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## November 20th, 2022 Sunday (2:00 pm) - Centennial Commemoration of Blacks Fort Chapter DAR

**Event Level:** Chapter

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

**Location:** 1 Food City Cir, Abingdon, VA 24210.

**Firing Event:** No

**Event Color Guard Commander:** Johnson.

Details: General William Campbell Chapter will present the Colors at the 100th anniversary of the Blacks Fort Chapter DAR. The DAR chapter is named after the locality of the meeting of the first court of Washington County. It was erected in 1776 on the lands of Captain Joseph Black, on the west bank of what was then known as Eighteen Miles Creek, also known as Castle's Creek. The fort was built by the settlers living in the vicinity, with the aid of about five hundred other settlers who fled their homes west of Abingdon upon the outbreak of the Indian War that same year. **[BY INVITATION ONLY.]**

**Virginia SAR Attendees:** Britton, Gullion, Humphreys, Johnson, Vaughn.



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## November 19th, 2022 Saturday (2:00 pm) - Shenandoah River Bridge Dedication, Front Royal

Event Level: **Chapter**

Host/POC: Col James Wood II Chapter VASSAR/Dale Corey.

Location: Riverton United Methodist Church, 55 E. Strasburg Rd., Front Royal, VA.

Firing event: **Yes**

Event Color Guard Commander: Corey.

**Details:** A ceremony is being conducted to dedicate the naming of the bridges over the Shenandoah River after Dr Joseph Warren and Daniel Morgan. see attached files for more information. Muster time is 1:15. Please wear hunters frock/tunic or colonial civilian attire if you have one. These are appropriate to honor Dr Joseph Warren and Daniel Morgan. We will be presenting the colors and firing a musket salute.

**Virginia SAR Attendees:** Bonner, D.Carpenter, Carrigan, Cook, Corey, Daniel, Dennis, Ford, Jameson, E.Moore, P.Moore, Osborn, Robinson, B.Schworer, Simmons, St.Jacques.



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## **November 12th, 2022 Saturday (6:00 pm) - Veterans Day Commemoration, Purcellville**

**Event Level:** Chapter

**Host/POC:** Col. James Wood II Chapter VASSAR/Dale Corey.

**Location:** Patrick Henry College, 10 Patrick Henry Cir., Purcellville, VA.

**Firing Event:** No

**Event Color Guard Commander:** Corey.

**Details:** The college has requested a SAR color guard to support a Veterans Day ceremony at the college.

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

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## **November 12th, 2022, Saturday (11:00 am) - Grave Marking Maj. Peter Helphenstine**

**Event Level:** Chapter

**Host/POC:** Col. James Wood II Chapter VASSAR/Dale Corey  
at [Dale.Corey@comcast.net](mailto:Dale.Corey@comcast.net)

**Location:** Mt. Hebron Cemetery, 305 E. Boscawen St, Winchester, VA.

**Firing Event:** Yes

**Event Color Guard Commander:** Corey.

**Details:** Grave Marking Ceremony to commemorate Major Peter Helphenstine, served in the 8th Virginia Regiment under Peter Muhlenberg.

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Bonner, Buck, Carrigan, Christensen, Cook, Cordes, Corey, Daniel, Ford, D.Hall, Himmelberger, Jameson, Morris, Osborn, Parmarter, Phillips, Reynolds, Robinson, B.Schwoerer, Simmons, Tyler, Weyler.



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## **November 12th, 2022, Saturday (11:00 am) Commemoration of the Skirmish at Kemp's Landing (Nov. 15, 1775)**

**Event Level:** Chapter

**Host/POC:** Norfolk Chapter VASSAR/Robert Bruce at [bobbruce@norfolksar.net](mailto:bobbruce@norfolksar.net)

**Location:** Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 5181 Singleton Way, Virginia Beach, VA 23462.

**Firing Event:** No

**Event Color Guard Commander:** Thompson.

**Details:** This was the first fight in Virginia where the first Virginian blood was spilled during Revolutionary War. Lord Dunmore, the Royal Governor of Virginia, sent about 120 British regulars of the 14th Regiment and elements of the newly formed Dunmore's Ethiopian Regiment to Kemp's Landing to combat rebel (Patriot) militia activity in the area. [The Ethiopian Regiment consisted of escaped African American slaves who signed up to fight for the Crown in response to Dunmore's November 1775 Proclamation granting freedom for military service.] On **November 15th, 1775** the Princess Anne militia fired on the British advance guard. The ensuing engagement left 18 Patriots captured, including Col. Joseph Hutchings, 7 killed, including 2 who drowned crossing a creek. Only one British soldier suffered a minor wound.

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Melhuish, Hamill, Thompson.

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## **November 11th, 2022, Friday - Veterans Day Commemorations**

**Event Level:** National

**Host/POC:** Various.

**Location:** Various. Specific details will be posted when known.

**Details:** Originally known as Armistice Day, in recognition when the guns fell silent at the 11th hour of the 11th day, November 1918. This day continues to be celebrated in some other countries as Armistice Day or Remembrance Day. The US changed the name of the national holiday to Veterans Day on June 1st, 1954 at the urging of WWII

and Korea Veterans.

Veterans Day honors the service of all US military Veterans who have served, while Memorial Day honors those died while in military service to the nation. **The official theme of Veterans Day 2022 is "Honor."**

Perhaps not widely known is how the red poppy became a symbol of this national holiday.

In November 1918, a young woman by the name of Moina Belle Michael -- a Daughter of the American Revolution -- was so moved by a Canadian war poet's work ("In Flanders Fields") that she wrote her own poem in response, and bought 24 red silk poppies from Wanamaker's in NYC. At the time, she was on a sabbatical from the University of Georgia to help Veterans in New York. Her promotion of the red poppy as a symbol to rally public support for caring for Veterans was adopted by the American and British Legions. In 1924, General "Black Jack" Pershing wrote to Moina, "I wish to congratulate you on the splendid patriotic service you have rendered in conducting the sale of poppies on Armistice Day each year for the relief and benefit of war sufferers."

And so, wearing the poppy on this day honors Veterans, and keeps alive the memory of a young Georgia teacher who raised millions to support Veterans through the sale of poppies.

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## **November 11th, 2022, Friday (1:00 pm) - Wreath Laying at Geo. Washington's Tomb**

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

**Host/POC:** George Washington Chapter VASSAR/Rand Pixa at [d-oleron@verizon.net](mailto:d-oleron@verizon.net)

**Location:** Mount Vernon, VA.

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

**Event Color Guard Commander:** Christensen.

**Details:** Wreath laying at Washington's Tomb on the Mount Vernon Estate. Joint ceremony with NSDAR.

**Virginia Color Guard Attendees:** Adams (drummer), Christensen, Crain, A.Mills, J.Mills, Whitney.



## **November 11th, 2022, Friday (1:00 pm) - Veterans Day Commemoration, Middletown**

**Event Level:** National

**Host/POC:** Col. James Wood II Chapter VASSAR/Dale Corey  
at [dale.corey@comcast.net](mailto:dale.corey@comcast.net)

**Location:** **CHANGE OF VENUE:** Middletown Fire Station Meeting Hall, 7855 Main Street, Middletown, VA.

**Firing Event:** No

**Event Color Guard Commander:** Corey.

**Details:** (NOTE: due to inclement weather, the event will be moved indoors to the Middletown Fire Station Meeting Hall, 7855 Main Street, Middletown. Park on the left side of the building.) Muster no later than 12:30 pm. The keynote speaker is Lt. Col. Cat Schwetke USAF (Ret.). The event is a commemoration to honor veterans sponsored by Middletown. It is held at the Veterans Commemorative Park in Middletown. The SAR will serve as the color guard. The VFW will fire a rifle salute to honor veterans of all services.

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Carrigan, Christensen, Cook, Cordes, Corey, Daniel, D.Hall, E.Moore, Osborn, Parish, Phillips, Reynolds, Schwetke, Simmons, Tyler, Weyler.

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**November 11th, 2022, Friday (11:00 am) - Veterans Day Commemoration, Abingdon**

**Event Level:** National

**Host/POC:** Abingdon Memorial Park Foundation/VASSAR POC John Gullion.

**Location:** Veterans Memorial Park, Abingdon, VA.

**Firing Event:** Yes

**Details:** Flyer attached. VASSAR Guardsmen will fire a volley at the ceremony.

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Britton, Johnson, Shaver.



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**UPDATE: November 11th, 2022, Friday (11:00 am) - Veterans Day Commemoration, Winchester**

**Event Level:** National

**Host/POC:** Col. James Wood II Chapter VASSAR/Dale Corey  
at [dale.corey@comcast.net](mailto:dale.corey@comcast.net)

**Location:** CHANGE OF VENUE: American Red Cross Meeting Rooms, 561 Fortress Drive, Winchester, VA.

**Firing event;** TBC

**Event Color Guard Commander:** Corey.

**Details:** (NOTE: due to inclement weather, the event will be moved to indoors to the

American Red Cross Meeting Rooms, 561 Fortress Drive, Winchester. Park behind the building.) A commemoration to honor veterans, co sponsored by the American Red Cross. The event is held at the National Cemetery in Winchester, Virginia. Muster time is 10:15 with start time 11:00. The colors will be presented and all U.S. services will be recognized.

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Carrigan, Christensen, Cook, Cordes, Corey, Daniel, D.Hall, E.Moore, Osborn, Parish, Phillips, Reynolds, Robinson, Simmons, Tyler, Weyler.

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**CANCELED: November 11th, 2022, Friday (10:00 am) - Veterans Day Commemoration, Williamsburg**

Canceled by event organizer due to inclement weather.

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**November 6th, 2022, Sunday - Veterans Day Parade, Brunswick, MD**

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

**Host/POC:** Joint NSDAR/VASSAR participation.

**Location:** Brunswick, MD

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

**Event Color Guard Commander:** Bonner

Details: The 90th annual Brunswick MD Veterans Day Parade was held on Sunday, 6 November. More than 100 organizations, non-profits and businesses participated. The Sgt Maj John Champe Chapter and Col. James Wood II Chapter joined two MD NSDAR Chapters: Carrollton Manor and Frederick. SMJC Applicant Warner Workman provided a 28' float decorated with multiple flags, graphics of founding fathers, foundational documents, and graphics of equipment and soldiers from multiple wars. A multi-chapter Color guard marched in front of the float.

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Bonner, Corey, Daniel, K.Robinson, M.Robinson, B.Schwoerer.







**November 5th, 2022, Saturday (10:00 am - 4:00 pm) - Clarke County Heritage Day**

**Event Level:** Chapter

**Host/POC:** Colonel James Wood II Chapter VASSAR/Dale Corey.

**Location:** Burwell-Morgan Mill, 15 Tannery Ln, Millwood, VA 22646.

**Firing Event:** Yes

**Event Color Guard Commander:** Corey.

**Details:** Col. James Wood II Chapter will set up a recruiting table, flags, musket presentations and firings as well as living in the colonial era.

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Carrigan, Corey, Daniel, Moore, Reynolds, E. Robinson, M.Robinson, Simmons.

