



July 2024

July 20th, 2024, Saturday (10:00 am) – Fairfax Resolves Plaque Dedication at George Washington’s Alexandria Town House, Alexandria, VA

Event Level: National

Host/POC: Fairfax Resolves Chapter VASSAR / Jeff Thomas.

Location: Washington Way Park, 120 N Pitt Street, Alexandria, VA.

Firing Event: No

Event Color Guard Commander: Collins

Heat Index: 94F (peak)

Details: Color Guard muster no later than 9:30 am. In celebration of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Fairfax Resolves, a plaque listing the signers will be dedicated at the Washington Way Park. After the ceremony the group will move to George Washington’s Town House at 508 Cameron Street in Alexandria.

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Bonner, Christensen, Corey, Cordes, Crain, Daniel, Lyles, McComb, McKinley, Schmidt.

Georgia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Collins.

North Carolina SAR Color Guard Attendees: Goodson.

Louisiana SAR Color Guard Attendees: Truax.

July 19th, 2024, Friday, (3:00 pm) – Fairfax Resolves Plaque Dedication at Christ Church, Alexandria, VA

Event Level: National

Host/POC: Fairfax Resolves Chapter VASSAR / Jeff Thomas.

Location: 118 N. Washington Street, Alexandria, VA

Firing Event: No

Event Color Guard Commander: Collins

Heat Index: 86F

Details: Color Guard muster at 2:30 pm. In celebration of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Fairfax Resolves, a plaque listing the signers will be dedicated at historic Christ Church in Alexandria. No weapons of any kind on church grounds per church guidance. Directions and parking information can be found at historicchristchurch.org.

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Bonner, Christensen, Cordes, Crain, Daniel, Lyles, McKinley, Schmidt, Weyler.

California SAR Color Guard Attendees: Ferris.

Florida SAR Color Guard Attendees: Washler.

Georgia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Collins.

North Carolina SAR Color Guard Attendees: Goodson.

Louisiana SAR Color Guard Attendees: Truax.

July 18th, 2024, Thursday (6:00 pm) – 250th Anniversary of the Signing of the Fairfax Resolves, Alexandria, VA

Event Level: National

Host/POC: City of Alexandria. SAR coordination: Fairfax Resolves Chapter VASSAR / Jeff Thomas.

Location: Market Square, 300 King Street, Alexandria, VA.

Firing Event: No.

Event Color Guard Commander: Bonner.

Heat Index: 89F

Details: The Fairfax Resolves were written by George Mason and adopted by a Fairfax County committee chaired by George Washington on July 18th, 1774. The Resolves came in response to the Intolerable Acts (also known as the Coercive Acts), passed by the British Parliament in March 1774 to punish the colonies after the Boston Tea Party. The Acts enraged the colonies and mobilized resistance. Twenty-five patriots signed the Fairfax Resolves, which have been called “one of the most important documents in American history” and “the best single document for understanding the constitutional and legal issues between the colonies and England.” This culminating ceremony will commemorate the signing of the Fairfax Resolves near the site of the old Fairfax County courthouse in Alexandria and will feature George Washington, George Mason, and Rev Lee Massey's “first person” accounts of the signing of the Fairfax Resolves.

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Bonner, Collins, Cordes, Crain, Daniel, Lyles, McComb, A.Phillips, Schmidt, Weyler.

Georgia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Collins.

North Carolina SAR Color Guard Attendees: Goodson.

Indiana SAR Color Guard Attendees: Jones.

Louisiana SAR Color Guard Attendees: Truax.

July 18th, 2024, Thursday (3:00 pm) – 250th Anniversary of the Signing of the Fairfax Resolves, Pohick Episcopal Church, Lorton, VA

Event Level: National

Host/POC: Fairfax Resolves Chapter VASSAR / TBD.

Location: Pohick Episcopal Church, 9301 Richmond Hwy, Lorton, VA.

Firing Event: No

Event Color Guard Commander: Collins.

Heat Index: N/A (indoors)

Details: The Fairfax Resolves were written by George Mason and adopted by a Fairfax County committee chaired by George Washington on July 18th, 1774. The Resolves came in response to the Intolerable Acts (also known as the Coercive Acts), passed by the British Parliament in March 1774 to punish the colonies after the Boston Tea Party. The Acts enraged the colonies and mobilized resistance. Twenty-five patriots signed the Fairfax Resolves, which have been called “one of the most important documents in American history” and “the best single document for understanding the constitutional and legal issues between the colonies and England.” This ceremony will commemorate Rev Lee Massey as Rector of Pohick Church and signer of the Fairfax

Resolves and will feature a Rev Lee Massey “first person” account of the signing of the Fairfax Resolves.

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Abbott, Bonner, Boulton, Carrigan, Corey, Cordes, Crain, Daniel, Kelly, Lyles, McComb, McKinley, Osborn, A.Phillips, M.Robinson, Schmidt, Thomas, Weyler.

Georgia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Collins.

California SAR Color Guard Attendees: Ferris.

Florida SAR Color Guard Attendees: Brunelle.

North Carolina SAR Color Guard Attendees: Goodson.

Indiana SAR Color Guard Attendees: Jones.

Louisiana SAR Color Guard Attendees: Truax.



July 18th, 2024, Thursday (11:30 am) – 250th Anniversary of the Signing of the Fairfax Resolves – George Washington’s Tomb, Mt Vernon, VA

Event Level: National

Host/POC: Fairfax Resolves & George Washington Chapter VASSAR / TBD.

Location: George Washington's Tomb, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Mt Vernon, VA.

Firing Event: No

Event Color Guard Commander: Schmidt.

Heat Index: 84F

Details: The Fairfax Resolves were written by George Mason and adopted by a Fairfax County committee chaired by George Washington on July 18th, 1774. The Resolves came in response to the Intolerable Acts (also known as the Coercive Acts), passed by the British Parliament in March 1774 to punish the colonies after the Boston Tea Party. The Acts enraged the colonies and mobilized resistance. Twenty-five patriots signed the Fairfax Resolves, which have been called "one of the most important documents in American history" and "the best single document for understanding the constitutional and legal issues between the colonies and England." This ceremony will commemorate George Washington as Chairman of the committee and will feature a George Washington "first person" account of the signing of the Fairfax Resolves.

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Bayliss, Bonner, Boulton, Cordes, Crain, Daniel, Lyles, McComb, McKinley, Osborn, A.Phillips, Schmidt, Tyler, Weyler.

Georgia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Collins.

Florida SAR Color Guard Attendees: Brunelle.

North Carolina SAR Color Guard Attendees: Goodson.

Indiana SAR Color Guard Attendees: Jones.

Louisiana SAR Color Guard Attendees: Truax.

Maryland SAR Color Guard Attendees: Moss.

July 18th, 2024, Thursday (9:30 am) – 250th Anniversary of the Signing of the Fairfax Resolves, George Mason, Gunston Hall, Lorton, VA

Event Level: National

Host/POC: Fairfax Resolves Chapter & George Mason Chapter VASSAR / TBD.

Location: In field in front of George Mason's mansion, 10709 Gunston Road, Lorton, VA.

Firing Event: Yes

Event Color Guard Commander: Schwoerer.

Heat Index: 83F

Details: The Fairfax Resolves were written by George Mason and adopted by a Fairfax County committee chaired by George Washington on July 18th, 1774. The Resolves came in response to the Intolerable Acts (also known as the Coercive Acts), passed by the British Parliament in March 1774 to punish the colonies after the Boston Tea Party. The Acts enraged the colonies and mobilized resistance. Twenty-five patriots signed the Fairfax Resolves, which have been called "one of the most important documents in American history" and "the best single document for understanding the constitutional and legal issues between the colonies and England." This Ceremony will commemorate George Mason as the author of the Fairfax Resolves and will feature a George Mason "first person" account of the signing of the Fairfax Resolves.

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Abbott, Bonner*, Carrigan*, Corey*, Cordes*, Crain, Daniel*, Lyles, McComb, McKinley, A.Phillips*, M.Robinson*, Schmidt, B.Schwoerer*, Sink*, Weyler.

Georgia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Collins.
Florida SAR Color Guard Attendees: Brunelle.
North Carolina SAR Color Guard Attendees: Goodson.
Indiana SAR Color Guard Attendees: Jones.
Louisiana SAR Color Guard Attendees: Truax.

July 10th-17th, 2024, Wednesday to Wednesday – 134th Annual NSSAR Congress – Lancaster, PA

Event Level: **National**

Host/POC: NSSAR / PASSAR

Location: The Marriott, 25 South Queen St., Lancaster, PA, 17603.

Details: <https://passar.org/2024%20Congress/2024%20SAR%20National%20Congress.html>

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Bonner, Lynch, Morris, Osborn, B.Schwetke.



July 13th, 2024, Saturday (2:00 pm) – 250th Commemoration of the 1774 Essex Resolutions, Tappahannock, VA

Event Level: **Chapter (250th)**

Host/POC: Rappahannock Chapter VASSAR / Wright Andrews at

wandrews@andrewsdclaw.com.

Location: Essex County Museum & Historical Society, Max Silver Memorial Courtyard, 218 S. Water Lane, Tappahannock, VA.

Firing Event: No

Event Color Guard Commander: Hodges.

Heat Index: 96F

Details: The Rappahannock Chapter conducts an annual reading of the 1774 Essex Resolutions on the Saturday closest to July 9th, the actual date of the 1774 Essex Resolutions. This year, the reading will be held on Saturday, July 13th. This is a 250th event.

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Dennis, Hamilton, Hodges, Jameson, Packett, Russell, Tugman.



July 6th, 2024, Saturday (10:00 am) – Commemoration of the Battle of Green Spring, Williamsburg, VA

Event Level: Chapter

Host/POC: Williamsburg Chapter VASSAR / Gary Dunaway, ormazd72@gmail.com (757) 303-3673.

Location: Church on the Main, 4644 Yeardeley Loop, Williamsburg, VA.

Firing Event: No

Event Color Guard Commander: Dunaway.

Heat Index: 96F

Details: On the morning of July 6, 1781, Lafayette accompanied his advance guard under the command of General Anthony Wayne. Upon reaching Green Spring, the Americans began skirmishing with pickets under the command of Banastre Tarleton. Lafayette, believing that he had caught the rearguard of the British army, called for the rest of his force to join the battle. As Wayne formed up, Lafayette examined the field.

Riding forward, he noted a large group of men in red coats formed in lines. Realizing that Cornwallis had set a trap, Lafayette galloped back to the advance guard under Wayne, but it was too late. Advancing with several regiments, Wayne marched right into a veteran British brigade commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Dundas. Dundas's Brigade smashed through the American right flank with a decisive bayonet charge while the American left was hard-pressed by British light infantry. Lafayette gave the order for the entire American force to withdraw. Wayne's men formed a rearguard. For fifteen minutes, the two sides blazed away at each other. Eventually, Wayne decided that the carnage was too great for his men and ordered a retreat.

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Adolphi, Doucette, Dunaway, Hodges, Johnston, R.Miller, Morris, Westenberger.

July 4th, 2024, Thursday (4:00 pm) - Fourth of July Parade, Middletown, VA

Event Level: National

Host/POC: Col. James Wood II Chapter VASSAR and City of Middletown / Dale Corey.

Location: Middletown, VA.

Firing Event: No

Event Color Guard Commander: Carrigan.

Heat Index: 92F

Details: The Middletown Parade route begins at Laurel Ridge Community College, going south on Main Street.

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Buck, Carrigan, Corey, Daniel, Hunter, Osborn, A.Phillips, M.Robinson, Tyler, Workman.



4 July 2024, 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm - Independence Day Celebration, Tazewell, VA

Event Level: National

Host/POC: General William Campbell Chapter VASSAR/John Gullion
trapperjohn63@gmail.com

Location: 3663 Crab Orchard Road Tazewell, VA 24651 (276) 988-6755,
info@craborchardmuseum.com

Firing Event: No.

Event CG Commander: Gullion

Heat Index: 92F

Details: Independence Day Celebration at Crab Orchard Museum.

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Combs, Farris, Gullion.



July 4th, 2024, Thursday (1:00 pm) - Reading of the Declaration of Independence, Culpeper, VA

Event Level: National

Host/POC: Culpeper Minutemen Chapter / Charles Jameson.

Location: Yowell Meadows Park, Charters of Freedom, N. Blue Ridge Ave, Culpeper, VA.

Firing Event: No

Event Color Guard Commander: B. Schwetke.

Heat Index: 97F

Details: Muster at 12:15 pm. Reading of the Declaration of Independence followed by a musket volley.

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Carrigan, Corey, Daniel, Jameson, A. Phillips, B. Schwetke, D. Schwetke.



July 4th, 2024, Thursday (10:00 am) – Independence Day Parade, Leesburg, VA

Event Level: National

Host Chapter: Sgt Maj John Champe Chapter/Barry Schwoerer

(bschwoerer@comcast.net)

Location: Parade goes down Market Street from Ida Lee Park to King Street down Market for about 1 mile.

Firing Event: No

Event Color Guard Commander: Sink.

Heat Index: 88F

Details: Note: many roads will be blocked off, commencing at 9:30 am. Muster details to follow. The SMJC Float will be the highlight of SAR involvement. We partner with DAR and CAR, with most attendees wearing colonial attire, Rev War militia, or regimental attire. Compatriots from other SAR chapters are invited to join in.

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Bonner, B.Schwoerer, Sink, Workman.



July 4th, 2024, Thursday (10:00 am) – Reading of the Declaration of Independence, Winchester, VA

Event Level: National

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

Location: Walking Mall, Winchester, VA.

Firing Event: No

Event Color Guard Commander: Corey.

Heat Index: 86F

Details: CJWII will read the Declaration of Independence. Muster at 9:45 am.

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Carrigan, R. Collins, W. Collins, Corey, Daniel, Hunter, Osborn, Phillips, Reynolds, Robinson, Tyler.



July 4th, 2024, Thursday (~ 8:30 am) - Independence Day and March to the Tomb, Mount Vernon, VA

Event Level: National

Host/POC: George Washington Chapter VASSAR / Scot Bryant.

Location: George Washington's Mount Vernon, VA.

Firing Event: No

Event Color Guard Commander: A. Mills

Event Honor Guard Commander: Dooley.

Heat Index: 91F

Details: Assemble at the Ann Pamela Cunningham Administrative Building between 8:30 am and 9:00 am. At 9:00 AM, expect to receive the “green light” from the Mount Vernon staff to march down to Bowling Green, and pass in review between the ranks of the 1st Virginia Regiment and the George Washington portrayer, then proceeding to Tomb Grove. Parking: Please park in Mount Vernon's public parking areas. Participants are free, enter for pedestrian traffic only through Mount Vernon's Purple Heart Gate.

At the Tomb Grove, the George Washington Chapter will conduct a brief ceremony featuring remarks from the GW Chapter President. There will be a wreath-laying ceremony at George Washington’s Tomb after the ceremony. Approximately 40 attendees will be allowed to lay a carnation (provided by the Chapter) at General Washington’s and Martha Washington’s Tombs. The ceremony will conclude at 11:00 AM, and participants should return to the Tomb Grove for photographs.

Note: Please refer to the VASSAR Color Guard Playbook for parade formation and movement. Go to the following link: [Mt Vernon Playbook](#)

Safety Note: Don't forget to bring plenty of water and remain hydrated.

French Military Color Guard Escort: Sgt Maj Foulgoc, French Army.

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Christensen, Dooley, Huddleston, Hurley, McComb, A. Mills, J. Mills, Morris, Schmidt, Schwalm, B. Schwetke, D. Schwetke,

Thomas, Wilson.

Maryland SAR Color Guard Attendees: Moss.



INFORMATION: July 4th, 2024, Thursday – Independence Day
Event Level: National

"...We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. --That to secure these rights Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed."

July 3rd, 2024, Wednesday (2:00 – 7:00 pm) - Rockin' Independence Eve, Winchester, VA

Event Level: Chapter

Host/POC: Col. James Wood II Chapter VASSAR/Dale Corey and City of Winchester.

Location: Walking Mall, Winchester, VA.

Firing Event: No

Event Color Guard Commander: TBA.

Heat Index: 99F (peak)

Details: "Rockin' Independence Eve" is held at the Walking Mall, Winchester, Virginia. This event is an annual celebration held by the city of Winchester to honor and commemorate the United States' birthday. Numerous vendors are present, with live

bands playing throughout the day. VASSAR Color Guard will present colors for the National Anthem.

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Christensen, Corey, Daniel, Hunter, Osborn, M.Robinson, Simmons, Tyler.



July 2, 2024, Tuesday 7:00 pm – Purcellville Cannons baseball team "Salute to Veterans," Purcellville, VA

Event Level: Chapter

Host Chapter: Sgt.Maj. John Champe Chapter / Barry Schwoerer
(bschwoerer@comcast.net)

Location: Fireman's Field, 250 S. Nursery Street, Purcellville, VA

Firing Event: Yes

Event Color Guard Commander: Schwoerer

Heat Index: 82F

Details: Color guard and firelock team will march on from the 1st base side of the outfield with the Color guard marching to a spot in front of the pitcher's mound and the

firelock team to a spot in back of the pitcher's mound. The stadium announcer will introduce a singing group to render the National Anthem at which point both teams "Present Arms". After the National Anthem the flag team will return to carry arms and the firelocks team will carry arms, about face, and commence a three-shot volley. Rather than throw used cartridges on the ground, cartridges will be retained in a cartridge box or shooting bag. After the volley, the teams will march off to the 1st base side of the outfield. Post-Volley safety checks will be conducted immediately upon exiting the field. Flag commander: Schwoerer. Firelock commander: Sink
Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Boulton, Bonner, Daniel, Phillips, B.Schwoerer, Sink, Tyler, Workman.

