
July 24, 2021 Saturday (2 pm) – Patriot Grave Marking - Five Patriots Muster time - 1:15 pm

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

Details: This **Chapter - level event** hosted by the Fairfax Resolves Chapter, VASSAR and honors four Revolutionary War Patriots buried here. We plan to have Color Guard from both State Societies, elements of a fife and drum corps, and musket fire. Participants will have the opportunity to earn five (5) more grave markings towards the Grave Marking medal. Reply to Chapter President Dave Cook cook006@verizon.net with copy to Ken Bonner at ken.l.bonner@gmail.com by 17 July, indicating if you will attend (yes/no), present a wreath (yes/no) and/or participate in Color Guard (yes/no).

Weather:

Attendees: Carrigan, Christensen, Cook, Corey, Crain, Daniel, Embry (MDSSAR), Hall (Doug), Harris (MDSSAR), Huxsoll (David and Sam), Jameson, Kelly, McKinley, Moore, Morris, Moyer (MDSSAR), Phillips, Poe, Osborn, Reynolds, Robinson (Marc), Schwetke, Schwoerer (Barry and Jacob), Simmons, and Weyler - and junior 'members' Andrew Osborn and Drew Wajciechowski







July 18, 2021 Saturday (11 am) – 247th Commemoration of the Signing of the Fairfax Resolves

Location: Pohick Church 9301 Richmond Highway Lorton, VA 22079 (US 1 & Telegraph Road)

Details: This **Chapter - level event** honoring the memory of the signers of the Fairfax Resolves. The Fairfax Resolves were a set of resolutions adopted by a committee in Fairfax County in the colony of Virginia on **18 July, 1774** in the early stages of the American Revolution. Written primarily by George Mason, the resolutions rejected the British Parliament's claim of supreme authority over the American colonies. More than thirty counties in Virginia passed similar resolutions in 1774, "but the Fairfax Resolves were the most detailed, the most influential, and the most radical.

Compatriots,

This year our chapter's commemoration of the Signing of the Fairfax Resolves will take place at historic Pohick Church (9301 Richmond Hwy, Lorton VA 22079) on July 17 at 11 a.m.

Since we are coming out of COVID restrictions, this year's event, marking the 247th anniversary of the adoption of the Fairfax Resolves, will be in-person, but those unable to join are encouraged to do so remotely via Zoom. A Zoom link will be provided to those who register.

To register for the event please fill out the form

at: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdlnkQejqR3gaTA06FqAYGBE81YndXC4jQqwRfDsLgwTYL8Cg/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0>. Also see the flyer attached. Please register no later than July 15.

Color Guard participants, please do not bring weapons to this event.

Thank you. We look forward to seeing you there.

David Huxsoll

1st VP, Fairfax Resolves SAR

Weather:

Attendees: Belfield, Bonner, Carrigan, Christensen, Cook, Corey, Daniel, DeLoach, Huxsoll, Jameson, Kelly, Morris, Robinson, and Weyler



July 5, 2021 Saturday (11:00 am) – Patriot Grave Marking – Benjamin Harrison V

Location: Berkeley Plantation, 12602 Harrison Landing Rd, Charles City, VA 23030

Details: This is a **State - level event**, organized and conducted by the Williamsburg Chapter, VASSAR. Benjamin Harrison V (April 5, 1726 – April 24, 1791) was an American planter and merchant, and served as a legislator in colonial Virginia, following a precedent of public service established by his namesakes. He became a Founding Father of the United States and was elected as Virginia's governor (1781–1784). As a Virginia delegate to the Continental Congress, and chairman of its Committee of the Whole, Harrison attended and presided over the final debate of the Declaration of Independence. He was one of its signers in 1776. The Declaration included a foundational philosophy of the United States: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness" (Wikipedia).

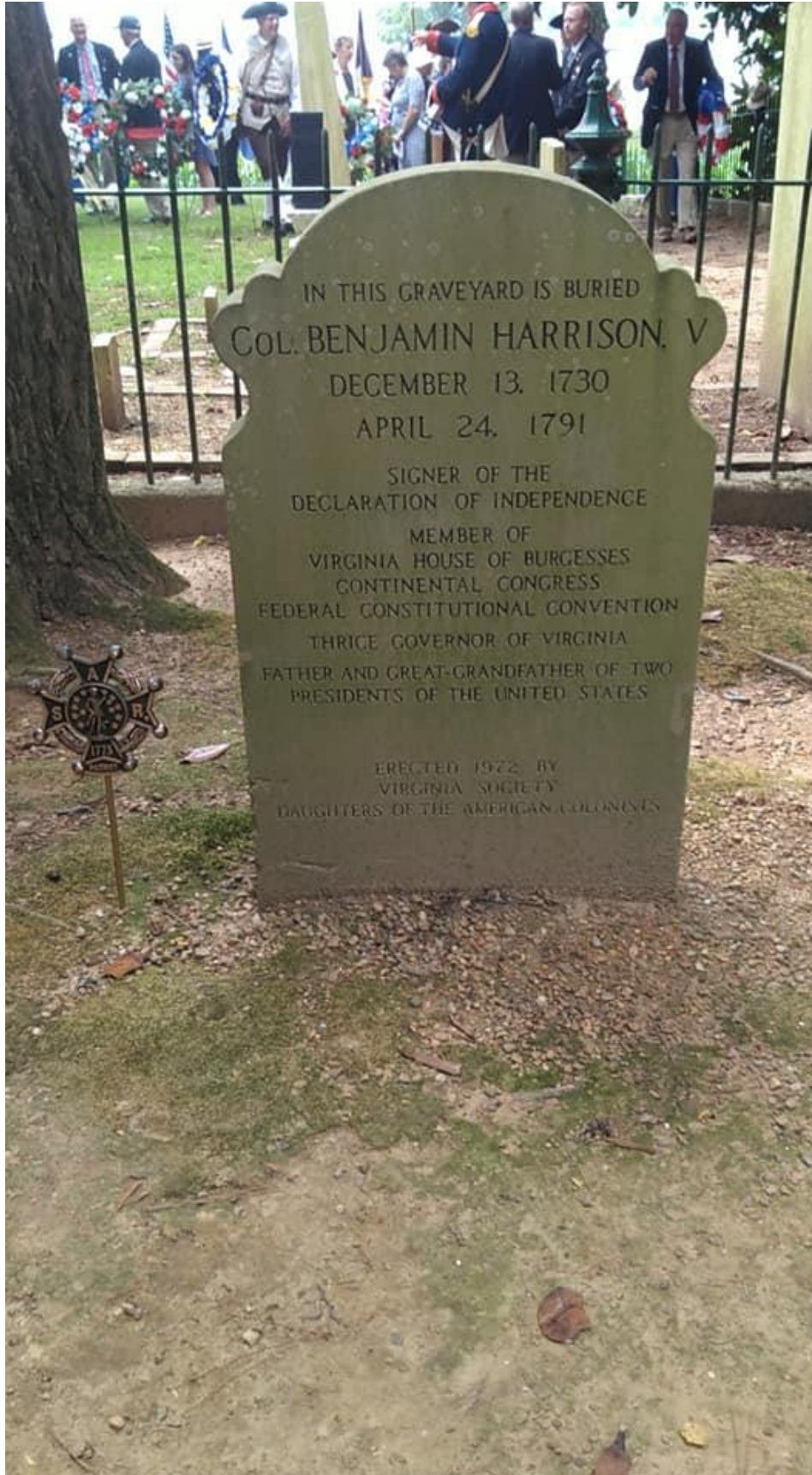
To participate in this event, email your name, title and Chapter to Bill Greaf at hsaprof@gmail.com by 27 June indicating whether you will present a wreath (yes/no) or participate in the Color Guard (yes/no).

Weather: Partly cloud skies. High 89F. Winds light and variable.

Attendees: Belfield, Bonner, Cook, Hall, Jameson, Lynch, Morris, Schwetke, Schwoerer, and Weyler - and junior 'member' Drew Wajciechowski







IN THIS GRAVEYARD IS BURIED
COL. BENJAMIN HARRISON, V
DECEMBER 13, 1730
APRIL 24, 1791

SIGNER OF THE
DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE
MEMBER OF
VIRGINIA HOUSE OF BURGESSES
CONTINENTAL CONGRESS
FEDERAL CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION
THRICE GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA
FATHER AND GREAT-GRANDFATHER OF TWO
PRESIDENTS OF THE UNITED STATES

ERECTED 1972 BY
VIRGINIA SOCIETY
DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN COLONIES



July 4, 2021 Sunday (1 pm) - Independence Day

Location: Charters of Freedom monument, Yowell Meadow Park, N Blue Ridge Avenue, Culpeper, VA

Details: This is a **National - level event**, organized and conducted locally by the Culpeper Minutemen Chapter, VASSAR. This annual event is well-attended by the SAR, DAR, and members of the public. This unique agenda includes a special tribute to African Americans and American Indians from the Culpeper area who made a contribution to the American War for Independence. Please see the attached program for additional details for this event.

Weather: Sunshine and clouds mixed. Slight chance of an afternoon shower. High 79F. Comparatively, looks like a more temperate day than normal - when compared with the last couple of years!

Attendees: Jameson and Schwetke

July 4, 2021 Sunday (~ 9 am) - Independence Day and March to the Tomb

Location: George Washington's Mount Vernon - **Details forthcoming**

Details: This is a **National - level event**, organized and conducted by the George Washington Chapter, VASSAR. Following are the latest details, from Compatriot Richard Rankin who is organizing this year's event on behalf of the GW Chapter.

July 4th Timeline: We will assemble at the Ann Pamela Cunningham Administrative Building (Building 3 on the Mount Vernon Map below) between 9:00 AM and 9:30 AM. At 9:30 AM, we expect to receive the "green light" from the Mount Vernon staff to march down to the Bowling Green, as we pass in review between the ranks of the 1st Virginia Regiment and the George Washington portrayer, then proceeding to the Tomb Grove. At the Tomb Grove, the George Washington Chapter will conduct a brief ceremony featuring remarks from our Chapter President, Tom Roth. Both the VASSAR and DAR leaders will present greetings from their respective membership. The 2021 VASSAR Rumbaugh Oration Contest winner, Ms. Lauren Bradshaw, will be presenting her winning speech. Following the ceremony, the VASSAR Color Guard will lead us to the Washington Tombs for the wreath laying ceremony. All attendees will then have an opportunity to lay a carnation (provided by the Chapter) at General Washington's and Martha Washington's Tombs. The ceremony will conclude no later than 11:00 AM; at which time, we will return to the Tomb Grove for photographs.

Parking: Currently, we have been advised that there are no reserved parking spaces. We encourage you to arrive early (between 8 AM and 9 AM) and park in the Public Parking Areas marked P1 and P2 on the attached maps. After parking, please proceed to the pedestrian Purple Heart Gate (G2), press the Security Guard button and announce yourself as a participant in the **"SAR Event"**; you will then be buzzed in for entry. If you wish to drop passengers off before parking, you may do so in a section of the roundabout that will be closer to the Purple Heart Gate, than would be your eventual parking space. No admission fee will be required, unless you plan to tour the Mansion following our ceremony.

Mount Vernon Protocol: Face Masks: For outdoor events at Mt. Vernon, no face masks

are required. For indoor events, (such as in the APC Building), face masks are required for unvaccinated guests. However, anyone who is vaccinated but feels more comfortable with wearing mask, should do what makes them feel most comfortable.

Golf Cart Scheduling: If you need assistance in getting to the Tomb Grove from the Cunningham Building and returning back to the Cunningham Building, **please contact Chapter Vice President, Richard Rankin at 571-436-7846** to arrange a golf cart as soon as possible (there may be a short waiting time for their arrival).

Dress Code: As always, we request that all Compatriots either be in Color Guard uniform or blue blazers and khaki pants. Hats and straw boaters are permitted.

Chapter Medal: First-time SAR member participants will receive the George Washington Chapter's coveted Baldwin-Jones-Tabb medal, which depicts the Washington Tomb. Individuals who wish to purchase the miniature version of the Medal may do so for \$ 10.00 (exact currency will be much appreciated).

A Safety Note: We highly encourage all participants bring water, sun screen and wear a hat, as early July weather is notorious for high heat and humidity. The Mount Vernon staff is working on finding the shadiest spot within the Tomb Grove for the ceremony, but we may be in full sunlight.

If you have any other questions about this Mount Vernon event, please do not hesitate to contact our Chapter Vice President, Richard Rankin.

As a final reminder, guests are welcomed. If your neighbors, friends or family would like to join us on July 4th, please encourage them and share this informational packet with them. There is no need to come alone!

We look forward to seeing you on July 4th.

Fraternally,

George Washington Chapter Officers

George Washington Chapter, VASSAR

Weather: Sunshine and clouds mixed. Slight chance of an afternoon shower. High 79F. Comparatively, looks like a more temperate day than normal - when compared with the last couple of years!

Attendees: Bonner, Christensen, Cook, Duncan, Hall, Mills (Andrew and Jack), Newman, Schwetke, Weyler, and Whitney - and junior 'member' Drew Wajciechowski







July 3, 2021 Saturday (11:00 am) – Patriot Grave Marking – Francis Lightfoot Lee

Location: Tayloe family cemetery, Mount Airy Plantation, Warsaw, Virginia

Details: This is a **State - level event**, organized and conducted by the James Monroe Chapter, VASSAR. Francis Lightfoot Lee (October 14, 1734 – January 11, 1797) was a member of the House of Burgesses in the Colony of Virginia. As an active protester regarding issues such as the Stamp Act of 1765, Lee helped move the colony in the direction of independence from Britain. Lee was a delegate to the Virginia Conventions and the Continental Congress. He was a signer of the Articles of Confederation and the Declaration of Independence as a representative of Virginia (Wikipedia).

To participate in this event, email your name, title and Chapter to Charles Belfield at belmo54@yahoo.com by 27 June indicating whether you will present a wreath (yes/no) or participate in the Color Guard (yes/no).

Weather:

Attendees: Bonner, Hall

July 3, 2021 Saturday (8:30 am) – Patriot Wreath Ceremony – Richard Henry Lee

Location: Burnt House Fields Cemetery Coles Point, Westmoreland County, Virginia

Details: This is a **State - level event**, organized and conducted by the James Monroe Chapter. Richard Henry Lee (January 20, 1732 – June 19, 1794) was an American statesman and Founding Father from Virginia, best known for the June 1776 Lee Resolution, the motion in the Second Continental Congress calling for the colonies' independence from Great Britain leading to the United States Declaration of Independence, which he signed. He also served a one-year term as the President of the Continental Congress, was a signatory to the Articles of Confederation, and was a United States Senator from Virginia from 1789 to 1792, serving during part of that time as the second President pro tempore of the upper house He was a member of the Lee family, a historically influential family in Virginia politics (Wikipedia).

To participate in this event, email your name, title and Chapter to Charles Belfield at belmo54@yahoo.com by 27 June indicating whether you will present a wreath (yes/no) or participate in the Color Guard (yes/no).

Weather:

Attendees: Bonner, Hall