

May 31, 2021 Monday (1 pm) - National Memorial Day Commemoration

Location: Veterans Memorial, 8050 Main Street, Middletown, VA

Details: This is a **National - level event**, organized locally by the Col James Wood II Chapter, VASSAR.

Weather:

Attendees: Bonner, Corey, Hall, Jameson, and Robinson (Marc)

May 31, 2021 Monday (11 am) - National Memorial Day Parade

Location: National Cemetery, 305 US Avenue, Winchester, VA

Details: This is a **National - level event**, organized locally by the Culpeper Minutemen Chapter, VASSAR.

Weather:

Attendees: Corey, Hall, Jameson, and Robinson (Marc)

May 29, 2021 Saturday (10:30 am) – 241st Commemoration of the Battle of Waxhaws (Buford's Massacre)

Location: Buford, SC

Details: This is a **National - level event** sponsored by the General Francis Marion Chapter, SCSSAR. The Battle of Waxhaws (also known as Buford's massacre) took place during the American Revolutionary War on **29 May, 1780**, near Lancaster, South Carolina, between a Continental Army force led by Abraham Buford and a mainly Loyalist force led by British officer Banastre Tarleton. Buford refused an initial demand to surrender, but when his men were attacked by Tarleton's cavalry, many threw down their arms to surrender. Buford apparently attempted to surrender. However, the British commanding officer Tarleton was shot at during the truce, causing his horse to fall and trap him. Loyalists and British troops were outraged at the breaking of the truce in this manner and proceeded to fall on the rebels. While Tarleton was trapped under his dead horse, men continued killing the Continental soldiers, including men who were not resisting. Little quarter was given to the patriots/rebels. Of the 400 or so Continentals, 113 were killed with sabers, 150 so badly injured they could not be moved and 53 prisoners were taken by the British and Loyalists. "Tarleton's quarter", thereafter became a common expression for refusing to take prisoners. In some subsequent battles in the Carolinas, few of the defeated were taken alive by either side. This 'Battle of Waxhaws' became the subject of an intensive propaganda campaign by the Continental Army to bolster recruitment and incite resentment against the British. Equally plausible accounts of the battle by soldiers from both sides describe Tarleton as having no part in ordering a massacre as he had been trapped under his horse, and when freed immediately ordered thorough medical treatment of American prisoners and wounded.

Please see the attached to complete and return to event organizer Greg Ohanesian, Past President SCSSAR by May 21, 2021.

Weather:

Attendees: Bonner, Hamill, and Schwetke



May 28, 2021 Friday (1 pm) - 285th Anniversary of Patrick Henry's Birthday
Muster time - 12:15 pm

Location: Patrick Henry's Red Hill Plantation, 1250 Red Hill Road, Brookneal, VA 24528

Details: This is a **VASSAR Presidential "Lift Your Voice" Initiative and Public Service Program**. Red Hill Plantation is the final home and burial place of Patrick Henry, the fiery legislator and orator of the American Revolution. Henry bought Red Hill Plantation at his retirement in 1794 and occupied it until 1799, the year of his death. Reply to Eric Monday at emonday@ci.martinsville.va.us with copy to Ken Bonner at ken.l.bonner@gmail.com by May 22nd indicating if you will attend (yes/no), present a wreath (yes/no) and/or participate in Color Guard (yes/no).

Weather:

Attendees: Bonner, Corey, Dennis, Geisinger, Greaf, Hall, Kelly, Schwetke (Bill), Schwoerer, and Weyler



May 22, 2021 Saturday (3 pm) - Revolutionary War Monument Dedication
Muster time - 2:15 am

Location: Shockoe Hill Cemetery, Hospital Road, Richmond, VA

Details: This is a **State - level event**. The VASSAR is dedicating a Monument to Patriots buried in Shockoe Hill Cemetery. Color Guard participants will have the opportunity to earn five more grave markings towards the Grave Marking medal. Reply to Bill Schwetke

at schwetke.sar@gmail.com with copy to Ken Bonner at ken.l.bonner@gmail.com by May 15th indicating if you will attend (yes/no), present a wreath (yes/no) and/or participate in Color Guard (yes/no).

Weather:

Attendees: Belfield, Bonner, Carrigan, Cook, Corey, Daniel, Duncan, Hall, Kelly, Lyman, Morris, Osborn, Robinson (Marc) Schwetke (Bill), and Weyler

May 15, 2021 Saturday (10 am) - Multiple Rev War and War of 1812 Grave Marking Muster time - 9:15 am

Location: Ebenezer Cemetery, 20421 Airmont Road, Bluemont, VA

Details: This is a **Chapter - level event** co-hosted by the Fairfax Resolves and Col William Grayson Chapters, VASSAR. Participation in this one event will count as five grave markings toward your National Grave Marking Medal.

Directions from the east (66 & 50): Route 50 west through the traffic circle at routes 50 & 15. In 1.7 miles past the circle, turn right onto Snickersville Turnpike/Rt. 734. In 11 miles turn left onto Airmont Road/Rt. 719. (Do not turn onto Ebenezer Church Road). In 2.7 miles the cemetery is on the right. **Directions from Route 7:** Snickersville Turnpike/Rt. 734 intersects with Rt. 7 on the left just before entering Clark County when coming **from the east**, when coming **from the west** Snickersville Turnpike/Rt. 734 intersects on the right just after entering Loudoun County (first road in Loudoun County). Turn right onto Airmont Road/Rt 719—see above. Reply to Ross Schwalm at pahessian@gmail.com with copy to Ken Bonner at ken.l.bonner@gmail.com by May 11th indicating if you will attend (yes/no), present a wreath (yes/no) and/or participate in Color Guard (yes/no).

Weather: At the present (9 May), the long-range forecast looks like 71 degrees with partly cloudy (which also means partly sunny :-) skies and very low chance of precipitation. Should be good weather for our event!

Attendees: Bonner, Carrigan, Christensen, Cook, Corey, Daniel, Dennis, Duncan, Gill, Hall, Jameson, Mills (Andrew and Jack), Osborn, Parmeter, Phillips, Poe, Reynolds, Robinson (Marc), Schwetke (Bill and Doug), Schwoerer (Barry and Jacob), and Weyler. Also attending, from the Gen'l Adam Stephens Chapter WVSSAR and dual member of CJWII, are Englebright and Keesecker

May 8, 2021 Saturday (1 pm) - Martin's Station National Commemoration Muster time - 12:15 am

Location: Historic Henry County Courthouse, 1 East Main Street, Martinsville, VA

Details: This is a **National - level event** sponsored by the VASSAR and co-hosted by the Martin's Station and Col George Waller Chapters, VASSAR. The event this year is held in a new location in Martinsville, VA, where General Joseph Martin resided. There will be an onsite wreath laying ceremony at the General Joseph Martin Monument at the Historic Henry County Courthouse in Martinsville. Please see the attached flyer for registration instructions. You are asked to register to participate in the event (yes/no), wreath laying (yes/no), or Color Guard (yes/no). The event organizer, Andy Doss, may also be contacted at andydoss@vt.edu.

Weather:

Attendees: Coker, Corey, Doss, Geisinger, Hall, Jameson, Kelly, Morris, Robinson (Marc), Schwetke (Bill), and Weyler









May 8, 2021 Saturday - Wilderness Road/Raid at Martin's Station - CANCELED

Location: **After careful consideration, it is with sincere regret that the Friends of Wilderness Road State Park have decided to not hold the 2021 Raid at Martin's Station (posted on the Park's Facebook page on 1 March 2021)**

Details: This **National - level event** sponsored by the VASSAR and hosted by the Friends of Wilderness Road State Park.

Weather:

Attendees: Bonner

May 1, 2021 Monday (am) - National Memorial Day Parade - pre-recording for playback on Memorial Day

Location: National Mall, Washington, DC

Details: This is a **National - level event**, organized locally by the George Washington Chapter, VASSAR.

Weather:

Attendees: Bonner, Carrigan, Corey, Dooley, Elston, Jameson, Morris, Schmidt, Schwetke (Bill), and Weyler. There were two additional participants present, and I'm trying to identify them (see picture).

