



**September 2024**

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**September 7th, 2024, Saturday (11:00 am) – Commemoration of the Battle of the Capes, Virginia Beach, VA**

**Event Level:** National

**Host/POC:** Norfolk Chapter VASSAR / John Hall.

**Location:** Vice Admiral Francois Joseph Paul de Grasse Statue, Fort Story, Virginia Beach, VA.

**Firing Event:** No

**Event Color Guard Commander:** Thompson.

**Details:** The Battle of the Chesapeake, also known as the Battle of the Virginia Capes or simply the Battle of the Capes, was a crucial naval battle in the American Revolutionary War that took place near the mouth of the Chesapeake Bay on September 5, 1781. The combatants were a British fleet led by Rear Admiral Sir Thomas Graves and a French fleet led by Rear Admiral Francois Joseph Paul, the Comte de Grasse. The battle strategically prevented the Royal Navy from reinforcing or evacuating the besieged forces of Lieutenant General Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown, Virginia. The French achieved control of the sea lanes against the British and provided the Franco-American army with siege artillery and French reinforcements. These proved decisive in the Siege of Yorktown, effectively securing independence for the Thirteen Colonies. (Note: this event was approved to become a **National Level Event** by NSSAR leadership on March 3rd, 2024.) In 2022 the head of the French Navy designated this battle as only one of two Navy-wide commemorative events celebrated by the French Navy globally. Rear-Admiral de Rupilly, French Navy, will be the guest speaker.

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Bonner, Christensen, Daniel, Hodges, Kelly, Lynch, Morris, Osborn, Phillips, B. Schwetke, Schwoerer, Thomas, Thompson.

**North Carolina Color Guard Attendee:** Grimes.

**French Navy Color Guard Attendee:** Premier Maître Franchi, Marine Nationale.



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**September 11th, 2024, Wednesday (8:15 – 10:30 am) – Commemoration of the 9/11 Attack on America, Culpeper, VA**

**Event Level:** Chapter

**Host/POC:** Culpeper Minutemen Chapter VASSAR / Bill Schwetke.

**Location:** Culpeper Baptist Church, 318 S West St., Culpeper, VA.

**Firing Event:** No

**Event Color Guard Commander:** B.Schwetke.

**Heat Index:**

**Details:** No wreaths - No musket firing - just four presentations of the Colors.

We would like individual color guards of four to five compatriots (we can mix chapters), with two or three flags made up of US and one or both of Virginia & Chapter Flags, flanked by two compatriots with weapons. We expect to be joined by, at a minimum, the American Legion, VFW and Culpeper Sheriff's Dept. The VFW will command the Color Guard.

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Bonner, Morris, B.Schwetke, Schwoerer, Sink.

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**September 13th, 2024, Friday (11:00 am) - Grave marking for LtCol William Langborn, Aide de Camp to Marquis de Lafayette, New Kent, VA**

**Event Level:** Chapter

**Host/POC:** Williamsburg Chapter VASSAR / Gary Dunaway.

**Location:** 8400 St Peter's Lane, New Kent, VA.

**Firing Event:** Yes

**Event CG Commander:** Dunaway.

**Heat Index:**

**Details:** Grave marking for LtCol William Langborn. He served in the 6th Virginia Regiment and as Aide de Camp to Marquis de Lafayette. The Bicentennial of Lafayette's ceremonial tour of America starts this August, so the stars are aligned for this moment to honor Patriot Langborn. This ceremony will precede the VASSAR Semi-Annual Conference to be held in Williamsburg starting that afternoon. It should be convenient for our northern and western compatriots to attend on their way to the conference.

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Bonner, Christensen, Crain, Daniel, Davenport, Day, Dunaway, Hodges, Jameson, Kelly, Lynch, McKinley, Miller, Morris, Osborn, Packett, Phillips, Robinson, Roth, Schmidt, B. Schwetke, Schwoerer, Tugman.



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**September 13th-14th, 2024, Friday-Saturday – VASSAR Semi-Annual Meeting, Williamsburg, VA**

**Event Level:** State

**Host/POC:** Williamsburg Chapter VASSAR / TBA.

**Location:** Williamsburg Lodge and Conference Center, 310 South England St., Williamsburg, VA.

**Firing Event:** No

**Event Color Guard Commander:** Osborn.

**Details:** Agenda Conference Hotel Registration not finalized. TBA.

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Bonner, Christensen, Daniel, Driscoll, Dunaway, Osborn, Lynch, Morris, Phillips, Schwoerer.

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**September 14, 2024, Saturday, 2:00 PM, Galt-Prentis-Dixon Grave Marking, Williamsburg, VA**

**Event Level:** Chapter.

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

**Location:** 201 W. Duke of Gloucester, Williamsburg VA.

**Firing Event:** Yes

**Event CG Commander:** Dunaway

**Heat Index:** TBD

**Details:** Three distinguished Williamsburg patriots will be honored: 1) Dr. John Minson Galt was a physician in the Virginia State Line and served in Williamsburg area hospitals during the entire war. He ran the Eastern State Hospital for the insane where he championed humane treatment for the mentally ill patients. 2) Judge Joseph Prentis was a member of the 1775 Virginia Convention, a delegate to the Virginia House of Delegates 1777-1788, and a member of the Privy Council under Governor Patrick Henry 1779-1781. 3) Dr. Anthony Tucker Dixon was the Surgeon of the Virginia State Garrison in 1775. He was present at the 09 December 1775 Battle of Great Bridge and served during the entire war.

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Bonner, Christensen, Crain, Daniel, Davenport, Day, Dunaway, Lynch, Miller, Osborn, Packett, Phillips, Schmidt, Schwetke, Schwoerer.



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**September 14th, 2024, Saturday (8:00 am) - Vigil at Washington's Tomb, Mount Vernon, VA**

**Event Level:** National

**Host/POC:** NSSAR Color Guard / Scott Collins.

**Location:** George Washington's Mount Vernon, Alexandria, VA.

**Firing Event:** No

**National Color Guard Commander:** Collins.

**Details:** The National Color Guard staff cordially invites you to honor our patriot commander. We will meet at the Administration (Ann Pamela Cunningham) Building at 8:00 AM. The March to the Tomb begins at 8:30 a.m. sharp. The first guard rotation will start at 9:00 AM and change every 15 minutes. The March from the Tomb back to the Mansion will start at 4:00 PM.

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Collins.

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**September 15th, 2024, Sunday (2:00 pm) - Wreath Laying at the grave of Pvt. John Broddy, VA**

**Event Level:** Chapter

**Host/POC:** General William Campbell Chapter VASSAR / John Gullion.

**Location:** GPS 36.894634, -81.756998.

**Firing Event:** Yes

**Event Color Guard Commander:** Gullion.

**Details:** Since 2012, the General William Campbell Chapter-VASSAR, Black's Fort Chapter, Virginia Society, DAR, and the Overmountain Victory Trail Association (OVTA) have honored PVT John Broddy, Brig. Gen. Campbell's manservant and a patriot in the fight for independence at 2 pm on Sunday before Sept 24th. The African-American Broddy cemetery is located on land left to Broddy from Campbell's estate. The cemetery was not known publicly until its rediscovery in 2012.

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

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**September 15th, 2024, Sunday (4:00 pm) - Wreath Laying at the grave of Brig. Gen. William Campbell, VA**

**Event Level:** Chapter

**Host/POC:** General William Campbell Chapter VASSAR / John Gullion.

**Location:** 303 Seven Mile Ford Rd, Marion, VA.

**Firing Event:** Yes



**Event Color Guard Commander:** TBA.

**Heat Index:**

**Details:** Since 2012, the General William Campbell Chapter-VASSAR, Black's Fort Chapter, Virginia Society, DAR, and the Overmountain Victory Trail Association (OVTA) have honored Brig. Gen. Campbell. At 4 pm, the groups will convene at Aspinvale Cemetery, the final resting place of Brig. Gen. Campbell.

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

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**September 17th, 2024, Tuesday (11:00 am, muster at 10:15 am) - Constitution Proclamation Day Ceremony, Alexandria, VA**

**Event Level:** Chapter

**Host/POC:** Fairfax Resolves Chapter, VASSAR/ Jim Cordes.

**Location:** Alexandria City Council Chambers, Alexandria City Courthouse, Alexandria VA.

**Firing Event:** No

**Event CG Commander:** TBA.

**Heat Index:** TBD

**Details:** This is the annual Constitution Proclamation Day Ceremony sponsored by the VA DAR District V Constitution Week Committee in coordination with the Alexandria City Mayor's office and the Alexandria City Schools. Program activities include presentations on the Constitution and contemporaneous colonial life along with patriotic music.

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Cordes, Crain, McKinley, Roth.

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**September 17, 2024, Tuesday (10:00 am & 3:30 pm) - Constitution Day Celebrations at Chatham and Danville, VA**

**Event Level:** Chapter

**Host/POC:** Dan River Chapter VASSAR / Gary Hall.

**Location:** Event (1) Emmanuel Episcopal Church; 66 North Main Street; Chatham, VA. Event (2) Danville Museum of Fine Arts & History; 975 Main Street; Danville, VA.

**Firing Event:** No (for first event). TBD (for second event)

**Event CG Commander:** Hall.

**Details:** Commemoration of the Signing of the Constitution. All area church bells are asked to ring celebrating the signing. Color Guard should arrive at the Chatham Train Station at 8:30 a.m. Color Guard should arrive at the Danville Museum no later than 3:00 p.m. Weather permitting. The program in the church will proceed; however, the firing if approved may be called due to weather. DAR/SAR/Historical Society historical event. 5th great-grandson of Patrick Henry will give the "Liberty" speech at both events.

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Hall.

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**September 17th, 2024, Tuesday, (3:30 pm) – DAR Constitution Day, Washington, D.C.**

**Event Level:** Chapter (support to NSDAR).

**Host/POC:** Sgt. Maj. John Champe Chapter VASSAR / Ken Bonner.

**Location:** DAR HQ, Constitution Hall, 18th St., NW, Washington, DC.

**Firing Event:** No

**Event CG Commander:** TBD

**Heat Index:**

**Details:** Flag raising event with students from three area schools and CAR participating in flag raising and reading portions of the Constitution. Program to end about 4:30 pm. Three-man Color Guard with Regimentals is requirement. All VASSAR Color Guardsmen must have completed NSSAR Youth Protection Training. VASSAR Color Guardsmen carrying swords must have viewed the current SAR Sword Drill video. Transportation for VASSAR Color Guardsmen is provided by Ken Bonner from his home in South Riding, VA.

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Abbott, Bonner, Osborn, Schwetke.



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**September 17th, 2024, Tuesday (11:00 am, muster at 10:15 am) - Constitution Proclamation Day Ceremony, Alexandria, VA**

**Event Level:** Chapter

**Host/POC:** Fairfax Resolves Chapter, VASSAR/ Jim Cordes.

**Location:** Alexandria City Courthouse, Alexandria VA.

**Firing Event:** No

**Event CG Commander:** TBA.

**Heat Index:** TBD

**Details:** This is the annual Constitution Proclamation Day Ceremony sponsored by the VA DAR District V Constitution Week Committee in coordination with the Alexandria City Mayor's office and the Alexandria City Schools. Program activities include presentations on the Constitution and contemporaneous colonial life along with patriotic music.

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Cordes, Crain, McKinley, Roth.

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**September 19th, 2024, Thursday ( 4:00 pm ) - Franco-American Alliance Commemoration, Annapolis, MD**

**Event Level:** National (NSSAR TG Greenly attended)

**Host/POC:** US Naval Academy; John Paul Jones Chapter MDSSAR / Glenn Moss.

**Location:** Worden Field, US Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD.

**Firing event:** No

**Event Color Guard Commander:** Brett Osborn.

**Details:** A wreath-laying event at Worden Field, US Naval Academy. In 1781 on this very site of Worden Field and surrounding area, Rochambeau's French Army

encamped from September 18-21. On the morning of September 21st the French Army boarded 15 ships bound for Virginia to join Washington's force in the siege of Yorktown. This event is to celebrate our alliance with the French and their support in the founding of our nation. The event has been celebrated in the past with Color Guards from Maryland SAR, the US Navy, the USNA and JROTC. Click here for the draft program: [Program](#). There will be a reception in the Academy Officers club following the ceremony.

**Maryland SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Abbott, Embrey, Harris, Moss.

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Christensen, McComb, Osborn.

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**September 21st, 2024, Saturday (10:00 am) - Constitution Day Commemoration, Winchester, VA**

**Event Level:** Chapter

**Host/POC:** Col. James Wood II Chapter VASSAR / Allan Phillips.

**Location:** 222 Siler Lane, Winchester, VA.

**Firing Event:** No

**Event Color Guard Commander:** Phillips.

**Details:** This was changed from September 17th at Mount Hebron Cemetery in Winchester to be done at Gainesboro Cemetery site for a combined event with multiple grave marking event.

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Bayliss, Bonner, Christensen, Daniel, Ford, Hunter, Osborn, Phillips, Reynolds, E. Robinson, M. Robinson, Schwoerer, Simons, Sink, Tyler.

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**September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024, Saturday (2:00 pm) – Commemoration of the founding of the Fairfax Independent Company, Fairfax, VA**

**Event Level:** Chapter

**Host/POC:** Fairfax Resolves Chapter, VASSAR / Jim Cordes.

**Location:** Outside Historic Fairfax Courthouse, 4000 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, VA.

**Firing Event:** No

**Event Color Guard Commander:** Cordes.

**Details:** Color Guard muster at 1:15 PM. Muskets permitted on site, non firing event

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Cordes, Crain, McKinley, Wilson.

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**September 21, 2024 Saturday, 11:00 A.M Multiple Patriots Grave Markings, Winchester, VA**

**Event Level,** Chapter

**Host/POC:** Colonel James Wood II Chapter VASSAR / Allan Phillips.

**Location:** 222 Siler Lane, Winchester, VA 22603

**Firing Event:** Yes

**Event CG Commander:** Phillips.

**Details:** VASSAR Marker being installed at Back Creek (Gainesboro) Cemetery, five Patriot Graves being marked.

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Bayliss, Bonner, Christensen, Daniel, Ford, Hunter, Osborn, Phillips, Reynolds, E. Robinson, M. Robinson, Schwoerer Simmons,

Sink, Tyler.

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**September 21, 2024, Saturday (4:15 pm) - President General's Wreath Laying at the Tomb of the Unknowns, Arlington, VA**

**Event Level:** National

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

**Location:** 1 Memorial Avenue, Arlington, VA.

**Firing Event:** No

**Event Color Guard Commander:** Collins.

**Details:** The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier is a historic funerary monument dedicated to deceased U.S. service members whose remains have not been identified. It is in Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia. This event is a highly anticipated event each year, hosted by the George Washington Chapter. The National SAR President General and the Virginia SAR President both are confirmed for this event and will place the wreath.

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Bonner, Collins, McComb, Osborn, Thomas, Wilson.



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**September 22nd, 2024, Sunday (10:00 am - 4:00 pm) - Abington Muster Commemoration, Abingdon, VA**

**Event Level:** State

**Host:** Overmountain Victory Trail Association (OVTA), with support from VASSAR.

**VASSAR POC:** Gen. William Campbell Chapter VASSAR / John Gullion

**Location:** 1780 Muster Place, Abingdon, VA.

**Firing Event:** Yes

**Event Color Guard Commander:** Gullion.

**Heat Index:**

**Details:** This event, organized by the OVTA, is supported by VASSAR. OVTA, SAR, and DAR will present a public education day on life in the colonial backcountry. The event will include stations where visitors learn about various topics, from salt making and cooking to land surveying and combat. A ceremony for the Abington Muster will occur at 1:30 that afternoon, honoring the 400 Virginians who participated in the Overmountain Campaign and those who lost their lives at the battle.



**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Gullion

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**September 22nd, 2024, Sunday (2:00 pm) – Commemoration of Robert Carter III, Heathsville, VA**

**Event Level:** State

**Host/POC:** James Monroe Chapter VASSAR / Jim Russell.

**Location:** 220 Judicial Place, Heathsville, VA.

**Firing Event:** TBD

**Event Color Guard Commander:** Lynch.

**Details:** Robert Carter was a notable 18th century emancipator, freeing 436 enslaved people, a step that enraged his family and many of his fellow planters. His unwavering conviction held that slavery was incompatible with Christianity. At this time, Charles Belfield will appear as Robert Carter and Tom Davenport will represent the enslaved descendants. We will also have representative chapters.

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Bonner, Daniel, Dunaway, Lynch, Phillips, Schwoerer, Wilson.



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**September 28th, 2024, Saturday 11:00am – Commemoration of John Champe's assignment to Capture Benedict Arnold, Fairmont, WV**

**Event Level:** Chapter

**Host Chapter:** Sgt Maj John Champe Chapter / Barry Schwoerer.

**Location:** Champe Grave Site, Cemetery adjacent to Prickett's Fort Historic Site, 88 State Park Road, Fairmont, WV.

**Firing Event:** Yes

**Event Color Guard Commander:** Sink.

**Details:** Sgt Maj John Champe was nominated by Light Horse Harry Lee to execute a daring mission to capture the traitor Benedict Arnold and return him to the American side for Court Martial. George Washington accepted Champe's nomination. The commemoration will take place at John Champe's headstone in the cemetery adjacent to the reconstructed Fort.

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

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**September 29th, 2024, Sunday (5:00 pm) – Culpeper Minutemen Chapter 50th Anniversary Celebration, Culpeper, VA**

**Event Level:** Chapter

**Host/POC:** Culpeper Minutemen Chapter VASSAR / Bill Schwetke.

**Location:** Culpeper Country Club, 2100 Country Club Rd., Culpeper, VA.

**Firing Event:** No

**Event Color Guard Commander:** TBA

**Details:** Since its founding fifty years ago the Culpeper Minutemen Chapter has spun off two other chapters that were formed wholly from the Culpeper Minutemen, Col. William Grayson and Col. James Wood II. The Culpeper Minutemen were also instrumental in reestablishing the Col. Fielding Lewis Chapter. All are invited to join us and celebrate the Culpeper Minutemen Chapter's half-century of service to the Virginia SAR, the SAR, and our nation.

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Corey, Hamilton, Lynch, B.Schwetke, Schwoerer.

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