

## April 30th, 2022, Saturday (2:00 pm) - Patriot Grave Marking - John Ford

Event Level: **Chapter**

Host/POC: Culpeper Minutemen Chapter/Tom Hamill.

Location: 161 Waylands Mill Rd., Culpeper, VA 22701.

The cemetery is in a field about a 1/4 mile from where RT631 meets RT618, Fordville, VA. (GPS coordinates of the cemetery are: 38.403220, -78.115316). The GPS coordinates for the entrance are **38.402823, -78.118349**.

From Tom Hamill: "I highly recommend using GPS to get you 99% of the way to the grave site. The owner's address is 161 Waylands Mill Road, Culpeper, VA (Yes - Culpeper even though it is in Madison County). If you are coming from US29, the turn-off for the field is just over 3 miles down VA RT631. If you are coming up from the south via RT618, you will need to make a left turn up RT631 instead of a right turn towards Wayland Mills. I plan on having a Betsy Ross Flag at the entrance to the access road on RT631 - so look for that flag as you get close to the site."

Firing Event: **Yes**

Event Color Guard Commander: Osborn.

Details: If planning to attend/present a wreath please contact Tom Hamill. **Please note that the time for this event has been changed to 2 pm.**

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees: Carrigan, Corey, Dennis, Hamill, Jameson, Osborn, Schwetke, Weyler.



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## April 30th, 2022, Saturday (11:00 am) – Patriot Grave Rededication: Francis Summers

Event Level: **Chapter**

Hosts: Co-hosted by the Fairfax Resolves Chapter, VASSAR and the Henry Clay Chapter NSDAR.

**VASSAR POC:** David Huxsoll.

**Location:** Summer's Cemetery 6250 Lincolnia Road (RT 613), Alexandria, Virginia, 22312.

**Firing Event:** Yes

**Event Color Guard Commander:** Schmidt.

**Details:** The Henry Clay and Thomas Lee chapters of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution cordially invite you to attend an important historical event on April 30th at 11 a.m. in Alexandria, Virginia. On that date, we will hold a ceremony to rededicate a grave site plaque and headstone for Revolutionary War Patriot Francis Summers. Francis was a Revolutionary War soldier. He served in the Fairfax County, Virginia militia and is listed as one of three Sergeants in his Company. We will also install a sign to mark the location as the Summers Family Cemetery. The hosts are proud to partner with the Sons of the American Revolution, the Fairfax County Cemetery Preservation Association, and the Fairfax County Park Authority for this event. Parking is available in a lot diagonally across from the cemetery, and along Deming Avenue and Barnum Lane.

Light refreshments will be served immediately following the ceremony.

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

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## **April 28th, 2022, Thursday (11:00 am) - President James Monroe's 264th Birthday (Cemetery)**

**Event Level:** Historic

**Host/POC:** (non-SAR) James Monroe Memorial Foundation/Peter Broadbent.

**VASSAR Guard POC:** Melhuish.

**Event Guard Coordinator:** Schwetke.

**Location:** Monroe's tomb, Hollywood Cemetery, 512 South Cherry St., Richmond, VA..

**Firing Event:** No

**Details:** Wreath Laying ceremony at James Monroe's tomb in Hollywood Cemetery . US Army will most likely provide the Color Guard (TBC). See attachment for more information and following website: <https://monroefoundation.org/>  
Draft program is attached.

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Corey, Lynch, Russell, Schwetke, Westenberger, Weyler.



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US Army Color Guard advances the Colors at President Monroe's tomb

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## **April 24th, 2022, Sunday (3:00 pm) – Patriots' Day Virtual Commemoration (Zoom)**

**Event Level:** **National**

**Host/POC:** Fairfax Resolves Chapter, Virginia SAR/Wm Forrest Crain.

**Location: Virtual.** Note: a small contingent of pre-selected Guardsmen will be at the Lexington Minutemen Memorial Arlington National Cemetery Sec 1-297-34 as part of the ceremony.

**Firing Event:** **No**

**Event Color Guard Commander:** Crain.

**Details:** Memorializing the eight men of the Lexington Militia killed in action on 19 April 1775. This will be a virtual event. If you intend to present a wreath **please register no later than April 21** using the following link:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc7EfbBAhdg9meu7ocP59IV8p0y--RPGGcCsaiKfe4xMqCpwA/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc7EfbBAhdg9meu7ocP59IV8p0y--RPGGcCsaiKfe4xMqCpwA/viewform?usp=sf_link)

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



Memorial to the Lexington Militia at Arlington National Cemetery

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**April 23rd, 2022, Saturday (10:30 am) - President James Monroe's 264th Birthday (Birthplace House)**

**Event Level:** Historic

**Host/POC:** (non-SAR) James Monroe Memorial Foundation/Peter Broadbent.

**VASSAR POC:** Melhuish.

**Location:** Monroe's Birthplace House, 4460, James Monroe Highway, Colonial Beach, VA.

**Firing Event:** No

**Event Color Guard Commander:** Melhuish.

**Details:** Wreath Laying ceremony in front of Monroe's Birthplace House. See attachment for more information and following website: <https://monroefoundation.org/>

Draft program is attached.

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Hamill, Hodges, Lynch, Melhuish, Morris, Russell, Schwetke, Thompson, Westenberger.



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VASSAR President Bruce Meyer addressing the audience. The replica of Monroe's farmhouse in the background.

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## **April 23rd, 2022, Saturday (1:00 pm) - Sgt Major John Champe Commemoration**

**Event Level:** Chapter

**Host/POC:** Sgt. Major John Champe Chapter/Barry Schwoerer.

**Location:** 23319 Champe Ford Road, Middleburg, VA 20117.

**Firing Event:** Yes

**Event Color Guard Commander:** Schwoerer.

**Details:** The Sergeant Major John Champe Chapter, Virginia SAR was recently rechartered on the 12th of February this year. Sgt Maj Champe hails from Aldie in Loudoun County, and is a hero of the American Revolution. Born about 1752, Champe enlisted in the Virginia Cavalry from Loudoun County in 1776 and was made a Sergeant Major in [Lighthorse Harry] Lee's Legion. He is most famous for his faked desertion from the Continental Army when he was tasked by General George Washington to capture the traitor Benedict Arnold. The plan almost succeeded but was thwarted when Arnold directed his troops to Virginia to attack Continental forces. Not wanting to engage his fellow Virginians, he returned to the

Continental Line.

This event takes place at the Champe homesite in Aldie. We will gather at a monument and obelisk constructed on the property by the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) in 1939. The material used in the construction of the monument and nearby bridge, crossing Champe Ford, was reportedly from the original Champe home. Although Champe's actual birthday is unknown, we will use this opportunity to commemorate his heroism and military contributions to our Nation's founding. We will also recognize Patriots Day, commemorating the 247th anniversary of the Battles of Lexington and Concord.

**Article about this event at:** [www.virginiasar.org/latest-news/sgt-maj-john-champe-chapter-commemorates-their-namesake-revolutionary-war-hero-sgt-maj-john-champe](http://www.virginiasar.org/latest-news/sgt-maj-john-champe-chapter-commemorates-their-namesake-revolutionary-war-hero-sgt-maj-john-champe)

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Carrigan, Christensen, Corey, D. Hall, Johnson, Osborn, B. Schwoerer, J. Schwoerer, and Weyler.



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## **April 13th, 2022, Wednesday (11:00 am) - 279th Birthday of President Jefferson (Wreath Laying)**

**Event Level:** State equivalent (District of Columbia)

**Host/POC:** District of Columbia SAR / Joel Hinzman.

**Location:** The Jefferson Memorial, Washington, DC.

**Firing event:** No

**Details:** The 279th anniversary of the birth of Thomas Jefferson will be celebrated on Wednesday, April 13, 2022. As in all but two of the seventy-nine years since the dedication of the Jefferson Memorial in 1943, the District of Columbia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, in cooperation with the National Park Service and the Military District of Washington, will sponsor a commemorative ceremony at 11:00 AM that day at the Jefferson Memorial, on the Tidal Basin in Washington. The program will include music by one of the service bands, a Joint Armed Services Color Guard, and the placing of wreaths by numerous officials and groups.

Parking is limited, so leave yourself plenty of time. METRO (Smithsonian station) may be the best option. If you drive, plan to use Lots A, B, or C, located on Ohio Drive between and flanking the spans of the 14th Street Bridges. The lots are up to a half-mile walk from the north steps of the Memorial facing the Tidal Basin, where the ceremony will take place.

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Corey, Schwetke.



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## **April 12th, 2022, Tuesday (10:00 am) - 246th Commemoration of the Signing of the Halifax Resolves**



**Event Level:** **National**

**Host/POC:** Halifax Resolves Chapter, North Carolina SAR.

**Location:** Halifax, NC

**Firing Event:** **No**

**Details:** The Halifax Resolves was a name later given to the resolution adopted by North Carolina on **12 April 1776**. The adoption of the resolution was the first official action in the American Colonies calling for independence from Great Britain during the American Revolution. The Halifax Resolves helped pave the way for the presentation to Congress of the United States Declaration of Independence less than three months later.

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Geisinger, Hall, Schwetke.







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**April 10th, 2022, Sunday (3:00 pm) – Multiple Patriot Grave Marking**  
Event Level: **Chapter**



**Host/POC:** Fairfax Resolves Chapter, Virginia SAR/Wm Forrest Crain.

**Location:** New Jerusalem Lutheran Church, 12942 Lutheran Church Road, Lovettsville, VA 20180.

**Firing Event:** **Yes**

**Event Color Guard Commander:** Osborn.

**Event Honor Guard Commander:** Bonner.

**Details:** This event honors five Revolutionary War Patriots buried here. Participants will have the opportunity to earn five (5) more grave markings towards the Grave Marking medal.

**Notes:** Guardsmen muster with Osborn NLT 2:15 pm. Safety checks will then be conducted on all firelocks and cartridge boxes. **Guardsmen arriving late who have not had their firelocks cleared by a Safety Inspector will NOT be permitted to fire.** For the firing detail, Schmidt will act as assistant Safety Officer.

The Color Guard will comprise of Osborn, a drummer, two musket men (one from MD CG), National Colors, MD and VA State Flags.. The Honor Guard will be led by Bonner and will comprise at least two musket men and all the remaining flags, to include SAR flag, 250th Anniversary flag and MD & VA Chapter flags.

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Bonner, Carrigan, Christensen, Cook, Cordes, Corey, Crain, Duncan, Hall, Kelly, McKinley, Morris, Osborn, Poe, Reynolds, Schmidt, Schwetke, B. Schwoerer, Weyler.







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## **April 9th Saturday (11:00 am) – Annual Multi-Chapter Meeting**

**Event Level:** Chapter

**Host/POC:** Culpeper Minutemen Chapter, Virginia SAR/Charles Jameson.

**Location:** Graves' Mountain Farm and Lodges, Rt. 670, Syria, VA 22743.

**Firing Event:** No

**Details:** Social time with cash bar begins at 11:00 am, and the meeting starts at 11:30 am. We will then break for lunch 'family style' at about 12:00. Please see attached for more information, and to register for this event.

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Bonner, Corey, Crain, Daniel, Hamilton, Hartman, B. Schwetke, B. Schwoerer, and Weyler.





## **April 2nd 2022, Saturday (1:00 pm) – Patriot Grave Marking - John Holker**

**Event Level:** Chapter

**Host/POC:** Col James Wood II Chapter, Virginia SAR/Dale Corey.

**Location:** Old Chapel Cemetery, 3605 Bishop Meade Road, Boyce, VA 22646 (Intersection of US Route 340 & Virginia Route 255) Clarke County.

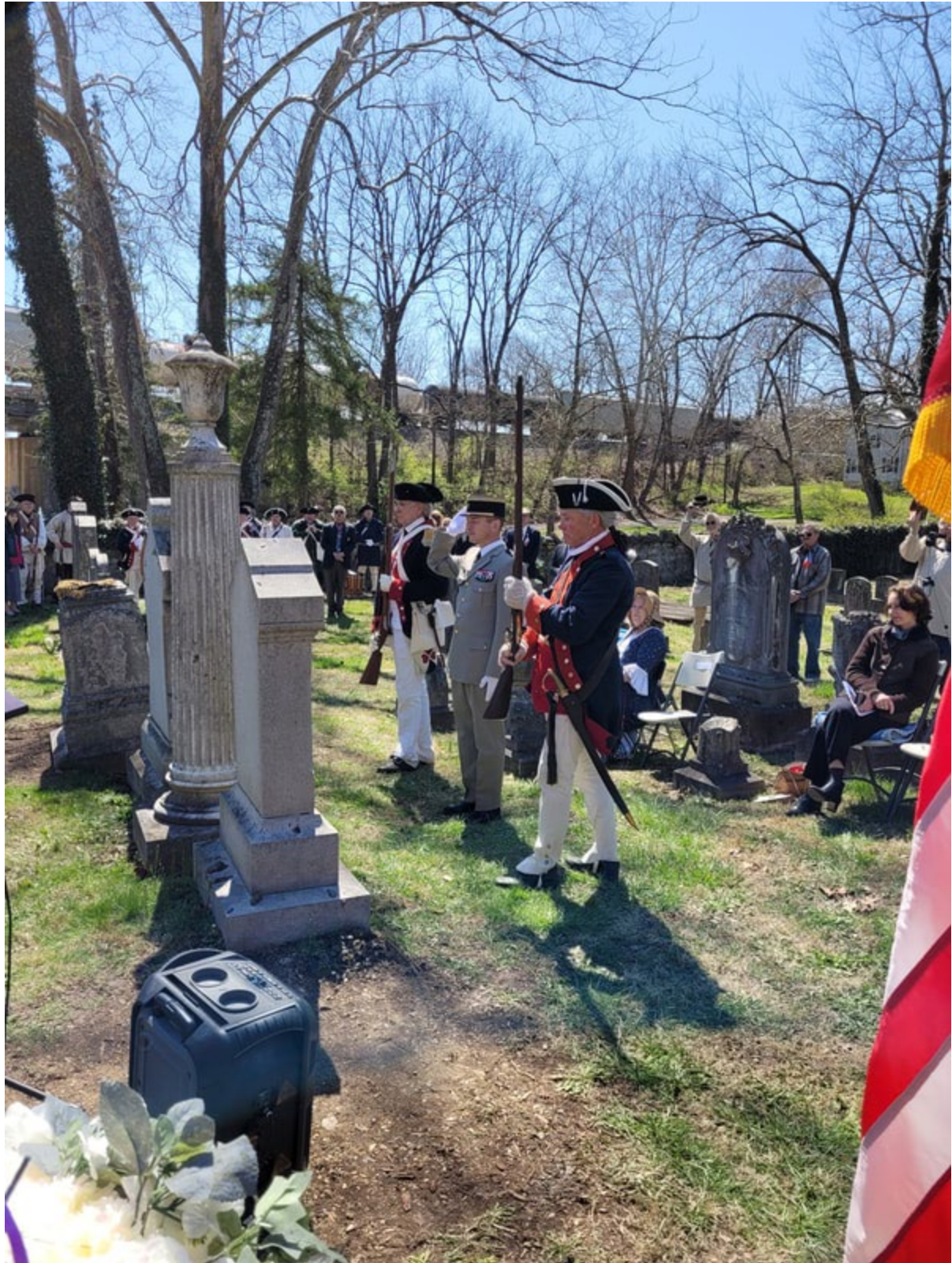
**Firing Event:** Yes

**Event Color Guard Commander:** Osborn.

**Details:** John (Jean) Holker (1745-1822), born in Manchester, was the son of Chevalier Jean Holker, an English Jacobite who fled to Rouen, France, in 1745 and became prominent in French textile manufacturing. The younger Holker returned to England between 1769 and 1772 to study the Hargreave and Arkwright manufacturing processes. In 1777, father and son were involved in helping the American commissioners in Paris obtain military clothing and other supplies. In 1778, with Benjamin Franklin's support, John Holker and Conrad Alexandre Gérard came to America as the first French ministers to the United States. Holker was the agent for the French navy in American ports and consul of France, and took up permanent residence in Philadelphia. During the war, he supplied arms and provisions to the French fleet, with Robert Morris acting as Holker's American agent in Philadelphia and William Smith as his agent in Baltimore. By 1780, Holker had become consul general for Pennsylvania, Delaware, New Jersey, and New York. While acting in this official capacity, he was engaged in extensive private business speculations with Robert Morris, William Turnbull, and Peter Marmie. Complaints from local authorities on his financial activities led the French government to demand that he either observe the prohibition against public officials engaging in trade or resign. Holker resigned in 1781, preferring to continue his various business ventures that included supplying clothes to Continental troops during the war, and later investing in western land speculation, Pittsburgh ironworks, distilleries, saw mills, and salt works. He and his partners William Turnbull and Peter Marmie formed the Alliance Iron Works, which was important to the early development of Pittsburgh as an urban center. The death of his father and the turmoil of the French Revolution diminished his assets and left him with fewer business ties in France. Following the war, Holker settled in Springsbury, Virginia, where he remained until his death in 1822, with the exception of a brief sojourn in France from 1800 to 1804.

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Bonner, Carrigan, Christensen, Cook, Cordes, Corey, Daniel, Duncan, Ford, Hall, Kelly, Osborn, Phillips, Poe, Reynolds, E. Moore, P. Moore, Morris, M. Robinson, Schwetke, B. Schwoerer, J. Schwoerer, St. Jacques, Tyler











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