



VASSAR Color Guard Town Hall

Zoom September 28, 2023



Town Hall Agenda

- **Pledge of Allegiance and SAR Pledge**
- **VASSAR Color Guard summary (Melhuish)**
- **Fall Leadership update (Osborn)**
- **General Liability Insurance update (Rankin)**
- **Adjutant's Time (Corey)**
- **Town Hall – Discussion**
- **SAR Recessional**



Color Guard Summary

Size of the Guard: 140

- Northern: 76
- Eastern: 23
- Central: 15
- Frontier: 25

Events scheduled for CY 2023: 152

Events completed this CY (as of today): 122

- National/District: 49
- State: 16
- Chapter: 54
- Other: 7

24 new members in the past nine months



Accident/Incident Reporting (reminder)



Accident/Incident Report Form

Virginia Society, Sons of the American Revolution

Version: May 2022

Date of Report (MM/DD/YYYY): _____

Type of Incident: Accident Incident Other _____

Location of Incident: _____

Date of Incident (MM/DD/YYYY): _____

Time of Incident: _____ (am or pm)

Responsible VASSAR Chapter/Unit: _____

POC name: _____

Phone: _____

Name of Injured or Involved Person(s):

1. _____ Age: _____ Sex: _____

2. _____ Age: _____ Sex: _____

3. _____ Age: _____ Sex: _____

Name/Addresses of Witnesses (each witness should attach a signed statement of what happened):

1. _____

Address: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

2. _____

Address: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

3. _____

Address: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Describe the Incident in Detail: (Note the type of activity taking place at the time of the Incident. Describe any property and/or equipment involved.)

(Use additional pages as necessary)

Two-page form used to record A/I information

- VASSAR Event Organizer & CG Cdr should have on hand
- In the “Resource” section of the CG webpage

Wallet Card

- Guardsmen encouraged to carry this

EMERGENCY CONTACTS AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS			INCIDENTS RESULTING IN SERIOUS INJURY AND/OR FATALITY
VASSAR SECRETARY: TIM DIOQUINO (703-628-4754) VASSAR LEGAL COUNSEL: ERIC MONDAY, ESQ. (276-252-1032) VASSAR CG COMMANDER: CHRIS MELHUIH (757-286-8316) VASSAR SECURITY ADVISOR: JIM O' KELLEY (434-806-7302)			
		THESE PROCEDURES SHOULD BE FOLLOWED IN THE EVENT OF A SERIOUS INCIDENT INVOLVING VASSAR MEMBERS (ACCIDENT, MAJOR MEDICAL ISSUE, PROPERTY DAMAGE, ETC.) IN THE COURSE OF A VASSAR EVENT	DO NOT PROVIDE STATEMENTS TO THE MEDIA ←

Media Liaison Team: Eric Monday and Richard Rankin



Fall Leadership Key Takeaways

Discussion on liability insurance

- Encouraged state societies to obtain liability insurance

Color Guard training videos (3)

- Strongly recommended that all color guardsmen watch them

National medals (Von Steuben and Silver)

- A new application form will be available (and posted on our Resource page)

Boston Tea Party 250th

- Info posted in our (VASSAR) Color Guard schedule



General Liability (GL) Insurance

VASSAR GL policy effective 6/30/23 (Lockton Affinity)

- One-page current Certificate of Insurance (COI) on file

Covered

- VASSAR, the entity, and all VASSAR Compatriots in good standing
- VASSAR Compatriots attending In-State and Out-of-State events
- Black powder firing of blanks by the Color Guard (musket/long rifle only)

Not covered

- Non-VASSAR organizations/individuals (e.g., DAR, C.A.R., re-enactors, VFW)
- Policy exclusions: fireworks, TNT, horses/autos/trucks, parade floats, drones, etc.



Selected State Society Insurance Status

State Society	Liability Insurance/Company	Expiration date	COI Received	VASSAR COI Sent
VA	Yes / Lockton	6/30/24		
NC	Yes / Cincinnati	9/1/24	Yes	Yes
SC	Yes / Lockton	7/1/24	Yes	Yes
WVA	Yes / Lockton	8/11/24	Yes	Yes
KY	Yes / West Bend	8/29/24	Yes	Yes
PA	Yes / Lockton	5/23/24	Yes	Yes
MD	Yes / Lockton	4/1/24	Yes	Yes
NJ	Yes / ?	?	No	Yes
NH	Yes / Lockton	6/1/24	Yes	Yes
GA	Yes / Lockton	7/1/24	Yes	Yes
TN	No	N/A	No	Yes
NY	No	N/A	No	No



Adjutant's Call

Color Guard Medals

- Von Steuben, Silver, Bronze, Billy Flora

Data Management

- How you can help



Commander's Trivia Question

In a Color Guard, is the US Flag properly:

A: Carried higher than the other flags?

Or,

B: Carried at the same height?



Answer

Carried at the same height





Questions and discussion