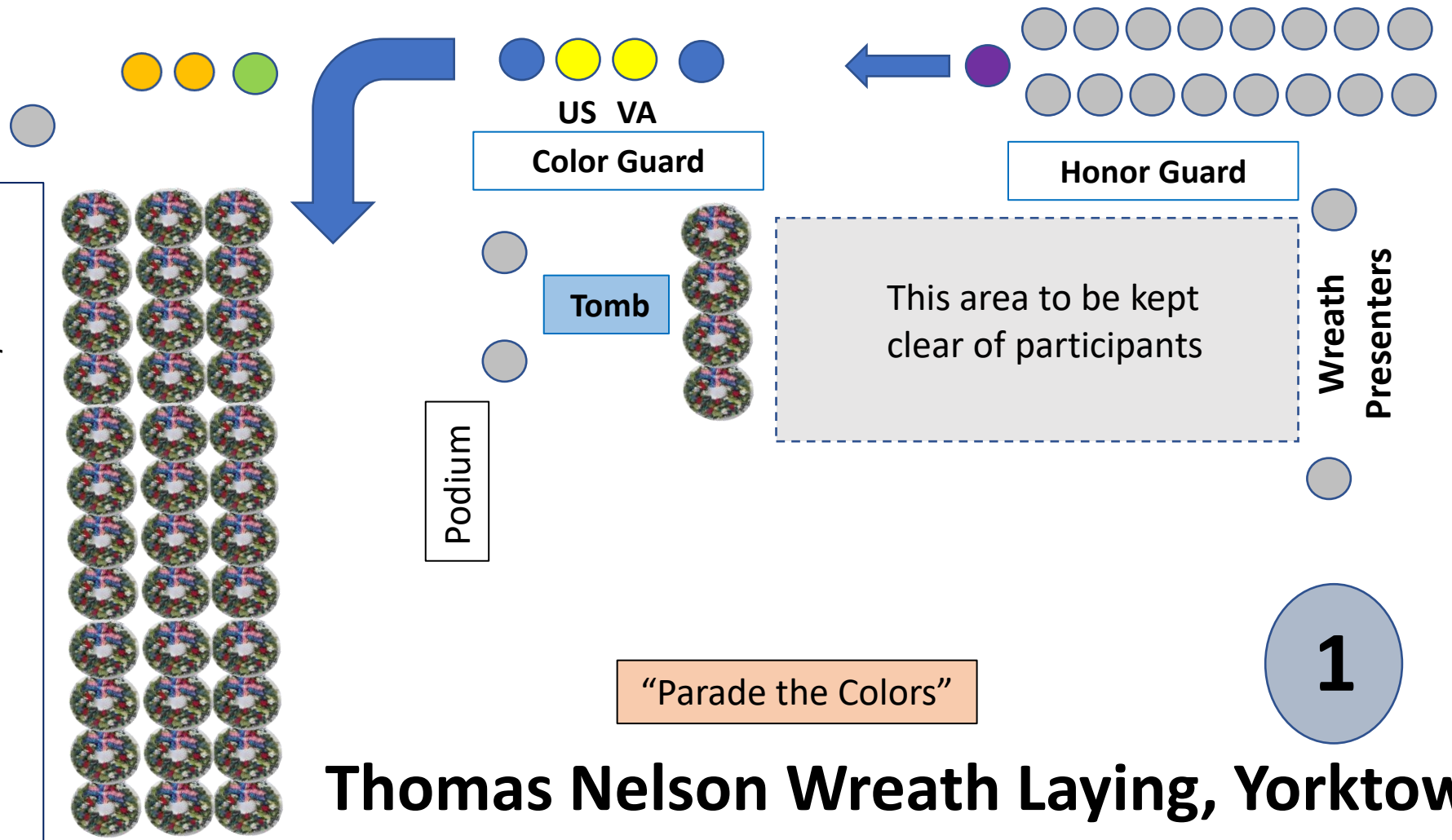
Grace Episcopal Church

Pre-staged State and Society flags



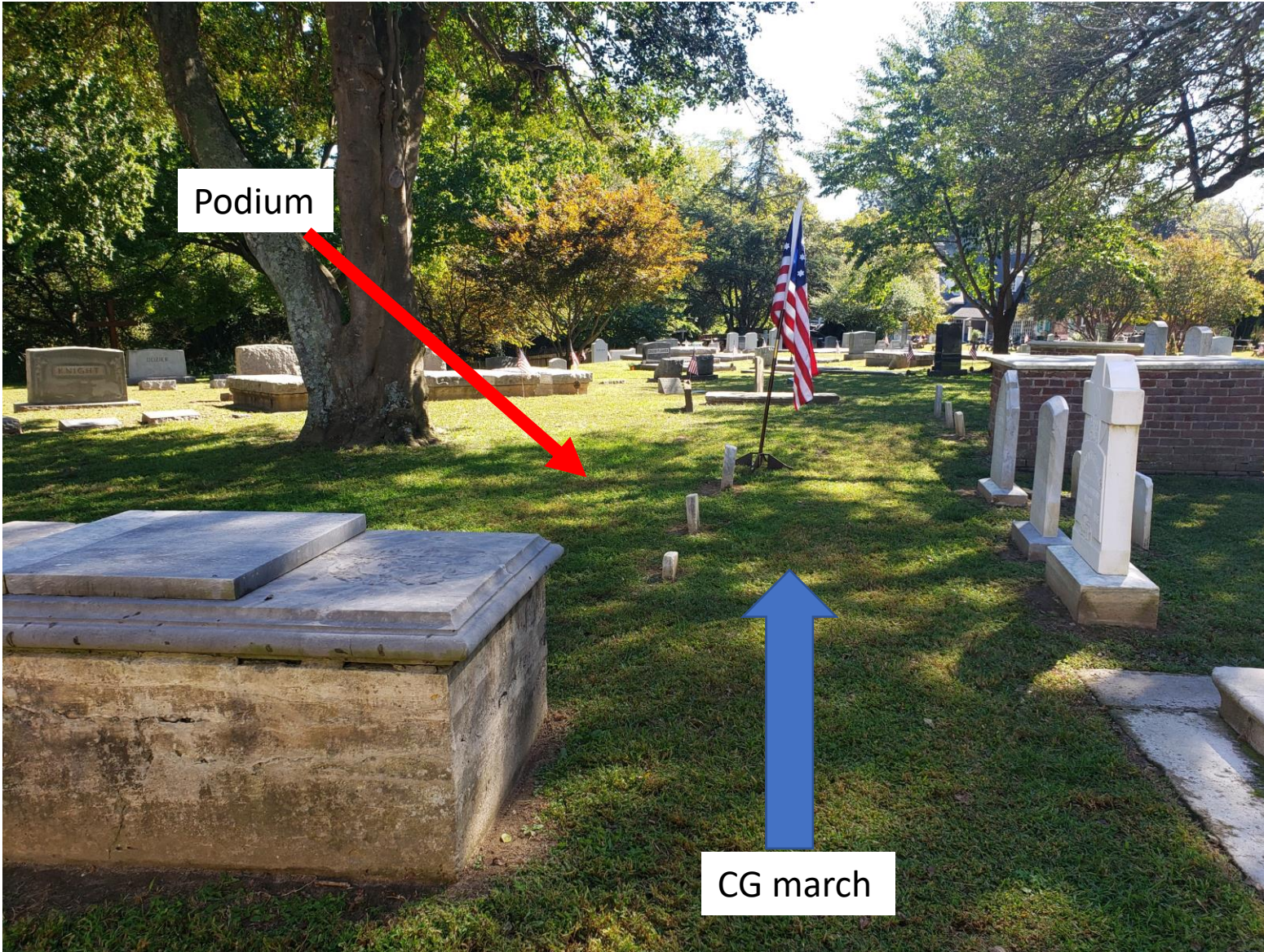
Legend

- Musicians
- Honor Guard Commander
- Color Guard Commander
- Musketeer
- Flag Bearer
- Sentinel
- ★ Flag Stakes



Thomas Nelson Wreath Laying, Yorktown

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Podium

CG march

Thomas Nelson Wreath Laying, Yorktown



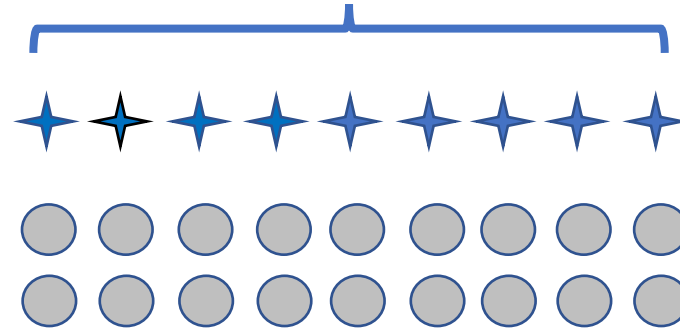
Color Guard



Honor Guard

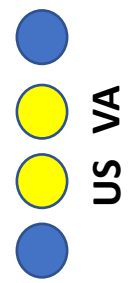
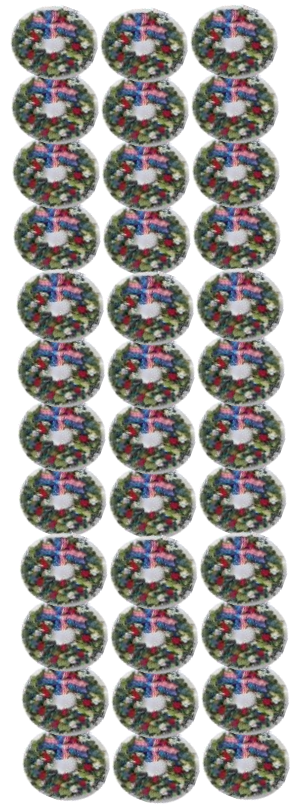
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Pre-staged flags (modify per number present)



Legend

- Musicians
- Honor Guard Commander
- Color Guard Commander
- Musketeer
- Flag Bearer
- Sentinel
- Flag Stakes



Podium

Tomb



Wreath Presenters

“Present Colors” followed by “Post the Colors”

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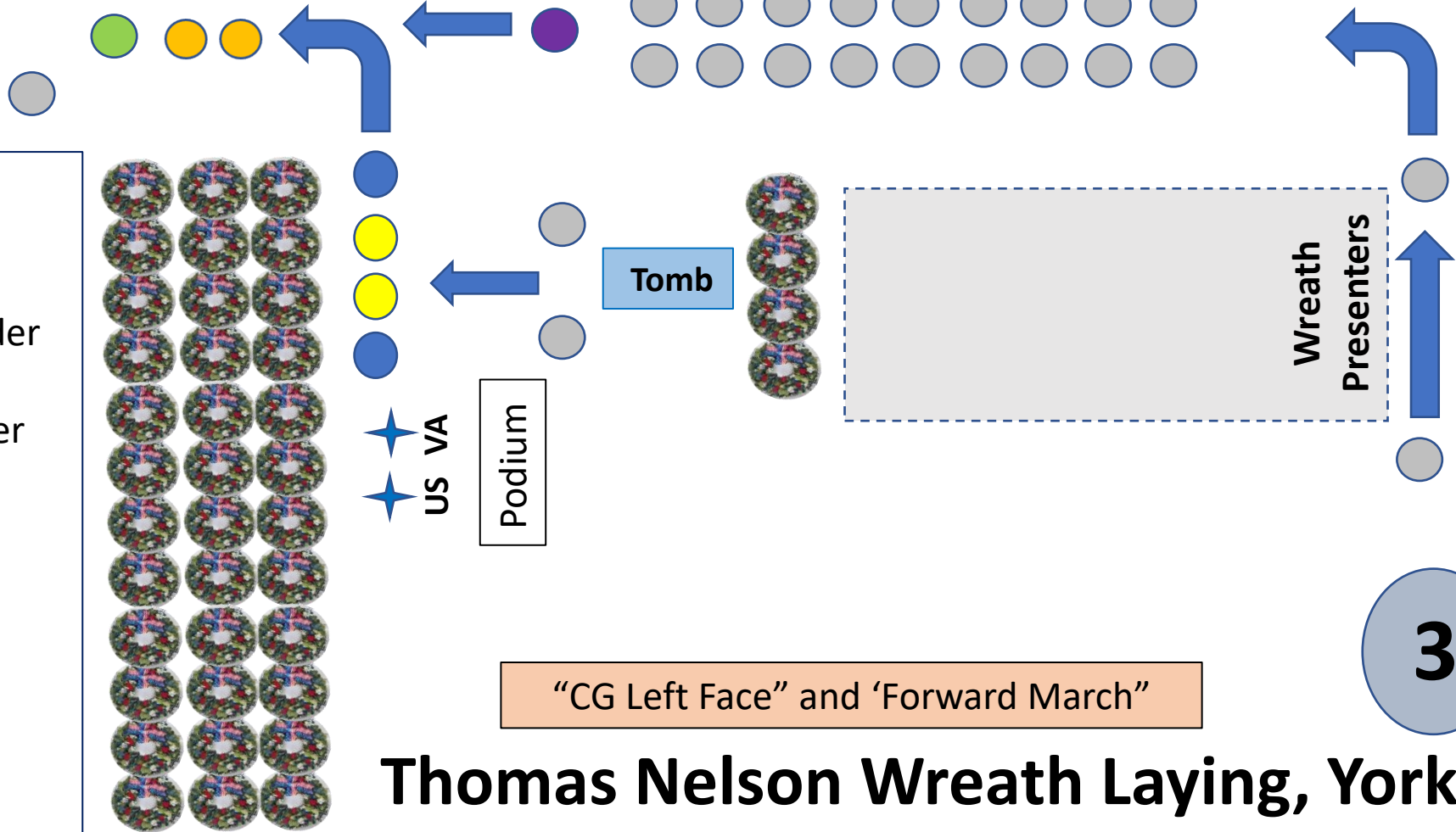
Thomas Nelson Wreath Laying, Yorktown

Grace Episcopal Church

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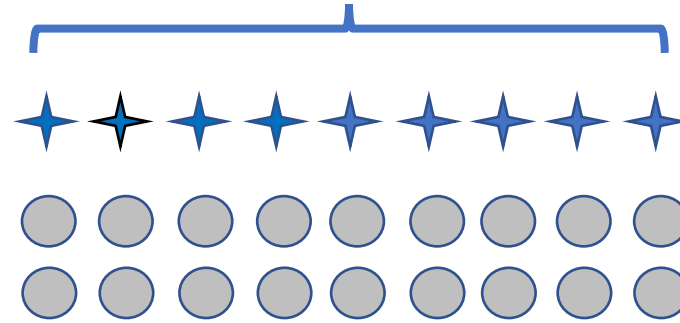
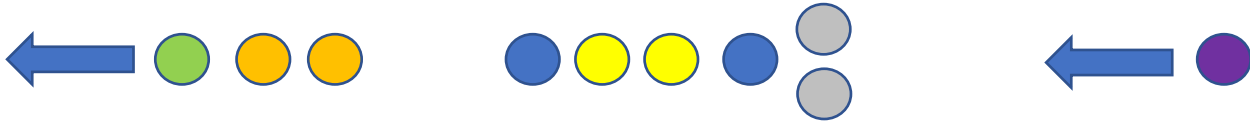
“CG Left Face” and “Forward March”

Thomas Nelson Wreath Laying, Yorktown

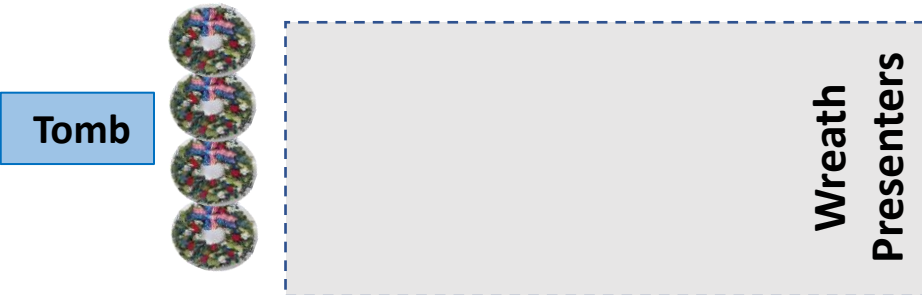
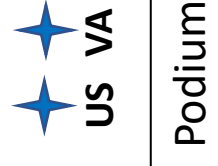
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Grace Episcopal Church

Pre-staged flags (modify per number present)



- ### Legend
- Musicians
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 - Color Guard Commander
 - Musketeer
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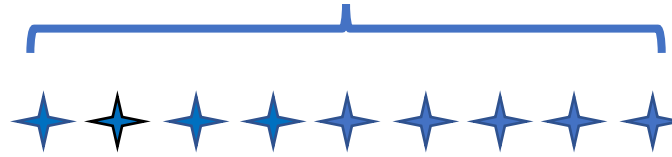
CG and HG March Off led by fife and drum

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Thomas Nelson Wreath Laying, Yorktown

Grace Episcopal Church

Pre-staged flags (modify per number present)



Legend

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- Honor Guard Commander
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- Musketeer
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- ★ Flag Stakes

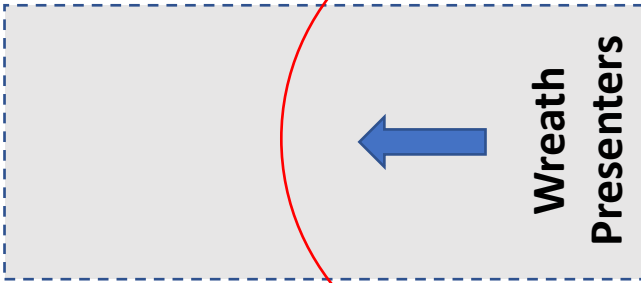


Tomb



US VA

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Wreath Presenters with Escorts present wreaths

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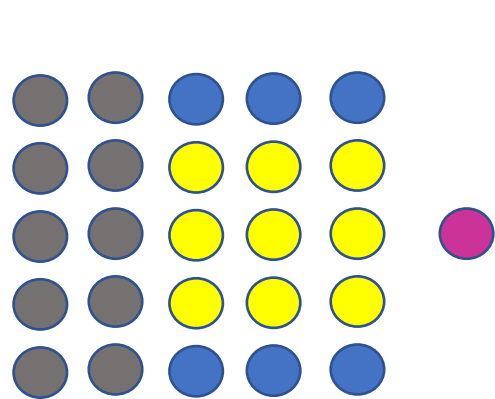
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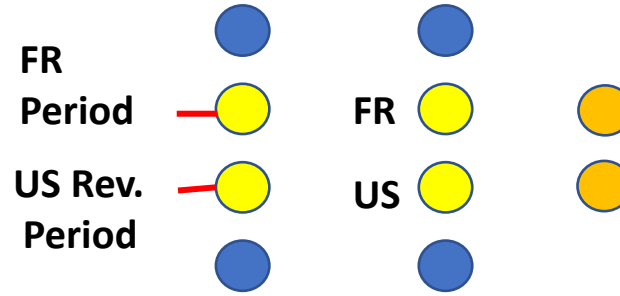
Yorktown Parade

Yorktown Victory Day Parade

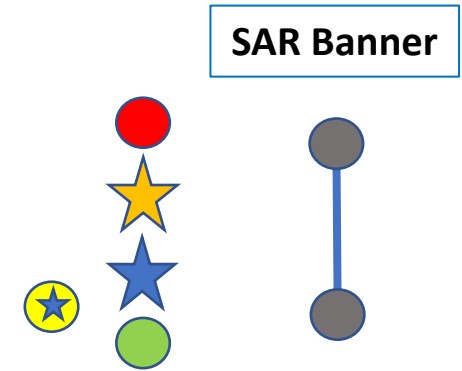
Fill in as desired



Honor Guard



Color Guard



President General



-  P-G
-  State President
-  Color Guard Cdr
-  Honor Guard Cdr
-  Officer Escort
-  Flag Bearer
-  Musketman
-  Period attired
-  Musician

Notes:

1. President-General's Flag is carried immediately behind him. He is escorted by two officers armed with drawn swords.
2. The Color Guard carries the 50 Star US Flag and the French Tricolor. Period US and French flags are carried as depicted.
3. The Honor Guard carries all other flags (but no US Flag(s)), Flags carried in order of precedence per NSSAR CG Manual.
4. SAR members not carrying flags are encouraged to join the Honor Guard formation (fill in as desired).



Battle of Great Bridge

Battle of Great Bridge Wreath Laying

