

September 20, 2020 Sunday (1 pm) - Patriot Valentine Himmelberger Grave Marking

Location: Belleman's Church, 3540 Belleman's Church Road, Mohrsville, PA 19541

Details: This is a **Chapter - level event**, hosted by the Fairfax Resolves Chapter, VASSAR. We will post colors, conduct a musket salute, and taps will be performed. Patriot Himmelberger is the ancestor of Fairfax Resolves Chapter member Peter Himmelberger. If you are interested in attending, please notify Chapter 1st Vice President Dave Cook at cook006@verizon.net.

Weather:

Attendees: Bonner, Cook, Osborn

September 19, 2020 Saturday (10 am) - 240th Gathering at Sycamore Shoals

Location: Sycamore Shoals State Historic Park, 1651 W Elk Avenue, Elizabethton, TN

Details: This is a **National - level event**, hosted by the Kings Mountain Chapter TNSSAR. The year was 1780. The tide of the Revolution had turned against the colonists. The British, forced out of New England, gained new allies in the divided South and won victory after victory in a bloody civil war. Charleston had fallen, and American forces had crumbled at the battle of Camden. But then the impossible occurred ... the frontiersmen of the western mountains began a long march, gathering an army along the way, from the highlands of Virginia to the hills of South Carolina. At a place called King's Mountain, they destroyed British forces and opened the way for the final American victory at Yorktown. The point-of-contact is David Carr, and he can be reached at choirboy44@live.com.

Weather:

Attendees:

September 19, 2020 Saturday - SAR Vigil at Washington's Tomb

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

Details: This is a **National - level event**, commanded by the National Color Guard Commander Lou Raborg. Depending on weather, at least two

guardsmen are posted for ~ 30 minute intervals beginning at about 8 am and ending at about 5 pm. In observance of VA and CDC guidelines, we're planning on having no more than 6 guardsmen with masks during any post in order to observe social distancing practices.

Please note, that this is the same weekend as the VASSAR semi-annual meeting in South Boston. If you are not planning to attend semi-annual but are interested in supporting this event, please send me an email with your time availability and preference at ken.l.bonner@gmail.com.

Weather: Fri - 70 degrees and chance of rain 60%; Sat - 66 degrees and 0% chance of rain .. as they always say "if you don't like the forecast, just wait a minute [and it will change]".

Attendees: Christensen, A Mills, J Mills, Newman, Stephens

September 18 - 19, 2020 Friday - Saturday - VASSAR Semi-Annual Meeting

Location: Berry Hill Plantation Resort & Conference Center, 3105 River Road, South Boston, VA

Details: This is a **State - level event**, hosted by the Virginia Society SAR.

A Color Guard Workshop will be held outdoors (weather permitting), including training on musket firing and (time permitting) cartridge loading.

Afterwards, the Color Guard will support the opening of our meeting with a ceremony on the circle drive and front lawn (see picture) including a cannon salute. Note - my Mustang will not be included in the ceremony :-). Friday evening is shaping up to be a special occasion with dinner, capped by fireworks and the President's reception.

If you plan to attend, please send me an email at ken.l.bonner@gmail.com. The agenda and program, including registration form can be found posted on the Latest News tab.

Weather: The weather is trending nicely over the first few weeks of September .. we'll keep an eye out!

Attendees: Badamo, Bonner, Cook, Corey, Daniel, Davenport, Dennis, Geisinger, Greaf, Hall, Jameson, Kelly, M Robinson, Osborn, Russell, B Schwetke, and D Schwetke

September 5, 2020 Saturday - 239th Commemoration of the Battle of the Capes - CANCELED

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

Details: Date, time and agenda to be confirmed. 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 5 September 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 was strategically decisive, in that it prevented the Royal Navy from reinforcing or evacuating the besieged forces of Lieutenant General Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown, Virginia. The French were able to achieve 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.

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