

## **August 28 Saturday (11 am) – Annual Multi-Chapter Meeting**

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

Details: This is a **Chapter - level event**, hosted by the Culpeper Minutemen Chapter VASSAR. 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. Our distinguished guest is Virginia SAR President Jeff Thomas and the master of ceremonies is David Cooke, President of the Thomas Jefferson Chapter.

Weather:

Attendees: Bonner, Cook, Corey, Daniel, Dennis, Hamill, Hamilton, Jameson, Kelly, O'Kelley, Schwetke, Weyler, and Williams

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## **August 28 Saturday (10 am) - 247th Commemoration of the New Bern Resolves**

Location: Hybrid - virtual and at Christ Episcopal Church, Outdoor Colonial Chapel, 320 Pollock Street, New Bern NC

Details: This **Chapter - level event** hosted by the New Bern Chapter NCSSAR.

**An observance of the 1st North Carolina Provincial Congress will be held by the New Bern Chapter on Saturday, 28 August 2021 in New Bern, NC** in order to recognize and honor the bravery of the 71 delegates and mark the importance of the 1st NC Provincial Congress in North Carolina and American history, especially for its significance toward the outcome of the American Revolution.

The first Provincial Congress held in America in open defiance of the British Royal Crown was conducted in the Craven County Court House, New Bern, NC during 25-27 August 1774. The courthouse was located at the current intersection of Middle & Broad Streets until destroyed by fire in 1865. Seventy-one (71) delegates representing 30 of 36 counties and 6 of 9 boroughs met at the 1st North Carolina Provincial Congress to discuss the grievances against numerous taxes and laws imposed on the colonists by the Royal Crown and the British Parliament. Twenty-eight (28) resolves were issued in response to the unjust taxes and laws. Richard Caswell, William Hooper and Joseph Hewes were elected as delegates to the 1st Continental Congress and were instructed to present the resolves to the 1st Continental Congress as actionable redress of grievances against the Royal Crown.

To kick off the commemoration, a fifteen (15) minute procession involving members of the Sons of the American Revolution, Daughters of the American Revolution, St. Johns Masonic Lodge #3, the Continental Line and Fife & Drum Corps of the North Carolina History Center at Tryon Palace, Boy Scouts of America, numerous local schools and other patriotic and civic organizations will move south on Middle Street from the Centenary United Methodist Church parking lot (crossing Broad Street) to the outdoor Colonial Chapel of Christ Episcopal Church. A one-hour ceremony will be held at the Colonial Chapel and will include a keynote address by Dr. Joseph Beatty, Research Supervisor, Historical Research and Publication Office, NC Office of Archives and History. The ceremony will conclude with a rendering of honors for the 71 Delegates and Resolves of the 1st North Carolina Provincial Congress.

In the event of inclement weather, the procession will be canceled, and the ceremony will be moved inside the Harrison Center, which is located across the street at: 311 Middle Street, New Bern NC.

This is a Hybrid event and Zoom link will be sent out by Friday, 27 August for registered virtual participants. Pre-registration for the face-to-face and virtual event, which includes: lunch, hotel information, and directions, can be found at the following

URL: <https://forms.gle/VQpVgbdPhu2fBXCF8>

Direct all questions/comments to [newbernresolves@gmail.com](mailto:newbernresolves@gmail.com)

Weather:

Attendees:

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## **August 21, 2021 Saturday 11:00 am Patriot Grave Marking for William Clarke Muster time - 10:15 am**

Location: Madden Family/Community Cemetery, 23512 Maddens Tavern Rd. Elkwood, VA

Details: This is a **Chapter - level event** hosted by the Culpeper Minutemen Chapter VASSAR. The Culpeper Minute Men Chapter and VASSAR will host a ceremony honoring Revolutionary War veteran William Clark/Clarke, a free African American soldier, by installing a memorial marker at his grave in Culpeper County, VA. This ceremony, featuring a presentation of colors by the VASSAR Color Guard ending with a Musket Salute will be held in the Madden Family / Community Cemetery. Family descendants will be onsite as the biography of their ancestor is read. The public is invited to see this colorful and dignified tribute to one of America's first veterans. For additional information or directions contact Charles Jameson at 540-222-9603 or email: [ccj1947@gmail.com](mailto:ccj1947@gmail.com).

William Clarke, a free African American fought during the whole of the Revolutionary War with Great Britain. In contrast most soldiers enlisted for a six month to one year term. Clarke was a soldier in the armies of the United States, particularly in the VA line. He enlisted with Thomas Wells, a captain in the 15th Virginia Regiment. Clarke continued his uninterrupted service while serving as a soldier servant to Lt. Colonel Gustavus Wallace when the troops went to help Charleston SC. Sometime before the surrender of Charleston, on 12 May 1780, he was sent by Colonel William Heath to VA, thus escaping being captured by the British in SC On his way back from VA, Clarke met Colonel John Jameson at Wilmington NC and became his soldier servant and continued to Connecticut in that capacity. Clarke was probably present with the discussions of Benedict Arnold and treason. Colonel John Jameson spoke of Clarke's service in very high terms. There was a pass issued for family travel in 1816 which puts a question on whether he had returned to Culpeper. Records indicate that Clarke was here at Culpeper Court House in 1818 and 1820 still applying for that pension. William Clarke died in 1827. We know in 1830 William's wife, Hannah Peters, was here in Culpeper applying for the pension and again in 1840. She received the pension here in Culpeper in 1847. The family lived with Willis Madden who married William's daughter, Kitty Clarke, and lived at Madden's Tavern in Elkwood, VA. The State of Ohio placed a V.A. Memorial stone commemorating William's service in Grandview Cemetery, Chillicothe, Ohio and stated his burial site is unknown. We do know that his family returned here and his service was to VA. Therefore VASSAR wishes to honor William Clarke's Service to the United States and VA on 21 Aug 2021.

Weather:

Attendees: Bonner, Carrigan, Christensen, Cook, Corey, Dennis, Hamill, Jameson, Moore, Osborn, Parmeter, Phillips, Robinson (Marc), Reynolds, Schwetke (Bill), St. Jacques, and Weyler











**August 21 - 22, 2021 Saturday - Sunday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm – 32rd Annual Nansemond Pow Wow - CANCELED**

Location: 1001 Pembroke Lane, Suffolk, VA

Details: This event is hosted by the Nansemond Indian Nation, and promoted also by the Nansemond Indian Patriot Chapter, VASSAR. We will participate in the Grand Entry on Sat the 21st at 12:00 pm. Additional details are forthcoming, but let's plan on mustering by 11:15 am. Please see the attached flyer for additional information about this exciting event!

Weather:

Attendees:

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**August 13 - 14, 2021 Friday - Saturday - Atlantic Middle States Association (AMSA)**

Location: Crowne Plaza Annapolis, 173 Jennifer Road, Annapolis, MD 21401

Details: This is a **Mid-Atlantic Region event**. The conference begins with registration Friday afternoon, followed by a welcome buffet social at 6 pm. The National Business Meeting follows that evening, along with a separate ladies program, "The women who sewed our flags from Betsy Ross to Mary Pickersgill" by Dr. Sandi Wallis. The AMSA District meeting begins Saturday morning, while the ladies enjoy a presentation on "Dressing the 18th Century Lady" by Vicki Embrey. On Saturday afternoon, participants will tour Annapolis historic sites including the Hammond-Harwood House, and the William Paca House and gardens. The conference culminates with a black-tie banquet Saturday evening, featuring Dr Sam Davis, PhD portraying Gen'l George Washington and "The Dark Days: Boston to Valley Forge."

Weather:

Attendees: Schwetke (Bill)

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