



October 2024 VASSAR Color Guard Events

October 3rd, 2024, Thursday - Fall Leadership, Louisville, KY

Event Level: National

Host/POC: NSSAR

Location: Galt House 140 North Fourth St., Louisville, KY.

Firing Event: No

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Crain, Osborn, Kelly, Morris, Schwetke.



October 3rd, 2024, Thursday (10:00 am) – Battle of the Hook Commemoration, Hayes, VA

Event Level: Chapter

Host/POC: Thomas Nelson & Williamsburg Chapters, VASSAR / Gary Dunaway

Location: Abingdon Park, 7087 Powhatan Dr., Hayes, VA.

Firing Event: TBD

Event Color Guard Commander:

Details: The largest cavalry action during the Revolutionary War was when the Duc de Lauzan's Legion and LtCol Mercer's Select Battalion of Militia forces defeated British LtCol Tarleton's British Legion and Royal Welsh Fusiliers.

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Lynch.

October 5, 2024, Saturday (10:00 am), New River Valley Patriot Memorial Marker Ceremony, Wytheville, VA

Event Level: Chapter

Host/POC: New River Valley Chapter, VASSAR, Terry Blevins.

Location: St. John Lutheran Church Cemetery 1650 N 4th St, Wytheville, VA 24382

Firing Event: Yes

Event CG Commander: Gullion

Details: The New River Valley Chapter dedication of a memorial marker and wreath presentation to honor eight Patriots interned at St. John's Lutheran Cemetery in Wytheville Virginia. The ceremony will include a wreath presentation followed by a musket salute by the Virginia Society SAR Color Guard.

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Britton, Combs, Gullion, Richmond.

October 6th, 2024, Sunday, (2:00 pm) – Grave Marking for Major Lawrence Butler

Event Level: Chapter

Host/POC: Colonel James Wood II Chapter, VASSAR / Richard Tyler.

Location: 470 Dearmont Hall Lane, White Post, VA

Firing Event: Yes

Event CG Commander: Phillips

Details: Grave marking event for Major Lawrence Butler, who was a Captain with the 15th Virginia Regiment and the 11th Virginia Regiment, was captured at Charleston, South Carolina and paroled till end of the war. Buried on the Dearmont Farms Cemetery.

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Carrigan, Christensen, Corey, Hunter, Parish, Parmerter, Phillips, Reynolds, Robinson, Tyler.



October 10th, 2024, Thursday (10:00 am) - 250th Anniversary of Battle Day 2024, Point Pleasant, VA

Event Level: National

Host/POC: West Virginia Society SAR / Ed Cromley.

Location: Tu-Endie-Wei State Park, 1 Main Street, Point Pleasant, WV

Firing Event: Yes

Event CG Commander: Pat Wesolosky

Details: There is a Memorial Service 10:00 – 12:00 at Tu-Endie-Wei followed by a Colonial Governor's reception.

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Kelly, Phillips, B. Schwetke.

October 12th, 2024, Saturday, (9:00 am) – First Continental Congress, Philadelphia, PA

Event Level: National

Host /POC: Philadelphia Continental Congress, Pennsylvania Society SAR

Location: Philadelphia, PA, (Five events at four different locations)

Firing Event: Yes (one grave marking)

Event CG Commander: Collins

Details: You are cordially invited to participate in the SAR 250th Commemoration of the

First Continental Congress, to be held Saturday, October 12th, in Philadelphia, PA. The final schedule of events is to be held from 10am-8pm, with registration attached.
Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Bonner, Osborn, Thomas.



INFORMATION: October 13th, 2024, Sunday – 249th Anniversary of the US Navy
Event Level: Not a National Event for Color Guard medal purposes.

A 13 October 1775 resolution of the Continental Congress established what is now the United States Navy with *“a swift sailing vessel, to carry ten carriage guns, and a proportionable number of swivels, with eighty men, be fitted, with all possible despatch, for a cruise of three months...”* After the American War of Independence, the U.S. Constitution empowered the new Congress *“to provide and maintain a navy.”* Acting on this authority, Congress established the Department of the Navy on 30 April 1798.

In 1972, Chief of Naval Operations Admiral Elmo R. Zumwalt authorized official recognition of 13 October as the birthday of the U.S. Navy. Since then, each CNO has encouraged a Navy-wide celebration of this occasion *“to enhance a greater appreciation of our Navy heritage and to provide a positive influence toward pride and professionalism in the naval service.”*

October 18th, 2024, Friday (3:00 pm) - Lafayette Returns to Yorktown Bicentennial, Yorktown, VA

Event Level: Chapter

Host/POC: American Friends of Lafayette. [SAR POC Williamsburg Chapter VASSAR / Gary Dunaway.

Location: Yorktown Riverfront Landing, 331 Water Street, Yorktown, VA.

Firing Event: Yes

Event Color Guard Commander: Dunaway.

Details: This event kicks off Yorktown Day festivities in conjunction with American Friends of Lafayette, Yorktown Day Association, American Revolution Museum Yorktown, National Park Service. Marquis de Lafayette (portrayed by Mark Schneider) will arrive at the dock from the schooner Luna at 3:30. The American Revolution Museum Yorktown will fire artillery, and our Color Guard will offer a musket salute. This

ceremony precedes the Yorktown Day dinner at the American Revolution Museum Yorktown that evening.

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Bonner, Dunaway, Osborn, B.Schwetke, Schwoerer.

Georgia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Kyle.

October 18, 2024 Friday, 4:00 pm – Callaway Stepoe Grave Marking

Event Level: Chapter

Host/POC: Patrick Henry Chapter contact Mark Day, President Patrick Henry Chapter, VASSAR.

Location: 672 Alum Springs Road, Forest, VA 24551

Firing Event: Yes

Event CG Commander: Day

Details: The Event is part of a larger Campbell County Historical Society event called New London Days. This event celebrates the Colonial History of the Continental Army Arsenal which was established at New London and the local patriots who participated in the revolutionary cause. The Campbell County 250th Committee has designated it as its 250th anniversary event. The Patrick Henry Chapter will be marking the graves of 5 Revolutionary War Patriots on the afternoon of 18 October 2024.

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Day, G. Hall.

October 19th, 2024, Saturday (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

Event Color Guard Commander: Collins.

Honor Guard Commander: TBA.

Details: Muster no later than 8:15 due to complex lay-out. Follow playbook for this event.

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Adolphi, Bonner, Christensen, Daniel, Day, Doucette, Dunaway, D. Hall, G. Hall, Hodges, Kelly, Lovell, Lynch, Melhuish, Miller, Morris, O'Kelly, Osborn, Phillips, Schmidt, B. Schwetke, Schwoerer, Spangler, Thompson, Wilson.

Georgia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Collins, C. Daniels, G. Daniels, I. Daniels, Kyle.

North Carolina SAR Color Guard Attendees: Mckee

Ohio SAR Color Guard Attendees: Bonniwell, Hill.

October 19th, 2024, Saturday (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

Event Color Guard Commander: Collins

Honor Guard Commander: Schmidt.

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.

Note: this event also marks the bicentennial of the return of the Marquis de Lafayette to Yorktown in October 1824 and is expected to be a significant commemoration. The French Ambassador will attend, and the French Air Force will conduct a flyover.

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Adolphi, Bonner, Christensen, Daniel, Day, Doucette, Dunaway, G. Hall, Hodges, Lovell, Lynch, Melhuish, Miller, Morris, Osborn, Phillips, B. Schwetke, Schwoerer, Spangler, Thompson.

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French Military CG Attendees: LtCol Provenzano, LtCol Perez. (VASSAR will provide the French Tricolor and the French Royal flags)



October 20th, 2024, Sunday, (1:00 pm) - Colonial Williamsburg Celebration of the Bicentennial of Lafayette's Farewell Tour, Williamsburg, VA

Event Level: Chapter

Host/POC: Williamsburg Chapter, VASSAR, POC John Lynch.

Location: Capitol Court, 499 E Duke of Gloucester St. Williamsburg, VA.

Firing Event: No

Event CG Commander: Lynch

Details: On Sunday, October 20th at 1pm, Colonial Williamsburg will celebrate the 200th anniversary (to the day) of Lafayette's return to the United States as "America's Guest". Colonial Williamsburg will have a procession from the Capitol to the Colonial Courthouse for a welcome ceremony that incorporates the 21st, 19th and 18th centuries. Colonial Williamsburg has invited the SAR Color Guard and SAR members to participate as part of the ceremony. You will have to walk to the muster location at the Capitol.

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Adolphi, Bonner, Doucette, Dunaway, Lynch, Miller.



October 22, 2024, Tuesday, 10:00 am, Commemoration of Bicentennial of Lafayette's 22 October 1824 visit to the July 1781 Green Spring battlefield

Event Level: Chapter

Host/POC: Williamsburg Chapter, VASSAR/John Lynch.

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

Firing Event: No

Event CG Commander: Lynch

Details: On 22 October 1824 Lafayette, the last surviving major general of the Continental Army, left Williamsburg for Jamestown where he would board a ship to travel down the James River to Norfolk, Virginia. Lafayette briefly stopped at the site of the Revolutionary War's Green Spring battlefield after departing Williamsburg. It is here, in July 1781, that Lafayette rushed into the thickest of the fighting to rally his troops. It is here he successfully extricated them from Cornwallis' rapidly closing trap; indeed Lafayette, General Anthony Wayne of the Pennsylvania Line, and Cornwallis were all within musket shot of each other during this time. It is here Lafayette cemented his fame in the minds of Virginians and other patriots. This short, simple stop in 1824 was probably a deeply significant private pause in the whirlwind of the General's Farewell Tour itinerary.

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Adolphi, Lynch, Miller, Westenberger.

October 26th, 2023, Saturday (11:00 am) - Culpeper Minutemen Muster, Culpeper, VA

Event Level: State

Host/POC: Culpeper Minutemen Chapter VASSAR / TBA.

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

Firing Event: Yes

Event Color Guard Commander: Schwetke.

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

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: M. Crain, Dennis, Hamill, Jameson, B. Schwetke, Weyler.

October 26, 2024, Saturday, (1:00 pm), Color Guard Workshop, Clear Brook, VA

Event Level: Chapter

Host/POC: Colonel James Wood II Chapter, VASSAR, Allan Phillips, Chip Daniel.

Location: Ruritan Club, 136 Ruritan Way, Clear Brook, VA 22624

Firing Event: Yes

Event CG Commander: Phillips

Details: Color Guard workshop to include flag drill, escort duties, sentinel duties, firing black powder recertification.

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Buck, Daniel, Day, Ford, McComb, Osborn, Parmerter, Phillips, Reynolds, E. Robinson, Schwoerer, Sink, Tyler, Welker.

October 26, 2024, 3:30 pm, Girl Scout Flag Retirement

Event Level: Chapter

Host/POC: Colonel James Wood II, VASSAR, CHIP DANIEL and ALLAN PHILLIPS.

Location: 136 Ruritan Way, Clear Brook, VA

Firing Event: Yes

Event CG Commander: Phillips

Details: Flag retirement, muster at site at 3:00 pm. For participating Color Guardsmen, NSSAR Youth Protection Training required to participate.

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Christensen, Daniel, Phillips, Robinson.

October 27th, 2024, Sunday (2:00 pm) – Bolling / Lafayette Historic Marker Dedication, North Chesterfield, VA

Event Level: Chapter

Host/POC: Richmond Chapter VASSAR / Chris Yong.

Firing Event: No

Event Color Guard Commander: Lynch

Details: This is the marker text: "Susanna Bolling was 16 when British General Cornwallis quartered in her city Point/ Hopewell, VA home. She overheard him plotting to capture the Continental Army General Lafayette, who headquartered here at the Halfway House. Susanna snuck out of her home, crossed the Appomattox River, and

rode almost 15 miles through the night to warn Lafayette, who escaped. Susanna's heroism allowed Lafayette to continue leading the Virginia campaign, which ended with Cornwallis in for the stage for the Decisive American Victory." The event date also marks the 200th anniversary of Lafayette's visit to Richmond on his return tour to the U.S.

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Bonner, Dunaway, Lynch, Miller.