

**USS Yorktown (CG-48) Association  
Itinerary for Yorktown Day 2019 Celebrations**

**Friday, 18 October 2019**

**1000-1100: Public Presentation. This is a tentative plan and is dependent upon schedules of crew members. Time slot may change but would not exceed one hour.**

Crew members of the USS Yorktown (CG-48) and friends will present “Memories of the USS Yorktown (CG-48)” in a classroom of the American Revolution Museum. The public will be invited to this informal presentation. A crew member will serve as moderator. There will be a question/answer period.

**1230: Arrival at York Hall**

- a. Participants from the USS Yorktown (CG-48) Association will arrive in personal vehicles at York Hall, 301 Main St., Yorktown, VA 23690 for the Gift Presentation Ceremony. On Friday, there should be ample parking in the parking lot behind York Hall. (York Hall is the location for various meetings, such as those of the Board of Supervisors and the School Board).
- b. Participants may wish to visit the Gallery at York Hall as they make their way to the York County Historical Museum, which is in the basement of York Hall. (The Gallery is on the first floor and is an area where local art and other products are presented for sale to the public.) When the group has assembled downstairs at the Museum, Ms. Karwac will open the area where the USS Yorktown (CG-48) exhibit will be.
- c. There will be photographic coverage of the event. This coverage may include local and Navy press. Therefore, dress for the Gift Presentation Ceremony should be appropriate for press photos! Appropriate dress would be business casual.

**1300: Gift Presentation Ceremony in the York County Historical Museum and Tour of Museum**

- a. Mr. Mass will make introductions and thank Ms. Karwac and staff of the Museum for help in arranging the presentation ceremony and for hospitality. Ms. Karwac will respond, introducing members of the Museum’s Board of Directors and other guests.
- b. Mr. Mass will introduce CAPT Anderson, who will make comments about the history of the USS Yorktown (CG-48), the special ties between the ship, the town of Yorktown, and the County of York. He will provide remembrances of the commissioning ceremony at the pier of the Naval Weapons Station Yorktown on 1 July 1984 and visits to the pier to off-load and on-load ordnance during the service life of the ship. He will provide remembrances of Miss Mary, the ship’s sponsor, including the traditional salute of the crew as the ship passed Nick’s Seafood Pavilion, the delicious meals she provided to the crew when the ship was in port, and the gifts she sent when the ship was at sea. CAPT Anderson will express

appreciation to the Museum for serving as a repository of memorabilia related to the ship and especially for the excellent care of Tin Man. CAPT Anderson will present gifts.

- c. Ms. Karwac will accept gifts on behalf of the Museum and invite participants to tour the Museum, especially to pay respects to Tin Man.
- d. Group will tour the York County Historical Museum.
- e. Note: Volunteer crew members are needed to serve as docents in the museum after the presentation ceremony. They will explain the USS Yorktown (CG-48) exhibit to visitors. The Museum will close at 1530.

**1400-1600: Free time, except for volunteer docents.**

**1600-1715: Preparation for Wreath Laying Ceremony and Formal Dinner**

- a. The group will disband after the gift presentation (except volunteer docents) for individual exploration of Yorktown, return to the hotel to dress for dinner, etc. Participants who desire not to return to the hotel to dress for dinner should bring dinner clothes to York Hall, leaving the clothes in their personal vehicles until after the Gift Presentation Ceremony/Tour of the Museum. Restroom facilities in York Hall should provide adequate spaces to change from casual dress to dinner dress. Guests choosing this option should arrange to change clothes before 1530 when the Museum will close and 1600 when the Gallery will close for the day. For dinner, appropriate dress will run the gamut from dress military uniforms and suits/ties for gentleman and cocktail dresses, long dinner dresses, short dresses, pants suits, dinner suits, etc. for ladies.
- b. The group will drive personal vehicles from York Hall to American Revolution Museum, which is just off the Colonial Parkway toward Williamsburg. The group will park in the parking lot to left of Museum's entrance. The group will be met by Ms. Karwac and representatives of the York County Historical Museum and the American Revolution Museum. Golf carts will be available to take participants from the parking lot to the Mathews' grave site. Some may decide to walk the short distance from the American Revolution Museum to the grave site. (Note: the land on which the American Revolution Museum sits was given by Nick and Mary Mathews to the State of Virginia to honor the legacy of Yorktown and all past and present patriots).

**1715-1745: Memorial Wreath Laying Ceremony at Miss Mary's grave**

- a. CAPT Anderson will welcome the group and make comments about Mr. Nick and Miss Mary, emphasizing that as naturalized citizens they exhibited extraordinary patriotism for the U. S. and were exceedingly generous in their support of the U. S. military. He will make comments about Miss Mary as the sponsor of the USS Yorktown (CG-48) and her total devotion to the crew; refer to special guests in the audience, including Jimmy Krikales, Miss Mary's chef, who always feed the crew with sumptuous food. CAPT Anderson will thank Ms. Karwac, the York County Historical Museum, the Yorktown Day Association, the Comte de Grasse Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, the American Revolution Museum, and the National Park Service for welcoming the crew of the USS Yorktown (CG-48) and their guests to Yorktown Day 2019.

- b. Members of Honor Guard (Museum staff members in Revolutionary War dress) and local ROTC students will take the wreath/tripod to the Mathews' monument, accompanied by the USS Yorktown (CG-48) crew. The honor guard will place the wreath/tripod at the graves. The ROTC unit and the USS Yorktown (CG-48) crew will stand at attention.
  - c. A selected representative will deliver a pray for all patriots, especially Miss Mary and the crew of the USS Yorktown (CG-48).
  - d. The honor guard, ROTC participants, and the crew will retreat.
  - e. A bugler will play Taps.
  - f. The group will disband, paying private respects to Mr. Nick and Miss Mary as desired.
- (Note: In case of rain, the group will place a wreath at the memorial plaque to the Mathew's, which is at the entrance to the American Revolution Museum.)

### **1730-1830: Group returns to American Revolution Museum**

- a. The group will return to the American Revolution Museum, pausing to read and reflect on the significance of the dedication plaque at the entrance, which describes the contributions of Nick and Mary Mathews to our nation. Members of the Yorktown Day Association will check guests into the American Revolution Museum, using names of paid guests as given on the official list of attendees. The staff will give directions on touring the gallery and on the dinner.
- b. The group will tour the Museum, especially noting the replica of the Winged Victory of Samothrace statue from the Mathews' estate and other remembrances of Mr. Nick and Miss Mary. (The Winged Victory of Samothrace is a marble Hellenistic sculpture of Nike, the Greek goddess of victory, that was created about the 2nd century. The American Revolution Museum at Yorktown tells the story of the nation's founding, from the twilight of the colonial period to the dawn of the Constitution and beyond. Comprehensive indoor galleries feature period artifacts, immersive environments, interactive exhibits and films, including "The Siege of Yorktown," with a 180-degree surround screen. Outdoors there are re-created settings of the American Revolution, including a Revolution-era farm.)

### **1830-2000: Formal Dinner**

- a. The group will attend the reception before dinner. The reception will include hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. (Note: No food or drinks are allowed in the Gallery. Members of our group should not buy drinks and then return to tour the Gallery with food/drinks). At the appointed time, the group will assemble for dinner. Ms. Karwac will direct the group to reserved seating.
- b. At dinner, the Master of Ceremonies will acknowledge the group. It is not expected that CAPT Anderson will be asked to address the dinner group, but he should be prepared just in case he is asked.
- c. The group will enjoy the dinner, entertainment, and fellowship with each other and friends of the USS Yorktown (CG-48).

### **2000: Group disbands and returns to hotel**

## **19 October 2019: Yorktown Day**

### **0815-1000: Coffee in the Custom House Garden.**

This is a private event of the Comte de Grasse Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR). Admission is by invitation only from the Chapter. At the entrance to the Garden, there will be a receiving line for quests, featuring Ms. Jennifer Carver, Regent of the Chapter, other officers of the Chapter, and officers from state and national NSDAR organizations. In addition to NSDAR members, guests at the coffee will include representatives of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution (NSSAR), National Society of the Children of the American Revolution (NSCAR), other lineage organizations, political leaders, local military officers, and distinguished guests like the participants from the USS Yorktown (CG-48) Association. It is not necessary to arrive exactly at 0815, but the USS Yorktown (CG-48) participants should arrive in time to find a good parking place. Ms. Karwac will provide information on parking as the day approaches.

- a. The group will enjoy a bountiful array of breakfast finger foods and coffee, tea, punch, all provided and served by members of the Comte de Grasse Chapter, NSDAR.
- b. The group will mingle with guests, enjoy entertainment (e.g., music by the Fifes & Drums of York Town), and the delicious breakfast selections.
- c. The group will gather at 1000 and walk to parade assembly area. Ms. Karwac will provide directions as the day approaches.
- d. Dress for the coffee should be appropriate for an elegant morning coffee and for the parade. Appropriate dress is business casual. All should wear comfortable shoes. The parade is short, but it is wise to prepare for comfortable walking. Weather is very problematic. Past Yorktown Days have seen rain, wind, and snow but more typically, gorgeous autumn weather. If inclement or cold weather is forecast, the group should bring rain gear, jackets, coats, etc.

### **1000-1030: Parade**

- a. The group will assemble as Ms. Karwac directs. The group will march adjacent to another group representing the York County Historical Museum.
- b. The group will march in the parade, carrying a banner, flags, etc. The group will wave to the crowd and in general, have a great time, given that this is a “hometown” parade without much formality!
- c. As the group approaches the reviewing stand at the Monument to Alliance and Victory, the Master of Ceremonies will announce the group over the public address system.
- d. The group will pause before the reviewing stand at the Monument and turn to face the reviewing stand. The reviewing stand will be to the right of the parade group. Representatives on the stand will include Commanding Officers of local military bases. USS Yorktown (CG-48) crew should salute the reviewing stand representatives.

- e. As the Master of Ceremonies announces the next group in the parade, the USS Yorktown (CG-48) group will march off to the parade end point, just a short distance from reviewing stand.
- f. The group will then walk back to the Monument to Alliance and Victory for the formal Yorktown Day Ceremony.

**1115-1230: Patriotic Exercises and Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Monument to Alliance and Victory**

- a. The group will assemble as Ms. Karwac directs and will sit together in designated reserved seats.
- b. The group will enjoy the patriotic exercises, wreath laying, and entertainments.

**1230-1400: Reception in Custom House Garden**

- a. The group will walk to the Custom House Garden (same place as where the coffee was earlier).
- b. The group will enjoy the reception; mingling with hostesses from the Comte de Grasse Chapter, NSDAR and other friends of the USS Yorktown (CG-48).

**1400 and beyond: Free time to enjoy other Yorktown Day events, tour Custom House, tour Yorktown, fellowship with crew members, etc. Note: Volunteer docents are needed to explain the USS Yorktown (CG-48) display in the York County Historical Museum. The Museum will close at 1530.**

**Note: This draft will be updated as needed and maps provided just before Yorktown Day. Questions about the itinerary should be directed to Mr. Craig Mass of the USS Yorktown Association.**