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**New Jersey Society
 Sons of The American Revolution
 NJSSAR Color Guard Calendar 2025**

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

Date	Event	Location	Type event
Sunday Jan. 5 10:45 - 11:15	<p>Battle of Princeton Wreath Laying</p> <p>The Battle of Princeton Wreath Laying traditionally begins each year's NJSSAR Color Guard schedule, as is betting for one of the most important battles of the American Revolution, fought on Jan. 3, 1777. Each year this National SAR Color Guard event brings out Color Guard from up and down the eastern seaboard, national and regional officials from the NSSAR, and representatives of fellow Revolutionary War societies and the current military units that descend from those who fought the actual battle, both Americans and British.</p> <p>Plan to arrive no later than 10 a.m. But parking will be easier for you if you arrive before 9:30. See below. THE CEREMONY IS EARLIER THIS YEAR. IT IS SCHEDULED TO START AT 10:45. The reenactment itself will be 9:45 to 10:45.</p> <p>ABOUT PARKING FROM ROGER WILLIAMS: The event will NOT be at the Colonnade as in the past. It will be at Mercer Oak. Parking is much more restrictive. The site will open at 6:00 a.m., and all Color Guard Members should arrive no later than 9:30 AM at the latest to ensure that you receive parking on site. Reenactors and Color Guard members will receive priority parking, but only until 9:30 AM. Mercer Road will be closed entirely to all vehicular traffic beginning at 9:30 a.m. If you arrive AFTER 9:30 AM, a few spaces will be available at the Princeton Friends School parking lot, 470 Quaker Road, Princeton NJ 08540. Be respectful. The Friends have a meeting at 11:00 AM. If you think you may arrive after 9:30 AM, you MUST contact Roger Williams at 609-389-5657 prior to 5:00 PM on January 3.</p> <p>After parking, all Color Guard should proceed immediately to the SAR Color Guard canopy on the battlefield.. Blue Canopy with an SAR logo.</p>	MERCER OAK Princeton Battlefield State Park, 500 Mercer St., Princeton NJ 08540	National
Sat Jan 18 11 a.m.	<p>NJDAR America 250 Patriot Marker Dedication Ceremony</p> <p>The New Jersey Daughters of the American Revolution will hold an America 250 Patriot Grave Marker dedication in Old Tennent Cemetery, Manalapan, NJ. State Regent Diane Oliver is in charge of the event which will involve some 10 NJDAR Chapters. This is a rain or shine event with a reception to follow immediately in Old Scots Hall. In case of rain, the ceremony will be held in Old Scots Hall. Questions? Contact Diane Oliver at 732-673-8369.</p>	Old Tennent Church, 448 Tennent Rd., Manalapan, NJ	NJDAR

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	A. Arrive at 10 a.m. for 11 a.m. ceremony		
Sat Feb 15	<p>Washington Luncheon and Board of Managers Meeting</p> <p>The business meeting of the NJSSAR Board of Managers is from 10 to 12 and is open to all members. It is followed by a luncheon with posting of the colors by the NJSSAR Color Guard, SAR President General Darryl Addington M.D. will be in attendance. PG Addington is a South Carolina native and currently lives with his wife, Mary, in North Carolina. Compatriot Addington joined the SAR in 1996 and has served as a state president, National Trustee and Alternate Trustee, National Surgeon General, along with Treasurer and Secretary General. Speaker TBD. We hope too see you there!</p> <p>A. Arrive at 11:30 am if you will not attend the meeting. Color Guard will be inspected by President General Addington before posting the colors.</p>	Princeton Marriott at Forrestall, 100 College Road East, Princeton, NJ 08540	National
Feb 27	<p>NSSAR SPRING LEADERSHIP MEETING</p> <p>The Galt House Hotel, Louisville, Kentucky</p> <p>All SAR members are welcome to attend the Spring Leadership meeting Thursday through Saturday, Feb. 27 to March 1, at the Brown Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky. Contact NJSSAR President Robert Meyer or go to SAR.org for details.</p>	Galt House, 140 North 4 th St., Louisville, Ky., 40202	National
SAT March 22 Arrive way before game time TBD	<p>New Jersey Devils Hockey Game – Pre-Game Presenting of Colors</p> <p>Be part of a group of NJSSAR Color Guardsmen presenting the colors at the opening of the New Jersey Devils hockey game against the Ottawa Senators at Prudential Center in downtown Newark on March 22. The game is scheduled to begin at 7 pm. This will require a much earlier arrival time. A firm commitment and rehearsals will be required to participate. APPLY TO COMMANDER ED GLIDDEN TO BE PART OF THIS SPECIAL LIMITED GROUP.</p> <p>Arrive at (estimated) 5:30 for 7 p.m. game start</p>	Prudential Center, 25 Lafayette St., Newark, NJ	State
	Second Quarter		
Sat April 12 11 am	<p>Commemoration of the Battle of Bound Brook, 1777</p> <p>This year marks the first year the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution will recognize the Battle of Boundbrook commemoration as a National Event. So please turn out for this one. <i>(Note: A Battle of Bound Brook Flag Streamer will be available for participating chapters.)</i> New Jersey now has seven National Level events in NJ: Trenton, Princeton, Bound Brook, Monmouth, Springfield, Chestnut Neck and Red Bank.</p> <p>The Battle of Bound Brook began as a foraging raid by a combined force of British and Hessian troops out of New Brunswick. On Sunday, April 13, 1777, a four-column force of 4,000 British Crown troops led by Cornwallis attacked a small American garrison of about 500. An advance column of Hessian Jaegers were pinned down by</p>	Saturday: Old Presbyterian Cemetery, 402 East High St, Bound Brook, 08805	National

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	<p>the Americans at the Old Stone Arch Bridge. The skirmish bought precious time for the bulk of the American force. When a second column of 1,000 British soldiers charged over the Queen’s Bridge to attack, the Colonials retreated, escaping the trap.</p> <p>Our event is part of a weekend full of reenactments remembering the battle. Both days will feature American and British troop reenactors in street battles, military drills and camp life with camp followers and sutlers (merchants selling goods) of that period.</p> <p>1. Arrive at 11 a.m. at the Old Presbyterian Cemetery, 402 East High St. Color Guard members are invited to lunch after the event. Event Host: Raritan Chapter, Frank McGonigle. Site Contact: Mary Swarbrick.</p>		
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Saturday May 17 10 am to 4 pm	<p>NJSSAR Muster and History Day at East Jersey Old Town</p> <p>Activities at this all-day event include an encampment of the NJSSAR Color Guard, which will practice marching and shooting skills and provide demonstrations for the public, all under the instruction of Commander Ed Glidden. The event includes other Revolutionary and Civil War reenactors, vintage baseball players, live music, historic gardening and agriculture, stone carving, a 19th century print shop, home and hearth demonstrations, music, horse-drawn wagon rides, food trucks, children's crafts, and more. <i>To view the full schedule of events, click here.</i></p> <p>1. Arrive at 9 a.m. for 10 a.m. opening of the gates. Questions? Contact Ed Glidden.</p>	East Jersey Old Town, 1050 River Road, Piscataway NJ	State
May 26	<p>Memorial Day: All chapters are encouraged to participate in Memorial Day events in their own communities. Color Guard please note: If you wear your uniform while participating, it counts as a National Color Guard event for the purposes of applying for a Color Guard Medal. This is true also for Independence Day and Veterans Day.</p>	Your local community	National (if in uniform)
Wed May ???	<p>Fairview Cemetery for SAR, Sons of Union Veterans of Civil War</p> <p>Fair View Cemetery in Red Bank, NJ. <i>For Details contact Clark McCullough.</i></p>	Fair Vew Cemetery, 456 Route 35, Red Bank, NJ, 07701	State
Sat June ?? TBD	<p>Lunch and Board of Managers Meeting, Princeton, 10 am to 3 pm</p> <p>The second of our three yearly luncheons and business meetings. The business meeting of the NJSSAR Board of Managers is from 10 to 12 and is open to all members. It is followed immediately by a luncheon with posting of the colors by the NJSSAR Color Guard, awards and a guest speaker to be determined.</p> <p>1. If you are not attending the meeting, arrive at 11:30. Color Guard will post the colors. Lunch immediately follows with a speaker to be determined.</p> <p>2. Invitations to come.</p>	Princeton Marriott at Forrestal, Princeton NJ	State
TBD Early	<p>Arrest of New Jersey Royal Governor William Franklin in 1776</p> <p>Each summer, on a weekend still to be determined, the New Jersey Proprietary House</p>	Proprietary House, 149 Kearny	State

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<p>June</p>	<p>in Perth Amboy stages a reenactment of the 1776 Arrest of Royal Governor William Franklin with the help of the NJSSAR Color Guard. The Proprietary House was built in 1762 and was the home of the last royal governor of New Jersey, William Franklin. It is the only colonial governor's mansion still standing in the U.S. The reenactment depicts the moment in June 1776 when Franklin was arrested by Colonial militia (played by members of the NJSSAR Color Guard) and sent to Connecticut for imprisonment. <i>Details for this year will be shared as they become available.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Details will be announced as they become available 2. Free parking is available on the Proprietary House parking lot. 	<p>Avenue, Perth Amboy, NJ</p>	
<p>Sat June ???</p> <p>TBD</p>	<p>South Jersey History Day, Camden County, NJ</p> <p>The Gloucester Township Historic & Scenic Preservation Committee will hold its second South Jersey History Fair on the grounds of the historic Gabreil Daveis Tavern Museum House on Saturday, June 8, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be historical groups and committees from seven South Jersey counties, Camden, Gloucester, Burlington, Salem, Cumberland, Atlantic, and Cape May, and a representative from Mercer County. According to the GTHSP, the tavern was built to accommodate travelers on the Irish road and watermen moving lumber and other products by way of the Timber Creek. In 1768, Sarah Daveis, the widow of Gabreil, declined to renew the tavern license and the building became home to some of the township's most important Revolutionary War figures.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Arrive at 9:30 a.m. to help man South Jersey Chapter Recruiting Table; a separate table where Color Guard Quartermasters Ed Glidden and Gary Beauregard will display 18th Century weapons; NJDAR also will have a table. 	<p>Gabreil Daveis Tavern Museum House Grounds, 500 3rd Ave, Glendora, NJ 08029</p>	<p>State</p>
<p>June 21 ???</p> <p>TBD</p>	<p>Battle of Springfield Wreath Laying and Sign Dedication</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> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Meet at 6:30 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. <p>An SAR ceremony laying a second wreath will immediately follow. The Color Guard will lead a procession to First Presbyterian at 210 Morris Ave.</p>	<p>Battleground Cemetery, 39 Mountain Ave., Springfield, Union County, NJ, First Presbyterian Church of Springfield, 210 Morris Avenue</p>	<p>National</p>
<p>Thurs June 26</p>	<p>Wreath Laying for The Battle of The Short Hills</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",</p>	<p>Oak Tree Pond Historic Park, 1165 New Dover Road,</p>	<p>State</p>

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<p>Time TBD</p>	<p>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 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. <i>For details contact Jay Hershey.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Arrive at ?? 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. 2. 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>Sat Jun 28</p>	<p>Wreath Laying for Battle of Monmouth and von Steuben</p> <p>This is a National SAR Color Guard Event sponsored by the Monmouth Chapter. SAR Color Guard members from multiple states can be expected. The wreath laying coincides with a weekend-long encampment by reenactors who in years past have staged several reenactments of the battle, fought on June 28, 1778. The NJSSAR Color Guard honor both the battle and General Von Steuben, the Drillmaster of Valley Forge, without whose disciplined instruction the Continental Army might have fared poorly indeed. Von Steuben's efforts at Valley Forge are said to have first shown results on a major scale here. <i>For event details contact Monmouth President Jake Rue.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Arrive by 11 a.m. to prepare for the ceremony at noon. Color Guard will present a wreath at the Von Steuben memorial. Speakers TBD. 2. Monmouth Chapter members should arrive by 10 a.m. to help set up and man an SAR Recruiting table next to the Visitor's Center. It will start at 10:30 a.m. and end at 1 p.m. You are invited to participate with them. 	<p>Monmouth Battlefield State Park, 20 NJ-33 Business, Manalapan Township, NJ</p>	<p>National</p>
	<p align="center">Third Quarter</p>		
<p>Fri Jul 4 Arrive Noon</p>	<p>July 4 Ceremony in Perth Amboy and EJOT, Piscatway</p> <p>The bell ringing in Perth Amboy is a National Level SAR Color Guard Event and takes place at midday on Market Square, 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"> 1. Arrive at noon. at Liberty Bell Park (Market Square, City Hall, 260 High 	<p>Downtown Perth Amboy</p> <p>Market Square, Perth Amboy City Hall, 260 High St.</p>	<p>National</p>

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	<p>Street) to help set up the cannon before heading over to the Proprietary House, 149 Kearny Avenue, for food and refreshments.</p> <p>2. 12:30 - 1:30 pm: Return to City Hall Circle for the Liberty Bell Ringing Ceremony, cannon firing, numerous speeches and a performance the New Jersey Fife & Drum.</p>	<p>Proprietary House, 149 Kearny Avenue, Perth Amboy</p>																			
<p>Fri July 4 Time TBD</p>	<p>East Jersey Old Town Feu de Joie</p> <p>To further celebrate American Independence, NJSSAR Color Guard members with muskets can participate in firings on the hour and at the end of the day in a general <i>feu de joie</i>, or firing of joy, at East Jersey Old Town. Other groups participating include various Rev War reenactor groups, Lamb's Artillery and the West Jersey Artillery. Bill Snow, Commander, Lamb's Artillery Company, is acting Range Officer. Last year's schedule:</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>12pm</td> <td>Fife & Drum</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1pm</td> <td>Von Steuben</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2pm</td> <td>George Washington</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3pm</td> <td>Single fire demo by SAR, Lamb's and West Jersey Artillery</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3-5pm</td> <td>Mark Heter Band</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4pm</td> <td>Single fire demo by SAR, Lamb's and West Jersey Artillery</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4:30pm</td> <td>Single fire demo by SAR, Lamb's and West Jersey Artillery</td> </tr> <tr> <td rowspan="3">5pm</td> <td>13 shot salute by SAR, Lamb's and West Jersey Artillery</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Single fire by SAR, Lamb's and West Jersey Artillery</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Feu de joie</td> </tr> </table>	12pm	Fife & Drum	1pm	Von Steuben	2pm	George Washington	3pm	Single fire demo by SAR, Lamb's and West Jersey Artillery	3-5pm	Mark Heter Band	4pm	Single fire demo by SAR, Lamb's and West Jersey Artillery	4:30pm	Single fire demo by SAR, Lamb's and West Jersey Artillery	5pm	13 shot salute by SAR, Lamb's and West Jersey Artillery	Single fire by SAR, Lamb's and West Jersey Artillery	Feu de joie	<p>East Jersey Old Town, 1050 River Road, Piscataway, 08854</p>	
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<p>July 4</p>	<p>Moorestown 4th of July Parade</p> <p>Parade in Moorestown with the Moorestown Chapter of the NJDAR.</p>	<p>Moorestown Township, 08057</p>	<p>South Jersey Chapter</p>																		
<p>July 12-18</p>	<p align="center">NSSAR ANNUAL CONGRESS</p> <p>This year's meeting in Uncasville, Conn., will be the 135th national congress of the NSSAR. Uncasville is home of the Mohegan Tribe and the first Native American to die in the American Revolution: Samuel Ashbow, who was killed at the Battle of Bunker Hill. For details contact NJSSAR President Chris Sands or go to SAR.org.</p> <p>https://www.sarconnecticut.org/ned/Webpage%20for%20CT%20Congress.htm</p>	<p>Mohegan Sun Resor, Uncasville, Conn.</p>	<p>National</p>																		

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<p>Fri-Sun Aug 8-9</p>	<p align="center"><i>Atlantic Middle States Conference 2025</i> <i>York, Pennsylvania</i> <i>Friday-Sunday, August 8-9</i></p> <p>For more information contact PASSAR 1st VP Peter Reinhart at 610-247-5256 or email preinhart@fast.net. Or go to NJSSAR.org.</p>	<p><i>The Wyndham Garden York 2000 Loucks Road York, PA 17408</i></p>	<p>National</p>
<p>Sunday Aug 17</p>	<p align="center">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 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. <i>For more detail contact Julie Diddell, juliediddell@yahoo.com.</i></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>West Fields Chapter</p>
<p>Sat Aug 23 11 am</p>	<p align="center">The Battle of Brooklyn Commemoration</p> <p>The biggest battle of the Revolutionary War in terms of men and materiel, the August 27, 1776, Battle of Brooklyn was the first engagement in a months-long and—for the Continentals, disastrous—New York theater of operations. The Americans lines that day were stationed near Gowanus Creek and in the Brooklyn Heights and were outflanked when British troops attacked on the left after secretly approaching through Jamaica Pass. Many American troops were lost as the British pressed their attack. From Maryland, a group that would become known as the Maryland 400, was particularly brave and credited with holding off a large part of the British Army allowing at least some of their American comrades to escape and survive to fight another day.</p> <p>Muster at 11:30 for this event that 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</p>	<p>The Old Stone House, 336 Third Street, Brooklyn, NY 11215</p> <p>Free parking on 4th Street</p>	

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	<p>in the show up.” <i>For questions, contact Battle of Brooklyn Chapter President Dave Nelson.</i></p> <p>2. 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>		
<p>Sat Sept. 20 TBD ???</p>	<p>SAR Vigil at Washington's Tomb at Mount Vernon</p> <p>The NJSSAR Color Guard is invited each year for the Washington Tomb Vigil, a National level SAR event led by the National Color Guard Commander. 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"> 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. 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. <i>A link to sign up online for the vigil will be shared when it becomes available.</i> Let Rich Serfass know if you are considering attending. 	<p>Mount Vernon, VA</p>	<p>National</p>
<p>Sun, Sep 14 ???</p> <p>TBD</p>	<p>Young Patriot Day at Princeton Battlefield</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> This event lasts from 11:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and is sponsored by the Princeton-Cranbury Chapter. <i>For details contact Chapter President Roger Williams 609-389-5657.</i> 	<p>Princeton Battlefield State Park, 500 Mercer St., Princeton, NJ</p>	<p>Princeton Chapter</p>
<p>Sunday Sep 21</p>	<p>Springfield Township Community Day, Burlington County</p> <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"> Arrive at 11:30 for posting the colors. Afterwards, please mingle to talk with the crowd as part of our 	<p>Springfield Veterans Park, 2159 Jacksonville- Jobstown Road, Jobstown, N.J.</p>	<p>South Jersey Chapter</p>

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	<p>educational mission.</p> <p>2. Parking and admission are free. Veterans Park is directly behind the Springfield Township Municipal Building, 2159 Jacksonville-Jobstown Road, Jobstown, NJ 08041.</p> <p>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> <p>4. For Local and Regional Non-profit Organizations</p>		
	<h2>Fourth Quarter</h2>		
<p>Thur-Sat Oct. 3-5</p>	<p>NSSAR FALL LEADERSHIP MEETING</p> <p><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>	<p>Galt House, 140 N. Fourth St. Louisville, Ky., 40202</p>	<p>National</p>
<p>Saturday Oct. 4</p>	<p>Commemoration of The Battle of Chestnut Neck</p> <p>This is a National SAR level hosted by the Richard Somers Chapter. 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. Goods from captured ships brought here were sent on to George Washington at Valley Forge, and the ships themselves 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 on Oct. 6, 1778, led by British Captain Patrick Ferguson, burned homes, destroyed 10 captured ships and destroyed whatever confiscated goods they could not carry off. In an attack several weeks later known as the Little Egg Harbor Massacre, 400 British soldiers attacked the outpost again, killing 50 men before withdrawing. The residents of Chestnut Neck never rebuilt.</p> <p>1. Details to come. <i>Contact: Richard Somers Chapter SAR</i></p>	<p>Chestnut Neck Memorial Park, Port Republic, NJ</p>	<p>National</p>
<p>Sunday Oct 19</p>	<p>Commemoration of The Battle of Red Bank</p> <p>This is a National SAR Color Guard event sponsored by the South Jersey Chapter. It commemorates the battle fought Oct. 22, 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 James Howard.</i></p> <p>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> <p>2. Legacy Marker/Heritage Flag Ceremony is planned to be conducted at the</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>	<p>National</p>

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	conclusion of the Memorial Service		
Saturday Oct 25	Lunch and Board of Managers Meeting, Princeton, 10 am to 3 pm If 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
TBD	<p>Washington Memorial Chapel, Valley Forge</p> <p>This beautiful event is sponsored by the New Jersey Daughters of the American Revolution. <i>It was not held in 2023 but we hope it will resume in 2024. Please await further details.</i> The event is usually held on a Sunday in early November. There is an optional brunch, for which tickets can be purchased, and a church service at which NJSSAR Color Guard posts the colors. The Washington Memorial Chapel is an Episcopalian church completed in 1917 that honors not only our commander in chief during the Revolutionary War, but also American leaders in all of our country's wars. The church features a Gothic Revival style with carvings and other designs honoring Revolutionary War soldiers and commanders of more recent wars. The Veterans Wall of Honor honors all veterans of the United States Armed Services. <i>For more details about the Chapel: www.wmchapel.org.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> If the event resumes, brunch (tickets must be purchased) begins at 11 a.m. Arrive by 12 pm to be ready to participate in the 12:30 service, during which the NJSSAR Color Guard will post the colors. Directions: The Chapel is located within Valley Forge National Historical Park, on Valley Forge Road (Route 23), about 1.25 miles west of the park's headquarters. Directions: Exit at Valley Forge (exit 326). Stay to the right when entering the toll booths. Take the first exit, marked "North Gulph Road." Continue on North Gulph Road about 2.9 miles. (<i>North Gulph Road becomes Valley Forge Road/Route 23 at the entrance to Valley Forge National Historical Park.</i>) The Chapel is on your right. 	Valley Forge State Park, PA	State
Early Nov	<p>Ocean County Celebrates America 250</p> <p>Ocean County joins the national movement to commemorate the approach of many 250th anniversaries, including the American Revolution and the birth of our nation in 2026. Guest speakers will be featured including officers of the Daughters and Sons of the American Revolution. Ocean County has been awarded a grant from the National Park Service to establish an American Revolution Ocean County Trail featuring short documentaries and on-site interpretive signs for six sites of conflict. <i>For questions contact Mike Mangum, Richard Somers Chapter.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Arrive by 10 a.m. to organize for ceremony that starts at 11 and ends by 12:30. 	Toms River Ocean County Courthouse, 118 Washington St., Toms River, NJ, 08753	State
Mon Nov 11	Veterans Day Events. All chapters are encouraged to participate in events in their own communities. Color Guard please note: If you wear your uniform while participating, it counts as a National Color Guard event for the purposes of applying for a Color Guard Medal. This is true also for Memorial Day and Independence Day.	Your local community	National
Saturday	The Abandonment of Fort Lee, November 20, 1776	Monument Park, Palisade	State

<p>Nov 22</p>	<p>This is a state level SAR ceremony but we want to make it national. While the fort itself no longer exists, Fort Lee stood on the crest of the Hudson Palisades across the Hudson River from Fort Washington, which sat at the north end of Manhattan. Fort Lee's abandonment to the British in November 1776, shortly after the surrender of Fort Washington, marked the end of a disastrous New York theater of operations for the Americans. But it also marked the beginning of a proverbial turning of the tide: Washington's strategic retreat across New Jersey and the stunning U.S. victories at Trenton and Princeton. The wreath laying is on Saturday, the first day in a two-day event that is well attended and includes the Brigade of the American Revolution and Veterans of Foreign Wars. <i>Please note: The wreath laying takes place in Monument Park, while the weekend-long event is a reenactors encampment in nearby Fort Lee Historic Park. For details contact Jay Hershey.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Arrive at Monument Park on Angioletti Place at 11:30 a.m. or earlier to prepare for a noon ceremony. The Color Guard waits with their wreath at the statue in the park as reenactors from The Brigade of the Revolution march in from Fort Lee Historic Park, a few blocks away. 2. Parking: There is free parking at the foot of Monument Park. If that is full, there is street parking. 	<p>Ave and Angioletti Place, Fort Lee, NJ, 07024</p>	
<p>Sat, Dec 6 11 a.m.</p>	<p>Reenactment of Battle of Petticoat Bridge, 1776</p> <p>The full scale battle reenactment in Springfield Township is a mere feet away from where the actual fighting in December 1776 took place at Petticoat Bridge. According to the American Battlefield Trust: At Petticoat Bridge American militia forces of Colonel Samuel Griffin and foraging parties under Hessian Colonel Carl von Donop clashed at least three times from Dec. 21 to 23, 1776. In the third engagement, estimates suggest it was about 50-100 Americans facing off against 2,400 Hessians. The Americans that day fell back to Slab Town and eventually to Mount Holly, culminating in the Battle of Iron Works Hill. With the gracious permission of a local couple, we will be hosting a midday history festival on their 50-acre farm.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Arrive at 11 a.m. There will be various historical demonstrations and opportunities to engage living historians as they bring an eighteenth-century military encampment to life. b. <u>At 12 pm</u>, there will be a full-scale reenactment involving American militia from the 2nd Pennsylvania, British regulars from the 43rd Regiment of Foot, members of the 42nd Scottish Highlanders (the Muskets of the Crown), and a few Hessians causing trouble. With several artillery pieces to boot, expect a resounding skirmish to break out! c. Following the battle, there will also be a separate artillery demonstration at 1:15pm. d. Parking will be free and available to the public on site. Expect hot seasonal beverages and a food truck. There will be vendors available from local historical societies. e. This event is weather permitting. We do not have a makeup date. 	<p>1871 Jacksonville Jobstown Road, Columbus, NJ, 08022</p>	<p>South Jersey Chapter</p>

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<p>Sunday Dec. 7 10 am</p>	<p>Washington’s Crossing, part of “The Ten Crucial Days”</p> <p>Washington’s Crossing of the Delaware on the night of Christmas Day, Dec. 25, 1776, is the defining moment of U.S. history. Without it, the Continental Army goes home in defeat, the Revolutionary War is over, there is no United States. But, 249 years later, here we are, thanks to the heroics of Washington and the Continental Army on that stormy winter night and all the next day when they surprised the Hessians at Trenton.</p> <p>Arrive at 10 am for the 10:45 wreath-laying ceremony honoring the Crossing, part of a daylong series of events organized by the Park and the Friends of Washington’s Crossing, an occasion that attracts thousands of spectators each year. The so-called First Crossing, held on the first Sunday of December, is a dress rehearsal for the even larger event held on Christmas Day. The river crossing begins at 1 pm. If you want to ride in one of the boats, register below before November: https://www.washingtoncrossingpark.org/cross-with-us/crossing-registration/ .</p> <p>The “Ten Crucial Days” are the period from December 25, 1776, to January 3, 1777, during which four events of critical importance took place: The Crossing, The First and Second Battles of Trenton and the Battle of Princeton. As part of the Ten Crucial Days, each event is designated as having National status by the NSSAR Historic Sites committee. With regard to earning Silver and Von Steuben Color Guard medals, however, a Color Guard member attending Ten Crucial Days events will be credited for a maximum of two events in each four-event cycle.</p>	<p>Washington Crossing Park Visitors Center, PA 1112 River Road Washington Crossing, PA</p>	<p>National</p>
<p>Saturday Dec 13</p>	<p>Wreaths Across America</p> <p>Below there are several locations from the past. Any Color Guard member can organize an event at a cemetery. If you do, let Richard Serfass know.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Beverly National Cemetery, Beverly NJ – Larry Nelson b. Boehm Church Cemetery, Blue Bell, Pennsylvania – Rich Serfass (Invited by the PASSAR Color Guard. My Patriot Ancestor’s grandfather founded this church and is buried there.) c. First Presbyterian Church Cemetery -- Broad St. Elizabeth, NJ 07202 - Robert Meyer d. Quaker Meeting House and The Presbyterian Church at Shrewsbury - Jake Rue e. Fair View Cemetery in Red Bank (Middletown) – Clark McCullough 	<p>Your local community.</p>	<p>National</p>
<p>Sat. Dec. 27 9:30 a.m.</p>	<p>The First and Second Battles of Trenton, “Ten Crucial Days”</p> <p>George Washington’s two battles of Trenton, fought one week apart, comprise, first, the more famous Dec. 26 engagement that caught the Hessians by surprise, and, the second, on Jan. 2, 1777, that stopped Cornwallis at Assunpink Creek. The second battle has faded in the public’s memory over recent years, though it was perhaps just as important as the first because it led directly to Washington’s next smashing victory, the Battle of Princeton, on Jan. 3.</p> <p>Our first wreath-laying ceremony of the day is held at the imposing Trenton Battle</p>	<p>Trenton Battle Monument, 350 North Warren St., Trenton, NJ, 08618</p>	<p>National</p>

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	<p>Monument, a 148-foot tall granite column atop which stands a resplendent George Washington. The monument, whose cornerstone was laid in 1891, was designed by John H. Duncan, the architect of Grant's Tomb. It is located in an area of Trenton known as 'Five Points.' It was here, at the intersection of North Broad Street, Warren Street, and Brunswick, Pennington and Princeton Avenue, that the American artillery was placed on the morning of Dec. 26. From this vantage point, the artillery dominated the streets of Trenton, preventing the Hessian troops from organizing an effective counterattack. The second wreath laying will take place at Mill Hill Park immediately following the first ceremony.</p> <p>Arrive at 9:30 for 10 am ceremony. Second ceremony follows shortly after.</p>	<p>Mill Hill Park East Front Street and South Broad Street, Trenton 08608</p>	
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