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New Jersey Society
Sons of The American Revolution
NJSSAR Color Guard Calendar 2024

There will be additions, modifications and deletions as the year progresses.

Date	Event	Location	Type event
Sat June 22 2:30 pm	<p>Wreath Layings for Battles of Springfield, Connecticut Farms</p> <p>This is a National SAR Color Guard Event sponsored by the West Fields Chapter. This will mark the 244th anniversary of the Battle of Springfield, which occurred on June 23, 1780. Fought roughly two weeks after the neighboring battle of Connecticut Farms, The Battle of Springfield was the last Revolutionary War battle to be fought in the North. Just as they did at Connecticut Farms, the British and Hessians attempted to reach the Hobart Gap and force Gen. Washington into a vulnerable position where his army could be annihilated. After failing both times, opposed here by Nathanael Greene, the British command turned their fading hopes to a campaign in the South. Contact West Fields President Jay Hershey for more details. <i>(Note: A Battle of Springfield Flag Streamer will be available for chapters who have not received one.)</i></p> <p>Attending: Jay Hershey, Ed Glidden, Gary Beauregard, Dave Tinker, Rob Gula, Jim Sanford</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Meet at 2:30 pm in Battle Ground Cemetery, 39 Mountain Ave., Springfield, NJ, for posting of colors and the first wreath laying by the New Jersey DAR and its local Church and Cannon Chapter. There is free on-street parking and a municipal lot across the street. An SAR ceremony laying a second wreath will immediately follow. The Color Guard will lead a procession to First Presbyterian at 210 Morris Ave. This event might be altered due to weather (heat or rain). Stay tuned. 	Battleground Cemetery, 39 Mountain Ave., Springfield, Union County, NJ, Followed by: First Presbyterian Church of Springfield, 210 Morris Avenue	National
Sun June 23 10:30 am To 5 pm	<p>Arrest of New Jersey Royal Governor William Franklin 1776</p> <p>Each summer, the New Jersey Proprietary House in Perth Amboy stages a reenactment of the 1776 Arrest of Royal Governor William Franklin with the help of the NJSSAR Color Guard. The reenactment depicts the moment in June 1776 when Franklin was arrested by Colonial milita (played by members of tne NJSSAR Color Guard) and sent to Connecticut for imprisonment. Attending: Jay Hershey, Ed Glidden, Rich Serfass, Gary Beauregard.</p> <p>Arrive 10:30 a.m. Free parking on the Proprietary House parking lot.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Rehearsal begins at 11 am, followed by a provided lunch. First performance 1 pm Firing demonstration 3 pm Second performance 3:30 	Proprietary House, 149 Kearny Avenue, Perth Amboy, NJ	State
Wed June 26 1:30 pm	<p>Wreath Laying for The Battle of The Short Hills, June 26, 1777</p> <p>This is another event for which we seek National Level SAR status, so attendance is important. This battle, sometimes mistakenly referred to as the "Battle of Short Hills", occurred June 26, 1777. British, Hessian and American troops engaged in a fight that began in the morning in Woodbridge and spread in the afternoon to Edison, Metuchen</p>	Oak Tree Pond Historic Park, 1165 New Dover Road,	State

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	<p>and Plainfield, in an area referred to as "the Short Hills." The attack failed when Washington and his combined force of Continentals and New Jersey Militia retreated to the Watchung Mountains. Meanwhile, the retreating British and Hessian armies marched through Scotch Plains and West Fields in a raid that pillaged numerous farmhouses in both communities and lasted into the next day. At our first commemoration, on June 27, 2023, Color Guard posted the colors and presented a wreath. Members of the New Jersey DAR, the Edison mayor's chief of staff and heads of several historical societies attended.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Arrive at 1:30 p.m. at Oak Tree Pond Historic Park to prepare posting the colors and a wreath ceremony. Dedication of a historic sign is also possible. Free parking in the lot of the TD Bank, 2064 Oak Tree Road, 08820. 	<p>Edison, NJ, 08820.</p> <p>Note: Parking is in the lot of the TD Bank, 2064 Oak Tree Road, Edison, NJ, 08820.</p>	
<p>Friday June 28 1:00 pm</p>	<p>Military Funeral for Pvt. Anthony Lopa Burial service for repatriated Korean War casualty Pvt. Anthony Lopa, 1. Arrive 1:00 at the latest. Service begins at 1:30</p>	<p>William C. Doyle Memorial Cemetery, 350 Province Line Road, Wrightstown, NJ</p>	<p>State</p>
	<p>1. Third Quarter</p>		
<p>Thurs Jul 4 11:30 am</p>	<p>"Let Freedom Ring" Independence Day Ceremony in Perth Amboy</p> <p>The bell ringing in Perth Amboy is a National Level SAR Color Guard Event and takes place at midday. This is a grand and glorious July 4th event, so we need as much participation as possible. Market Square, City Hall, 260 High Street, Perth Amboy, where a replica of the Liberty Bell was presented to the people of New Jersey by direction of the Secretary of the Treasury.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Arrive at 11:30 a.m. at Liberty Bell Park (Market Square, City Hall, 260 High Street). 12:30 - 1:30 pm: Liberty Bell Ringing Ceremony, numerous speeches and a performance the New Jersey Fife & Drum. The organizer of this event will host a lunch nearby immediately after. 	<p>Market Square, Perth Amboy City Hall, 260 High St.</p>	<p>National</p>
<p>July 4</p>	<p>Moorestown 4th of July Parade</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Parade in Moorestown with the Moorestown Chapter of the NJDAR. 	<p>Moorestown Township, 08057</p>	<p>South Jersey Chapter</p>
<p>July 10-16</p>	<p align="center">NSSAR ANNUAL CONGRESS</p> <p>This meeting in Lancaster, Pa., will be the 134th national congress of the NSSAR. For details contact NJSSAR President Robert Meyer or go to SAR.org.</p> <p>134th Congress Master Schedule Web Link</p>	<p>Lancaster Marriott Penn Square, 25 N. Queen Street</p>	<p>National</p>

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<p>Fri-Sun Aug 9-11</p>	<p align="center"><i>Atlantic Middle States Conference 2024</i> <i>Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia</i> <i>Friday-Sunday, August 9-11</i></p> <p>For details contact NJSSAR President Robert Meyer or go to NJSSAR.org.</p>	<p>Williamsburg Lodge, 310 South England Street, Williamsburg, VA 23185</p>	<p>National</p>
<p>Sunday Aug 18</p>	<p>March to Yorktown Day in Westfield, NJ</p> <p>This event celebrates the 243rd anniversary of the day Continental and French troops marched through Westfield, NJ, on Aug. 29, 1781, on their way to Yorktown, Va., where they would fight, lay siege to and force the surrender of Cornwallis. Thousands of troops led by Gens. Washington and Rochambeau crossed New Jersey on their way to Yorktown that August, and several columns passed through Westfield including the 1st Rhode Island, with many African American soldiers.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This event’s chief sponsor is Washington Rochambeau Revolutionary Route-NJ, but the NJSSAR and West Fields Chapter and Westfield DAR all play important supporting roles. In some years there has been a parade at midday, in others an all day encampment in Mindowaskin Park. 2. Please await further details. 	<p>Mindowaskin Park, Westfield, NJ, 07090</p>	<p>W3R-NJ, West Fields Chapter</p>
<p>Sat Aug 24</p>	<p>Commemoration of the Battle of Brooklyn, Aug. 27-29, 1776</p> <p>This event commemorates one particular facet of the Battle of Brooklyn, the first engagement in the months-long New York theater of operations in 1776. The event draws SAR Color Guard from multiple states, including New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and Maryland, a reflection of how Continental troops from many states made up the roughly 18,000-strong American force assigned to defend New York City. The Society of the Cincinnati of Maryland are the hosts of the event which specifically honors the Maryland 400—the Continentals from Maryland whose brave resistance to multiple British attacks helped protect the flank of the main force of Continentals retreating to fortifications on Brooklyn Heights. To quote NJSSAR President Robert Meyer: “Let’s make this the best event on the East Coast. Let’s get a hundred color guards in the show up.” <i>For questions, contact Battle of Brooklyn Chapter President Dave Nelson.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Color Guard arrive 10 a.m., for those not displaying materials. We start getting lined up for the ceremony at 11:30. 3. If you have items you would like to display or want to engage with visitors, please arrive at 8. Spectators and participants arrive throughout the morning and will have questions. Food and water are on site. The “early birds” also will get the good parking spaces. 4. Parking is on 4th Street (a dead-end) between 5th and 4th Avenues. You’ll enter from 5th Avenue. Just move the barrier aside and drive in, then please close the barrier. We’ll have parking passes for everyone. Park entrance at the end of the street. 	<p>The Old Stone House, 336 Third Street, Brooklyn, NY 11215</p>	<p>State</p>

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. 12 p.m.: Color Guard advance and post colors for Maryland 400 Remembrance Ceremony, with speeches and speakers to be determined. 6. 12:30 to 12:45 pm: Wreath presentations and gun salute. 7. 1 p.m. Lunch 8. 1:45 p.m. Visit Maryland Monument in Green-Wood Cemetery, 500 25th Street, Brooklyn, NY. 		
Sat Sept. 7	<p>247th Memorial of The Battle of Cooch's Bridge, 1777</p> <p>On September 3, 1777, the first battle of the Philadelphia Campaign and the only battle fought on Delaware soil during the Revolutionary War took place at Cooch's Bridge. At least two-dozen Continental soldiers were killed during that battle and are believed to be buried in forgotten, unmarked graves somewhere on the battlefield. The Sons of American Revolution at their fall 2023 Trustees Meeting designated The Battle of Cooch's Bridge a National Historic Site. Questions, please contact: Peter Moller (hobokenpete@gmail.com) Participating organizations: Pencader Heritage Area Association, Friends of Coach's Bridge Historic Site, Delaware Division of Historic and Cultural Affairs, Sons of the American Revolution, Daughters of the American Revolution, 1st Delaware Regiment and the W3R.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Arrive 12:00 pm at Pencader Heritage Museum, adjacent to the battlefield, 	2029 Sunset Lake Road, Newark, Delaware. (Route 72, just south of Old Baltimore Pike)	National
Sat Sept. 14	<p>SAR Vigil Guarding Washington's Tomb at Mount Vernon</p> <p>This National level SAR event is led by the National Color Guard Commander Scott Collins. NJSSAR Color Guard is invited each year for the Washington Tomb Vigil, during which Color Guardsmen from different states stand guard for shifts of 15 minutes each at the tomb of our nation's founder on the historic grounds of his home at Mount Vernon.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The March to the Tomb begins at 8:30 a.m. The first guard shift is 9:00 a.m. The March back to the Mansion will start at 4:00 p.m. Please stand guard for one or more shifts. 2. Nearby lodging: Hampton Inn & Suites Fort Belvoir Alexandria South, 8843 Richmond Highway, Alexandria; Candlewood Suites Alexandria Fort Belvoir, 8847 Richmond Highway, Alexandria; Best Western Plus Mount Vernon/Fort Belvoir, 8751 Richmond Highway. For retired military, Guest Quarters on Fort Belvoir. 3. <i>A link to sign up online for the vigil will be shared when it becomes available.</i> 4. Let Rich Serfass know if you are considering attending. 	Mount Vernon, VA	National
Sun, Sep 15	<p>Young Patriot Day at Princeton Battlefield</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This event lasts from 11:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and is sponsored by the Princeton-Cranbury Chapter. <p><i>For details contact Chapter President Roger Williams 609-389-5657.</i></p>	Princeton Battlefield State Park, 500 Mercer St., Princeton, NJ	Princeton Chapter
Sunday Sep 22	<p>Springfield Township Community Day, Burlington County</p>	Springfield Veterans Park, 2159	South Jersey Chapter

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	<p>From noon to 6 p.m., this South Jersey community will be "Celebrating Our Agricultural Heritage and Revolutionary War History" in Springfield Veterans Park, Jobstown, N.J., For details: Tom Stevenson 609-977-8078</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Arrive at 11:30 for posting the colors. Afterwards, please mingle to talk with the crowd as part of our educational mission. 2. Parking and admission are free. Veterans Park is directly behind the Springfield Township Municipal Building, 2159 Jacksonville-Jobstown Road, Jobstown, NJ 08041. 3. Events include live bluegrass and folk music, Tractor Parade, Old Time Agricultural Equipment, Local Farm Market, Speakers, Crafts, Field Day, food and produce vendors and more. Bring a table and chairs. <p>For Local and Regional Non-profit Organizations</p>	Jacksonville-Jobstown Road, Jobstown, N.J.	
	<h2>Fourth Quarter</h2>		
Sat Oct. 5 9:30 to noon	<p>Memorial for The 1778 Battle of Chestnut Neck</p> <p>The annual Col. Richard Somers Chapter memorial of the Battle of Chestnut Neck on Saturday Oct. 5th at 10am at Chestnut Neck. This is a National SAR level hosted by the Richard Somers Chapter. In addition, if the Pomeroy sign has been installed by Port Republic we will transition over to the nearby Smith Burying Ground and have a short sign unveiling at 11:30. This is still pending because of some construction. Mike Mangum is working on streamers for those who attend from other chapters.</p> <p>The Battle of Chestnut Neck took place Oct. 6, 1778. Chestnut Neck was a settlement on the Little Egg Harbor River (now known as the Mullica River) near the present-day city of Port Republic. The small village was used as a base by privateers. When captured ships were brought to these towns, the goods were shipped overland to George Washington at Valley Forge and the ships were added to the privateering fleet. British General Henry Clinton decided to launch an expedition to "clean out that nest of Rebel Pirates." The attack, led by British Captain Patrick Ferguson, burned homes, destroyed 10 captured ships and destroyed whatever confiscated goods they could not carry off. In a later attack, 400 British soldiers attacked the outpost again, killing 50 men before withdrawing. The affair was called the Little Egg Harbor Massacre. The residents of Chestnut Neck never rebuilt.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Arrive at 9:30 at Chestnut Neck Memorial Park 	Chestnut Neck Memorial Park, Port Republic, NJ	National
Sat Oct. 5 11 am	<p>Rededicating 1932 Washington Plaque and America 250 Sign</p> <p>A second opportunity on this date: The Elizabeth Parcels Devoe Chapter, NSDAR, has invited us to participate in this rededication of a 1932 sign honoring the bicentennial of Washington's birth, and the dedication of a new America 250 sign. Lunch will be served. Contact Jay Hershey if you are interested in attending this event. Attending so far: Sam Davis</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Arrive at 11 am for 11:30 ceremony. 	Montvale, NJ Address TK	
Thur-Sat	<h2>NSSAR FALL LEADERSHIP MEETING</h2>	140 N. Fourth St.	National

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Oct. 3-5	<p align="center"><i>Galt House, Louisville, Kentucky</i></p> <p>All SAR members are welcome to attend the Fall Leadership meeting from Thursday through Saturday, Oct. 3-5, at the Galt House in Louisville, Kentucky. Go to SAR.org.</p>	Louisville, Ky., 40202	
<p>Sunday Oct 20</p> <p>RAIN DATE: Oct 27</p>	<p>Commemoration of The Battle of Red Bank, October 22, 1777</p> <p>This is a National SAR Color Guard event sponsored by the South Jersey Chapter. It commemorates the battle fought in 1777 at Fort Mercer, a strategic posting on the New Jersey side of the Delaware River south of Philadelphia. After the British captured that city in September, Hessian forces were used to attack the fort which was helping prevent British supplies from reaching Philadelphia. Some 1,500 Hessians attacked the fort's 400 defenders from the 1st and 2nd Rhode Island. The Hessians suffered over 500 casualties. 14 American soldiers were lost. <i>For details contact Rich Serfass.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Arrive by 12 p.m. to prepare for 1 p.m. posting of colors, wreath laying and ceremony recognizing the American and Hessian casualties. <p>Legacy Marker/Heritage Flag Ceremony is planned to be conducted at the conclusion of the Memorial Service</p>	<p>Red Bank Battlefield, National Park, 100 Hessian Ave, National Park, NJ 08063</p> <p>Note: This is the Red Bank in Gloucester County</p>	National
Saturday Oct 26	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Lunch and Board of Managers Meeting, Princeton, 10 am to 3 pmIf you are not attending the meeting, arrive at 11:30 am. Color Guard will post the colors. Lunch follows with a speaker TBA. 	Princeton Marriott, Princeton NJ	State