

## **February 27 - 29, 2020 - NSSAR Spring Leadership Conference and Trustees Meeting**

Location: The Brown Hotel, Louisville, KY

Details: This is a **National - level event**, hosted by the NSSAR.

Weather: Partly cloudy, with winds 8 - 11 mph and temperature from the low 20s and highs in the mid 30s. Looks like some precipitation and small chance of flurries for those arriving on Thu.

Attendees: Schwetke

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## **February 22, 2020 Saturday (3 pm) - George Washington's Farewell Address**

Location: Culpeper Masonic Cemetery, N. Main Street, Culpeper, VA

Details: The Culpeper Minute Men Chapter Sons of the American Revolution a Patriotic, Historical and Educational Society will be Celebrating George Washington's Birthday on Feb.22, 2020. The Minutemen will honor our 1st President with Color Guard, Wreath Laying and reading of his Farewell Address.

George Washington was the man who established the American Republic. He led the revolutionary army against the British Empire, he served as the first president, and most importantly he stepped down from power.

What's so great about leaving office? Think of other great military commanders and revolutionary leaders before and after Washington - - Caesar, Cromwell, Napoleon, and Lenin. They all seized the power they had won and held it until death or military defeat. Therefore the reading of his Farewell address. For more information, contact CMM Pres. Charles Jameson at 540-222-9603 or email [ccj1947@gmail.com](mailto:ccj1947@gmail.com).

Weather: Mostly sunny with a high of 54, winds light at 4 mph.

Attendees: Bonner, Hamill, Jameson, Poe, Robinson (Eric and Marc), Schwetke

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## **February 22, 2020 Saturday (11 am) - Commemoration of the 1766 Leedstown Resolutions**

Location: Ingleside Winery, 5872 Leedstown Road, Oak Grove, VA 22443

Details: The Northern Neck of Virginia Historical Society (promoted here by the James Monroe Chapter) is delighted to host George Washington, Founding Father and first President of the United States of America. Washington, portrayed by Greg Fisher, will reflect on the role of

the Leedstown Resolutions in forging our nation's future, the War and its challenges, and how we move forward to govern ourselves, our economy, as well as his personal challenges. See the attached flyer for additional details, including wine tasting and luncheon.

Weather: Sunny with a high of 52, winds light and variable at 4 mph

Attendees: Belfield, Bonner, Chase, Duncan, Hamill, Kelly, Lyman, Martin, Russell, Schwetke, Thomas, and Weyler

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## **February 22, 2020 Saturday (10 am) - 244th Commemoration of the Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge**

Location: Moore's Creek Battlefield, 200 Moore's Creek Dr, Currie, NC 28435

Details: This is a **National - level event**, hosted by the NCSSAR. In the Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge in North Carolina on February 27, 1776, during the Revolutionary War (1775-83), American forces defeated the British. The victory ended British authority in North Carolina and provided an important boost to Patriot morale. Within two months of the American victory, on April 12, 1776, North Carolina became the first colony to vote in favor of independence from Britain.

Weather:

Attendees:

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## **February 17, 2020 Monday (11 am) - Tomb of the Unknown Soldier of the American Revolution**

Location: Old Presbyterian Meeting House, 323 S Fairfax Street, Alexandria, VA 22314

Details: This is a **Chapter - level event**, hosted by the Kate Waller Barrett Chapter VADAR.

Weather: Partly cloudy, 53 degrees and winds 6 mph.

Attendees: Bonner, Cook, Davenport, Eubanks, Osborn, Schwetke, and Weyler

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## **February 17, 2020 Monday (1 pm) - George Washington Birthday Parade**

Location: Old Town Alexandria - further details will be posted.

Details: This is a **Chapter - level event**, hosted by the George Washington

Chapter. We have been assigned to Division 3, which as you will see on the enclosed map, means we will muster along Pitt Street adjacent to the Lyles-Crouch School. The Parade staff requests that units form no later than 12:00 noon; the Parade steps off at 1:00 pm.

Please note that the Parade perimeter will be closed to traffic beginning at 10:00 am on Parade Day. Also attached is the list of parking restrictions, and general Rules and Procedures, for reference. Additional information can be found at <http://washingtonbirthday.com/parade>.

Weather: Partly cloudy, 53 degrees and winds 6 mph.

Attendees: Bonner, Davenport, Eubanks, Osborn, Schwetke, and Weyler

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## **February 15, 2020 Saturday (10 am) - 239th Commemoration of the Crossing of the Dan**

Location: The Prizery, 700 Bruce Street, South Boston, VA 24592

Details: This is a **National - level event**, of interest to the VASSAR and hosted by the Dan River Chapter VASSAR.

For those in town the night before this event, the 239th Crossing of the Dan Committee cordially invites you to attend a casual "Meet & Greet" on Friday, February 14 at 6:00 p.m. at Ernie's Restaurant, 1010 John Randolph Blvd., South Boston, Virginia for the Seafood Buffet; "Dutch Treat", (~\$18 plus beverage, tax & tip).

Please see the attached flyer for additional details about this event including accommodations options. For additional information, please contact Jeff Myers, Registrar for the Dan River Chapter at 434-665-6127 or at [danriver.vassar@gmail.com](mailto:danriver.vassar@gmail.com).

Weather: Mostly Sunny, 43 degrees and winds light and variable.

Attendees: Bonner, Cook, Davenport, Hall, Jameson, Kelly, O'Kelly, Osborn, Robinsons (Eric and Marc), and Schwetke (Bill and Doug), Thomas, Wallenborn, Weyler, and Williams

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## **February 7 - 9 Friday - Sunday - 130th Annual VASSAR Meeting**

Location: The Omni, Richmond, VA

Details: This is a **State - level event**, hosted by the VASSAR, including Annual Meeting, Public Service, Memorial, and Chapter Awards, as well as the installation of 2020 - 2021 Officers and the Society's 100th President.

Weather: Sunny, mid-to-upper 30s.

Attendees: Badamo, Bonner, Dennis, Eubanks, Hamill, Jameson, Robinson, Schwetke (Doug), and Thomas







Left photo - VASSAR CG portrait with (from L - R) Tom Badamo, Charles Jameson, Mike Dennis, Ken Bonner, Bill Schwetke (Society President), Tom Hamill, Doug Schwetke, and Vern Eubanks. Middle photo - CG in the VA State Capitol Rotunda following our Public Service, Memorial, and Chapter Awards. Right photo - CG retiring the colors following the Officers and President installation banquet.

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## **February 8, 2020 Saturday (2:30 pm) - 241st Commemoration of the Battle of Kettle Creek**

Location: TBD

Details: This is a **National - level event**, hosted by the GASSAR. The **Battle of Kettle Creek** (February 14, 1779) was a minor encounter in the back country of Georgia during the American Revolutionary War. It was fought in Wilkes County about eight miles from present-day Washington, GA. A militia force of Patriots decisively defeated and scattered a Loyalist militia force that was on its way to British-controlled Augusta. The victory demonstrated the inability of British forces to hold the interior of the state, or to protect even sizable numbers of Loyalist recruits outside their immediate area. The British, who had already decided to abandon Augusta, recovered some prestige a few weeks later, surprising a Patriot force in the Battle of Brier Creek. Georgia's back country would not come fully under British control until after the 1780 Siege of Charleston broke Patriot forces in the South.

Weather:

Attendees: Osborn





Compatriot Brett Osborn (4th from left), representing the VASSAR Color Guard at the 241st Commemoration of the Battle of Kettle Creek, in Lincoln County, GA on 7 Feb, 2020. Huzzah!

## February 1, 2020 Saturday (10 am) - 239th Commemoration of the Battle of Cowen's Ford

Location: Hopewell Presbyterian Church, 10500 Beatties Ford Rd, Huntersville, NC 28078

Details: This is a **National - level event**, hosted by the Mecklenburg Chapter NCSSAR. The Battle of Cowan's Ford was fought on **1 February 1781** at Cowan's ford on the Catawba River in northwestern Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, between a force of about 5,000 British and fewer than a thousand Americans who were attempting to slow the British advance across the river. The American general William Lee Davidson was killed in this battle.

Weather:

Attendees: Osborn