



SAR Pledge

We descendants of the heroes of the American Revolution, who by their sacrifices, established the United States of America, reaffirm our faith in the principles of liberty and our Constitutional Republic, and solemnly pledge ourselves to defend them against every foe.

SAR Recessional

Until we meet again, let us remember our obligations to our forefathers who gave us our Constitution, the Bill of Rights, an independent Supreme Court and a nation of free men.

SAR Mission Statement

The Sons of the American Revolution honors our Revolutionary War patriot ancestors by promoting patriotism, serving our communities and educating and inspiring future generations about the founding principles of our Country.



Sons of the American Revolution National 250th Commemoration Of the United States Army 1775 – 2025

And Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony For George and Martha Washington Hosted by the George Washington Chapter



Saturday, June 14, 2025 – 9:30 AM



**3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Hwy
Mount Vernon, VA 22121**

250th ANNIVERSARY OF THE U.S. ARMY

PROGRAM

Welcome	Scot Bryant, <i>Host Chapter President</i>	
Invocation	Reverend Thomas Costa	
Presentation of Colors	Scott Collins, <i>Color Guard Commander</i>	
Pledge of Allegiance	Tim Dioquino, <i>Virginia SAR Secretary</i>	
SAR Pledge	CSM Jon Rymer, USA (Ret) <i>Virginia SAR Treasurer</i>	
Greetings	Michael Elston	<i>SAR Secretary General</i>
	Brett Reistad	<i>American Legion Past National Commander</i>
	Michael Weyler	<i>Virginia SAR President</i>
	Laurie Nesbitt	<i>Virginia DAR Regent</i>
	Meredith Hopkins	<i>Virginia C.A.R. President</i>
Introduction of Speaker	CSM Douglas Gibbens, USA (Ret)	
Speaker	LTG Leslie Smith, USA (Ret)	
Presentation of the NSSAR U.S. Army 250 Wreath <i>Secretary General Elston, Commander Reistad and LTG Smith</i>		
Recognition of Veterans	COL David Shaul, USA (Ret) <i>Chair, SAR Veterans Committee</i>	
SAR Recessional	LTC Brooks Lyles, USA (Ret) <i>SAR Registrar General</i>	
Benediction	Reverend Thomas Costa	
Closing Remarks	Scot Bryant, <i>Host Chapter President</i>	

*Attendees are invited to move to George Washington's Tomb
for the grave marking ceremony and the laying of carnations*



PATRIOT GRAVE MARKING CEREMONY FOR GEORGE AND MARTHA WASHINGTON

*In Honor of their Service, Sacrifice and Selflessness
In Securing our Freedom and the Founding of our Country*

Patriot Biographies

Jeff Thomas, SAR Historian General

SAR Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony

Scot Bryant and Reverend Thomas Costa

Unveiling of the Patriot Marker

Scott Collins, Color Guard Commander

Presentation of the NSSAR Wreath

*Secretary General Michael Elston
Virginia SAR President Michael Weyler*

God Bless America

Chris Yohn, Virginia SAR Recording Secretary

Laying of the Carnations

George Washington P-314188 38.706814 / -77.088755	Martha Washington P-314224 38.706816 / -77.088766
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*Special thanks to Don Francisco of the George Washington Chapter,
Mount Vernon's resident fifer, for providing musical accompaniment*

*For those registered for the luncheon:
Check in by noon in the Verandah Room of the Mount Vernon Inn*