

October 30 2021 (Saturday (1 pm) - 250th Anniversary of the Opening of Washington's Gristmill

Location: 5514 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Alexandria 22039

Details: This is a **State - level event**, organized locally by the Fairfax Resolves Chapter, Virginia SAR. If you're interested in participating, please send a note to Dave Cook, Chapter President, at cook006@verizon.net. See also the attached program for additional details regarding this event.

Weather:

Attendees: Carrigan, Christensen, Cook, Corey, Dennis, Jameson, McKinley, Morris, Osborn, Robinson (Marc), Schmidt, and Thomas



October 23, 2021 Saturday (11 am) - Culpeper Minute Men Battalion Muster

Location: Yowell Meadow Park, N Blue Ridge Avenue, Culpeper, VA 22701

Details: This is a **State - level event**, organized locally by the Culpeper Minute Men Chapter, VASSAR. This event commemorates the dates the Virginia Gazette reported the Battalion in Williamsburg 20 - 23 October 1775, to draw equipment in preparation for the Battle of Great Bridge on 9 December of that year. The Culpeper Minute Men organized, trained, and mustered near the present-day monument and Charters of Freedom exhibit in Yowell Meadow Park.

Weather:

Attendees: Bonner, Carrigan, Christensen, Cook, Corey, Crain, Dennis, Hamill, Hodges, Jameson, Morris, Osborn, Robinson (Marc), and Schwetke



October 19, 2021 Tuesday (9 am) – 240th Commemoration of the Battle of Yorktown

Muster time: 8:15 am

Location: Yorktown, VA

Details: A **National - level event** sponsored by the VASSAR. The Siege of Yorktown, also known as the Battle of Yorktown, the surrender at Yorktown, or the German Battle, ending on October 19, 1781, at Yorktown, Virginia, was a decisive victory by a combined force of American Continental Army troops led by General George Washington and French Army troops led by the Comte de Rochambeau over a British army commanded by British peer and Lieutenant General Charles Cornwallis. The culmination of the Yorktown campaign, the siege proved to be the last major land battle of the American Revolutionary War in the North American region, as the surrender by Cornwallis, and the capture of both him and his army, prompted the British government to negotiate an end to the conflict.

Weather:

Attendees: Bonner, Carrigan, Cook, Corey, Davenport, Jameson, Kelly, Lyman, Morris, Osborn, Schwetke, and Weyler



October 9, 2021 Saturday (3 pm) – Multiple (two) Patriot Grave Marking

Location: St. Paul's Cemetery, Wilkes Street Complex, Alexandria, VA 22314

Details: This is a **Chapter - level event**, hosted by the George Washington Chapter, VASSAR. Please contact Paul Walden on (703) 346-2091 or by email at PaulWalden@live.com by 5 Oct if you plan to participate and present a Chapter wreath. Please let me know if you plan to participate in the Color Guard, by responding to ken.l.bonner@gmail.com.

Weather:

Attendees: Bonner, Carrigan, Cook, Corey, Crain, Huxsoll, Morris, Osborn, and Robinson (Marc)

October 8, 2021 Friday (2pm) – DAR Ceremony for Elvira Henry Miller, descendant of Patrick Henry

Location: Spring Hill Cemetery, 3000 Fort Avenue, Lynchburg, VA 24501

Details: This is a **Chapter - level event**, sponsored by the newly chartered Patrick Henry Chapter in support of a graveside ceremony conducted by a local DAR Chapter. Elvira Henry Miller (1850 - 1955) was admitted into the NSDAR in 1894 as a Charter member and first Registrar of the Blue Ridge Chapter DAR. She was also a member of the Virginia Society of Colonial Dames and was instrumental in promoting the study of history through her Chapter and the

DAR, by offering a prize or medal to pupils who wrote the best essay on a given historical subject. For more information, contact Chapter President Mark Day via email at oscmbb64@msn.com.

Given this is the Patrick Henry Chapter's inaugural event, partnering their local DAR Chapter, this is a high-visibility event and I'd like to ensure a robust contribution from the Virginia SAR Color Guard. I understand Mark will himself don his uniform! Please let me know if you plan to participate, and I look forward to seeing you then!

Weather:

Attendees: Corey, Carrigan, Day, Geisinger, and Hall

October 7, 2021 Thursday (11 am – 2pm) – 241st Commemoration of the Battle of Kings Mountain

Location: 2625 Park Road, Blacksburg, SC 29702

Details: This is a **National - level event**, of interest to the VASSAR and co-hosted by the SCSSAR and NCSSAR. The Battle of Kings Mountain was a military engagement between Patriot and Loyalist militias in South Carolina during the Southern Campaign of the American Revolutionary War, resulting in a decisive victory for the Patriots. The battle took place on **7 October, 1780**, 9 miles (14 km) south of the present-day town of Kings Mountain, North Carolina in what is now rural Cherokee County, South Carolina, where the Patriot militia defeated the Loyalist militia commanded by British Major Patrick Ferguson of the 71st Foot. The battle has been described as "the war's largest all-American fight".

Weather:

Attendees:

October 3, 2021 (3 pm) – Patriot Grave Marking of two American Revolution Patriots

Location: Williams' Family Cemetery, 62 Williamsdale Lane, Mathews, VA 23109

Details: This is a **Chapter - level event**, jointly-sponsored by the Richard Henry Lee and Thomas Nelson Jr., Chapters, VASSAR. The graves of two Revolutionary War Patriots, Samuel Williams and John Richards, will be marked during this ceremony.

Weather: Partly cloudy skies. High 84F. Winds SW at 5 to 10 mph.

Attendees: Bonner, Brown, Carrigan, Corey, Cox, Jameson, Lyman, Lynch, and Morris.

October 2, 2021 Saturday (10:00 am) – James Monroe Birthplace House "Grand Opening Ceremony"

Muster time: 9:15 am

Location: 4460 James Monroe Highway, Colonial Beach, VA (on Route 205 just south of Colonial Beach)

Details: This is a **National - level event**, hosted by the James Monroe Memorial Foundation. The James Monroe Chapter, VASSAR, has been actively involved in fundraising for this important restoration.

As many of you will recall, President Monroe was the only President besides George

Washington to have actively served in the regular army during the Revolutionary War, participating in six major battles (as well as wintering at Valley Forge, crossing the Delaware with George Washington, being seriously wounded at Trenton, and cited for conspicuous bravery) and subsequently served simultaneously as Secretary of War and Secretary of State (during the War of 1812), when he helped coordinate American defenses against the British. He was also an active participant in our first American lineage society, the Society of the Cincinnati.

Weather: Mostly sunny skies. Low 61F, high 80F, winds light and variable. It was delightful!
Attendees: Beckett, Bonner, Christensen, Dennis, Disney, Greaf, Jameson, Kelly, Morris, O'Kelley, and Schwetke.

We were also joined in our formation by Anita Bonner, Lanes Mill DAR, carrying the DAR flag, and young guardsmen Drew Wajciechowski and Jack Akers fell in, guarding the front and rear of our formation.







October 2 - 3, 2021 Saturday – 247th Commemoration of the Battle of Point Pleasant (Battle of Kanawha) - CANCELED

Location: Tu-Endie-Wei Park, Point Pleasant, WV 25550

Details: This is a **National - level event**, of interest to the VASSAR and hosted by the Point Pleasant Chapter, WVSSAR.

Weather:

Attendees:
