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A Message from President General Denise Doring VanBuren

I spent the winter months enjoying two books, “Those Turbulent Sons of Freedom – Ethan Allen’s Green Mountain Boys and the American Revolution” by Christopher S. Wren and “Valley Forge” by Bob Drury and Tom Clavin. Both were excellent, and I recommend them highly.

Both also sparked my interest to learn more about the role of militia during the American Revolution. These men, from whom many of us descend, were estimated to number as many as 200,000 during the conflict. I have always been intrigued by the differing accounts of their contributions, particularly after reading several times that General George Washington often despaired over their performance. And so, I spent part of my time “social distancing” at home to learn more about the “Minute Man.”

The American Revolution Museum at Yorktown has begun researching the role played by the militia during the Revolution, with a special emphasis on Virginia as a test case. According to Edward Ayres, Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation Historian, recent studies have gone a long way toward debunking negative reputations of the militia. Although the relative effectiveness of the Revolutionary militia varied from state to state and year to year, this scholarship explored the crucial achievements of the militia that had been previously unexamined.

“When Virginia was invaded beginning in January 1781, the Amherst County militia was called out numerous times as the British seemed to march at will throughout large areas of the eastern and central regions of the state. A number of Amherst County men reported having served under the Marquis de Lafayette in the summer of that year, and some fought in the Battle of Green Spring against Lord Cornwallis. As Generals Washington and Rochambeau arrived in Virginia in September to begin the siege of Yorktown, Amherst militiamen, along with those from many other counties, were called up to support the regular army. Many of the elderly men who applied for pensions beginning in the 1820s proudly proclaimed that they were present at the “surrender of Lord Cornwallis,” writes Ayres.

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Rise and Shine
for America



Daughters of the American Revolution

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A Facebook page for the America 250! Committee has been created. Share ideas, ask questions, make suggestions—this is your opportunity to visit with other members, chapters, and states.



Here’s the link:

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“Militiamen were older, on average, than the Continental soldiers and received only perfunctory training; few had experienced combat. Washington complained that militiamen had failed to exhibit “a brave & manly opposition” in the battles of 1776 on Long Island and in Manhattan. At Camden, South Carolina, in August 1780, militiamen panicked in the face of advancing redcoats. Throwing down their weapons and running for safety, they were responsible for one of the worst defeats of the war,” according to the *Smithsonian Magazine*.

Yet, in 1775, militiamen had fought with bravery at Lexington and Concord, as well as at Bunker Hill. Nearly 40 percent of soldiers serving under Washington at Trenton in 1776 were militiamen. Half the American force in the Saratoga campaign of 1777 consisted of militiamen. They also contributed substantially to American victories at Kings Mountain and Cowpens, South Carolina. Gen. Nathanael Greene deployed his militiamen in the Battle of Guilford Courthouse, North Carolina, where forces inflicted devastating losses on the British.

According to the *Smithsonian Magazine*, “The militia had its shortcomings, to be sure, but America could not have won the war without it. As a British general, Earl Cornwallis, wryly put it in a letter in 1781, “I will not say much in praise of the militia, but the list of British officers and soldiers killed and wounded by them...proves but too fatally they are not wholly contemptible.””

A Message from Lynn Forney Young Honorary President General National Chair, America 250!

As I read the reports of the State Chairs, I am thrilled with the enthusiasm with which chapters have embraced Our Patriots. Many have shared engaging social media posts inviting others to learn more about DAR. Growing our membership is crucial in order to meet the goal of 250,000 members by 2033. Most importantly, expanding the outreach possible through DAR is important to our country in the years ahead.

Share your ideas with the DAR America 250! Facebook group and encourage other members to join us. As this group is limited to DAR members only, they must request to join and answer two questions so that their membership may be confirmed.

Visit the America 250! webpage and utilize the outstanding resources available to promote the work you are doing within your community. Be sure and view the outstanding video created by the Arizona Society, Stephanie Menei, State Chair, featuring patriot Thomas Cooch.

The men and women who achieved American independence are so much more than a name on an ancestor bar. Honor you patriot by learning about his/her service and sacrifice and share it with your family, chapter and community as we Rise and Shine for America!



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lynn Forney Young". The signature is written in a cursive style.



A Message from Cindy Parnell – Reporter General America 250! Executive Liaison

It has been a joy to see the many ways that DAR members celebrate their Patriot ancestors and share Patriot stories at local and state gatherings. I recently had the pleasure of attending the 250th anniversary commemoration of the Boston Massacre. Boston teaches us about our Patriots on almost every corner, and I encourage members to visit the city and follow the red-brick Freedom Trail as part of our quincentennial anniversary celebration.



Be sure to share your Patriot stories with the America 250! Committee and the Patriot Post!

News from Division Vice Chairs, States and Chapters

Send your ideas and success stories to us — we'll share them!



Northeast Division: CT, ME, MA, NH, NY, RI, VT

Louise Aitcheson, DVC

We are thrilled to be participating and contributing to the America 250! Committee! Please forward your outstanding activities to be reported in the next Patriot Post.

Eastern Division: DE, DC, MD, NJ, PA, VA, UO

Bernadette Kucharczuk, DVC

The Eastern Division Daughters Rise and Shine for the America 250! Celebration in ways both big and small. We hope you will be inspired to share excitement for honoring our past with friends, neighbors and members of your community. There are many reports from the Eastern Division in this Patriot Post—check them out!



Southeast Division: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, TN

Colleen Spears, DVC

It's April, but there's no fooling. Chapters in the Southeastern Division are working to showcase Our Patriots in unique ways!

The d'Iberville Chapter in Alabama led in a remembrance of patriots during a Constitution Week Luncheon. Each patriot's name was called as a bell tolled; it was a simple yet touching connection to the patriots of attendees.

Florida Daughters are rising to the challenge, with 633 posts about patriots and 168 Revolutionary Flashbacks.

Filming a documentary of Nancy Hart was a project of the Stephen Heard Chapter in Georgia, in partnership with Georgia Women of Achievement. Lots of publicity accompanied the endeavor.

Members of the Kennesaw Mountain Chapter have created an "Our Patriots Virtual Cemetery."

Daughters in Mississippi are working to submit copies of patriot profiles; 60 patriot records have already been submitted in the Patriot Preservation Service Project initiated by State Regent Hellen Polk.

Twenty-two new names are being added to a patriot monument. Way to go, North Carolina! Let's continue to identify and honor Our Patriots.

Let's SPRING into action with more ways to recognize and promote Our Patriots.

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East Central Division: IN, KY, MI, OH, WV

Cynthia Ross Kettler, DVC

Where to Start.... All of us joined DAR because we have one thing in common.... we have a Patriot that served in some capacity during our country's fight for freedom during the Revolutionary War. For some it was an easy route to join from a mother's or aunt's or sister's application. Some had a lot of research to do.

Since the discovery of the computer and the internet, research has become a lot easier; but reading on a computer or in a book about your Patriot is so much different than if you have a chance to visit the hallowed ground where he or she fought and lived. It is a humbling experience.

This Vice Chair had the opportunity to visit the grounds and final resting place of her Patriot on several occasions. As she stood at the headstone and read the inscription, she called her mother back in Ohio and relayed her overwhelming feelings of awe and wonderment.

From that first visit, there have been several more trips to find more Patriots from that same area. The town of Sudbury, MA has a wonderful genealogy library that this Vice Chair has used many times. This exploration has led to the discovery of a family that came to the shores of this country before it was a country.

This is the type of tale we are looking for our members to share with everybody as we move towards this country's 250th Anniversary. Share your experiences with your chapter and your state chairman. *Start at the beginning of your journey into DAR and explore the possibilities!*



Daughters of the
American Revolution

Tell us what your chapter or state is doing to promote Our Patriots. We want to share your good ideas and success stories with others.

Please let us hear from you!

The next Patriot Post will be published in July. To be included, send articles with good quality pictures (at least 4x6, 300 dpi) to your Division Vice Chair no later than June 10th.

Great Ideas from Chapters and States

Find A Grave—A New DAR Tool!

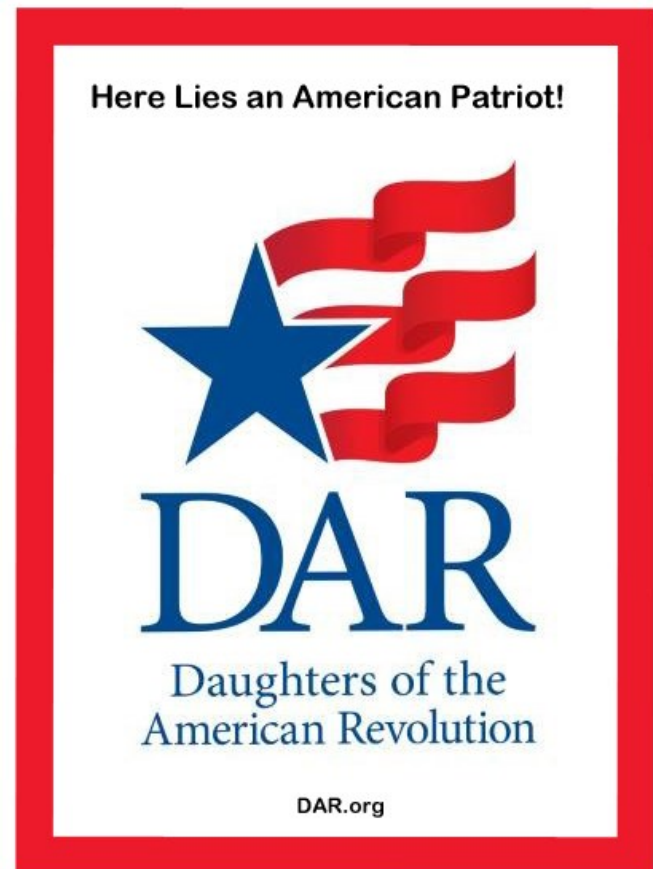
Thanks to the Kennesaw Mountain Chapter, GA, and to the Abigail Phelps Chapter, CT, for this idea!

In the January edition of the Patriot Post, we reported on the Kennesaw Mountain Chapter in Georgia and their unique and innovative way to celebrate *Our Patriots*. Kate Sklikas, Chapter Registrar and America250! *Our Patriots* Chair created an excel spreadsheet of chapter member Patriots and posted a memorial-like tribute to all of them in *Find A Grave* with a “Here Lies an American Patriot” image featuring the DAR logo. When the Abigail Phelps Chapter in Connecticut asked if their chapter could post this on all their Patriots’ Find A Grave memorials, we were delighted to create a version for everyone to use. Here is the DAR-endorsed template for all chapters to use in marking DAR Patriots in Find A Grave.

Reminder: Only photographs of visually legible tombstone inscriptions clearly dating from the time of death are accepted as proof of death date by the NSDAR Genealogy Department.

Here are the how-to’s for honoring your Patriots in the *Find A Grave* website.

- ◆ Sign up for membership in *Find A Grave*.
- ◆ Create an excel spreadsheet of chapter member Patriots.
- ◆ Look up each name in *Find A Grave* and note who is found and who is not found in their database.
- ◆ Add the memorial number into the spreadsheet for those who have a post or page in *Find A Grave*.
- ◆ Add a column to identify whether the graves have been officially marked by DAR.
- ◆ Challenge the chapter to mark those graves which have not been marked.
- ◆ Using the official DAR logo templates, create digital images to post on the Patriot page.
- ◆ In the “Add Photos” section of the *Find A Grave* page, upload the image and include the date of the DAR grave marking in the photo caption, if available.
- ◆ For Patriots without a post or memorial page, enter information about each to create a dedicated page and add the new *Find A Grave* memorial number to the Patriots spreadsheet. As a member of *Find A Grave*, this task can be accomplished quickly. The process can additionally involve simple online searches for pictures of tombstones, individual portraits, and verified DAR data about the Patriots. Once the verified information is compiled, the sources can be included in the synopsis. <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/67133425>



Can we mark 1776 Patriots this month? YES, we CAN!!!

Post the number of your chapter's markings on the Our Patriots Facebook page by May 15th.

Great Ideas from Chapters and States

Video Presentations Tell Fascinating Patriot Stories

Submitted By: Stephanie Menei, Arizona, America 250! State Chair



In support of sharing “Our Patriots” stories, Arizona is proud to announce the filming of a documentary on the life of Revolutionary War patriot, Col. Thomas Cooch. Thomas Cooch was the winner of the Pathway of the Patriots contest to have a tree named in his honor, submitted by Arizona daughter and descendant Carole Jones. His very homestead was used as a Battlefield and his flour mill burned in the one day Battle of Iron Hill in Newark, Delaware. Thomas Cooch was one of the first to apply the new Constitution in his role as a judge at the Court of Common Pleas. The battle was renamed The Battle of Cooch’s Bridge to recognize Americans who retreated over Cooch’s Bridge to surrender the battle.

This State Chair is proud to have written the screenplay for the video which was filmed in Tucson, AZ. The Thomas Cooch documentary was produced and directed by State Vice Chair Suzanne Ryan of Tucson Chapter NSDAR and starred Christopher Francis of Tucson Chapter SAR (Arizona). Suzanne’s son Z Saenz filmed, edited and performed all cinematography for the documentary. We received photos and support from Cooch’s Bridge Chapter NSDAR (Delaware) which is named after Col. Cooch and the script was edited by well known Historian Wade Catts (Delaware). An email has been sent to Arizona members, encouraging them to watch, share and preserve the story of this brave Colonel. America 250! National Chair Lynn Young and President General Denise VanBuren have authorized video placement on the national website where other daughters can learn and be inspired to create their own videos.

To see the video, go to the America 250! web page under “Our Patriots Resources”.

Great Ideas from Chapters and States

Partner with the Community to Preserve Patriot History!

Submitted By: Leslie Olejnik, Georgia, America 250! State Chair

Members of the Stephen Heard Chapter partnered with Georgia Women of Achievement in filming a documentary on the life of Revolutionary War Heroine Nancy Hart at the Nancy Hart Cabin. Living history actors, some on horseback, and period accurate artifacts furnished the cabin. Reenactment of the famous Nancy Hart story were featured on the local News station, website, and front page of the newspaper. To exhibit the film locally, the chapter hosted a public viewing which was also a fundraiser with silent auction for Friends Helping Friends, a local non-profit which benefits exceptional children with disabilities and challenges. The community contributed more than \$1900 to Friends Helping Friends.



The filming was done at the historic Nancy Hart Cabin in Elbert County, Georgia. Stephen Heard Chapter members and local historians furnished the cabin with period-accurate artifacts and herbs to help the Nancy Hart's cabin come to life. The homey cabin looked as if Nancy had just left to go out hunting supper for her family.

Reenactors joined Stephen Heard Chapter for filming Day. Some came from as far away as Florida with a few actors and horses, camping out at the cabin. The "Tories and Patriots," were joined by Stephen Heard members to portray the famous Nancy Hart legend in the 94°, temperatures of Georgia's sweltering summer! The cabin was a sight as local historians, professors, DAR and SAR members, county residents, newspaper and film crews, drone operator, county workers, Emergency responders, actors, and horses all battled the blistering heat. The local Emergency Medical Services brought an air conditioned trailer and provided lunch on site. Stephen Heard Chapter provided refreshments for both people and horses in between segments of filming. Everywhere you looked there was activity! Every scene was double filmed and carefully audited for accuracy during the filming. Amazingly enough, it was all accomplished in nine hours on one day!

Stephen Heard Chapter is committed to keeping the story of Nancy Hart alive; sadly the heroine was recently removed from the state education curriculum. It is important that the legacy of these ancestor patriots are remembered and honored, and the chapter hosts area second graders each spring at the cabin to tell Nancy's story. The children love learning about the history in their own backyard. Elbert County is very blessed that the community at large helps keep the legend of Nancy Hart, and her patriotism alive for future generations!

The excellent nine minute documentary may be viewed at: <https://vimeo.com/358539299/3b8a94525e>

Great Ideas from Chapters and States

American Indian Patriot Memorial Service

Submitted By: Katie Hortenstine, DCDAR America 250! State Chair

The Colonel John Washington - Katherine Montgomery Chapter, DC, adapted the example Patriot Memorial Service shared in the DAR Blog and conducted a Patriot Memorial Service honoring American Indian individuals and tribes that served in the American Revolution during their November Chapter meeting at the National Museum of the American Indian. The chapter commemorated both Veterans Day and National Native American Heritage Month by honoring this major group of forgotten patriots from the Revolution and every American conflict since.

The memorial service honored American Indian patriots and tribes that were formally allied with the patriot cause, and during the service chapter members read aloud the details of their service.

The CJW-KM Chapter found it particularly poignant to recognize the sacrifices of American Indian peoples and patriots, who fought for a country that later reneged on promises of freedom and self-determination.

The recognized American Indian individuals and tribes included:

#A120623	Nancy Ward aka Nanyehi, c 1735-1822, Cherokee Nation
#A201338	John Caylaylamind Killbuck, c 1737-1811, Delaware tribe
Cherokee Nation	Oneida Nation
Stockbridge-Mohican tribe	Wappinger tribe
Passamaquody tribe	Delaware tribe



Nancy Ward—Nanyehi
Cherokee Beloved Woman

While doing a bit of lineage research, Denese Wilson, America 250! North Central Division Vice Chair, noticed something to share. An unknown daughter posted this invitation to DAR on her established Patriot leaf in the Ancestry.com website.

*What a **great idea** to draw attention to Patriots and increase membership!*

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CONSIDER JOINING THE



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THROUGH THIS PROVEN PATRIOT.

GO TO WWW.DAR.ORG
CLICK "JOIN"
AND COMPLETE THE MEMBER INTEREST FORM

*Our members are committed to a
lifetime of community service.*

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Great Ideas from Chapters and States

A Long Distance Gravemarking

Submitted By: Dorothy Semotchko, Regent, Samuel Chase Chapter, MD

The Samuel Chase Chapter marked the grave of John Macon, buried in Columbia, Maury County, Tennessee, April 10, 2019. John Macon was born March 10, 1755 in Granville County, NC. He was a captain with the NC 7th Regiment, received a land warrant for 1100 acres for military service and was paid for providing supplies. Sometime around 1810 he removed to Tennessee where he died February 9, 1828.



Samuel Chase had not placed a marker in many years and never at a location so far from Wicomico County, MD. The National Historian Ginger Trader and her office provided friendly and professional information. Maryland State Historian, Patti Maclay, provided support and insight into the process. An invitation was extended to TN State Regent Charlotte Reynolds and her Officers and several local chapters. State Regent Charlotte Reynolds and 2nd Vice-Regent Emily Robinson graciously accepted our invitation. Regent Reynolds brought greetings from the Tennessee DAR. Tennessee Chapters present were Jane Knox Polk and a direct descendant of John Macon from another TN chapter, Margaret Gaston.

Even indirect descendants of John Macon attended, including a member of the John Marshall Chapter in Kentucky, who is an avid researcher of the Macon Family. The service was conducted in the historic Zion Presbyterian Church. Following the service, all in attendance moved to the cemetery for the marker unveiling. After the unveiling, the chapter hosted a luncheon at a nearby restaurant.

The Samuel Chase Chapter learned many lessons regarding the marking of a patriot's grave and especially about a long-distance marking.

Great Ideas from Chapters and States

Telling Our Patriots' Stories: A Great Example

Submitted By: Valerie King, Utah State Chair, America 250!

Color Country Chapter, Utah, is highlighting Revolutionary War Patriots' stories in their monthly newsletter (two every month since they started this) and also on their public Facebook page (see screen print below). The selection process is pretty simple. First they select a chapter member based on the alpha sorting of the membership directory and then they select one of her patriots from the NSDAR database to specifically highlight. Often times there is very little service info about the selected Revolutionary War Patriot, particularly if he/she was not in a position of leadership (such as a Private serving in a state militia) so they try to tie in other informational facts to create added interest. Approaching it this way takes much more time than filling in a template but they are sharing Revolutionary War history in the process, which they believe is an added benefit.

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Joel Harris (1750-1824) of Virginia served in the Artillery division during the Revolutionary War, serving under Major General Greene. Do you trace back to this family name in Virginia? If the answer is yes, you could be a Daughter of the American Revolution. Please feel free to contact us to learn more!

JOEL HARRIS – Revolutionary War Patriot of Sandy Arnold

This Virginia artillery soldier served under the command of Major General Greene and participated in the Battle of Guilford County Court House.

On March 14, 1781, while encamped in the forks of the Deep River, Lt General Cornwallis was informed that Major General Greene was encamped at the Guilford Court House. With Greene was a body of North Carolina militia plus reinforcements from Virginia, consisting of 3,000 Virginia militia, a Virginia State regiment, a corps of Virginian eighteen-month men, and recruits for the Maryland Line, totaling between 4000-5000 men. Cornwallis decided to give battle, though he had only 1900 men at his disposal, engaging Greene's men on March 15, 1781 on a site which is now in Greensboro, the seat of Guilford, North Carolina. Cornwallis defeated Major General Nathaniel Greene's American army. The British army, however, lost a considerable number of men during the battle (estimates as high as 27%). Such heavy British casualties resulted in a strategic victory for the Americans.

The battle was "the largest and most hotly contested action" in the American Revolution's southern theater, and led to the eventual surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown. Before this famous battle, the British had great success in conquering much of Georgia and South Carolina with the aid of strong Loyalist factions, and thought that North Carolina might be within their grasp. In fact, the British were in the process of heavy recruitment in North Carolina when this battle put an end to their recruiting drive. In the wake of the battle, Greene moved into South Carolina, while Cornwallis chose to march into Virginia and attempt to link up with roughly 3,500 men under British Major General Phillips and American turncoat Benedict Arnold. These decisions allowed Greene to unravel British control of the South, while leading Cornwallis to Yorktown and eventual surrender to General George Washington and Lt. General Comte de Rochambeau.

Patriot Snapshot
Joel Harris
Soldier
Residence: Virginia
Born: Circa 1750, Southampton Co, VA
Died: Arie Feb 1824, Guilford County, NC
Served in the Artillery Division

Nathaniel Greene

Battle of Guilford Courthouse

Great Ideas from Chapters and States

Online Patriot Graves Map

Submitted By: Beth VanDoren Boswell, Virginia, America 250! State Chair

Freedom Hill Chapter in McLean, Virginia created a Patriot Grave Map to inspire chapter members to discover more about their Revolutionary War ancestors as well as those of fellow chapter members. The map is on the Members Only page of the chapter's website and was built using Google Maps. Pins on the map indicate graves and DAR marked graves appear as stars. Additionally, female patriots appear in red and male patriots in blue. By clicking on a pin or star, further information about the Patriot is revealed. Find a Grave URLs are also included. Members are able to discover memorials on Find a Grave, request correction when memorials are incorrect or incomplete, and add new memorials if none exists.

This Patriot Grave Map could also make a wonderful feature on a Public Chapter website, but don't forget: **this would require the chapter website to go through the website review process.**

← Agnes Woodson Morton

Name
Agnes Woodson Morton

Rank
Patriotic Service

Birth - Death
1711 - 1802

Grave Location (Name of Cemetery or Farm or Family Property, etc)
Cool Spring Cemetery

City, State
Keysville, VA

Description of Service
Furnished supplies

State of Service
Virginia

Find a Grave url
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/11295979/agnes-morton>

The map shows various locations across the Eastern United States, including New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina. Pins are placed at locations such as New York, Albany, Philadelphia, Washington, and Keysville, VA. A red pin is specifically placed at Keysville, VA, corresponding to the details in the sidebar.

Great Ideas from Chapters and States

Baltimore Streets & Places Named for Patriots

Submitted By: Carol H. White, Regent, Baltimore Chapter, MD

When the Baltimore Chapter learned of "Our Patriots" America 250!, the members realized that to identify the chapter's "namesake" was rather obvious but not linked to any particular patriot. So, it was decided to look at the street names or place names throughout the city of Baltimore named for Patriots. Along with the names a very brief description of the Patriot for which the place is named.

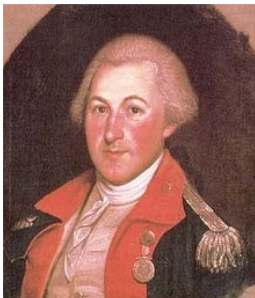
SOME PATRIOT STREET/PLACE NAMES IN MARYLAND



Joshua Barney

#A006521****Barney Street** running east and west about eight blocks on the approaches to Fort McHenry. The seventh of 14 children, Joshua Barney decided early that the sea would be his career. He was appointed sailing master aboard the sloop Hornet, one of the ships in the squadron under Commodore Ezek Hopkins. As a result of his service with Hopkins, Barney was commissioned lieutenant in the fledgling United States Navy – he was 17.

#A021208****Chase Street** – Samuel Chase, Son of Liberty, became a delegate to the Continental Congress, signer of the Declaration of Independence, delegate to the Constitutional Convention



John Eager Howard

#A058062****Howard Street**, John Street, and Eager Street all named for Col. John Eager Howard who became so closely identified with the battle of Eutaw Springs in 1781 that people of Baltimore named Eutaw Street in commemoration. Howard and his men of the Maryland Line used their bayonets at the Cowpens, another crucial win for the Americans. Later he served as a Maryland congressman, and the state's governor. He lived out his life at Belvedere, his estate north of the city. Two other streets, Eutaw and Camden, are named for battles. Belvedere Hotel and Belvedere are named for his estate.



Samuel Chase

#A067795****Lafayette Avenue** (Fayette Street and Lafayette Square) named for the 19 year old Frenchman who joined Washington's forces

#A068703****Lee Street** – Richard Henry Lee whom some historians call "the Father of the Revolution"

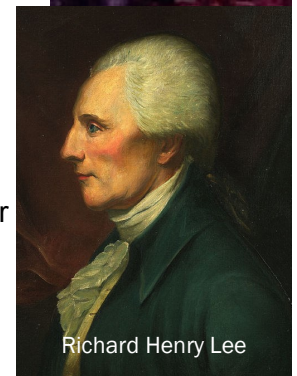


General John Stricker

#A111335****Stricker Street** – General John Stricker was part of the famous Maryland Line and took part in the bloody battle of Long Island. He won a commission and fought at Trenton, at Princeton, at Brandywine and at Monmouth.

#A121599****Warren Avenue** – Joseph Warren, physician and major-general. He died bravely in the trenches of Bunker Hill.

#A121962****Washington Boulevard** (Washington Place, Washington Street, Washington Avenue) named for George Washington – enough said!



Richard Henry Lee



Joseph Warren

Which American Patriots gave names to the streets and places in your hometown?

Great Ideas from Chapters and States

DAR Attention-Getting Tactics

Submitted By: Jane Thomas, North Carolina, America 250! State Chair



James Madison goes to see “Downton Abbey” with Bette Franken during Constitution Week. The Rachel Caldwell chapter in Greensboro, NC created quite a stir as Madison was seen at dozens of places around town.

Thomas: ‘I want to share my love of our country and American history’

During Women’s History Month, the Greensboro News & Record will present an occasional Q&A with interesting women in our community.

Name: Jane Thomas

What I do: I was a social studies teacher, but these days I do any and everything that has to do with patriotism and history. I tell the story of North Carolina’s three signers of the Declaration of Independence at the military park on July 4th, and sometimes I’m Dolley Madison for Dolley Day at the History Museum. I give away lots of flags, and at 2 p.m. on March 29, I will be co-chairing a Vietnam Veteran’s Day ceremony at Wren Miller Park in Jamestown. I have a historybelle.com website with Constitution Week resources and love doing fun things for publicity. I took a six-foot bobblehead of James Madison to buy tickets to see “Downton Abbey” at the Grande Theatre during Constitution Week this year.

Why I do what I do: I grew up with a mother, grandmother, and great aunts who belonged to many lineage organizations and got me involved with the Daughters of the American Revolution at an early age. I’ve just kept it up for the last 59 years because I want to share my love of our country and American history.



Jane Thomas



Jane Addams of Hull House. Since then.

Great Ideas from Chapters and States

Virtual Scavenger Hunt ~ Summer Hiatus Contest

Submitted By: Rae Anna Victor, Washington, America 250! State Chair



The top three winners of the summer-long virtual scavenger hunt display their prizes: third prize winner of a pewter plate with a Revolutionary War motif, a mouse pad featuring the Liberty Bell, patriotic scrapbook album, a special numbered edition plate featuring the “Star Spangled Banner,” and other patriotic depictions.

The Ann Washington Chapter in Mount Vernon, WA, created a free, fun, patriotic contest for members and potential members to play over the summer. It was designed for active folks, shut-ins, and members spending the summer out of town. First, second, and third prizes, provided by a donor with nothing taken out of the chapter treasury, will be awarded at the September meeting. The idea was to engage not only DAR members during the summer hiatus, but children, teens, the community at large, and even vacationing members and area tourists. They called it a **Virtual** (key word!) **Scavenger Hunt**. Deadline was Labor Day.

All that was required was submitting a photograph doing or finding any items from the list below. Each was worth one point, but participants were awarded an extra point if they were in the photo too. Five bonus points were awarded if participants submitted a name and email address of a potential member. Entries started appearing within hours of announcing the contest, with congenial one-upmanship.

Here’s the list of things they were asked to photograph:

- Someone saluting the flag in public (great idea for a child in your life!)
- Any Revolutionary War related item...grave marker, rifle, visit to a site, statue, DAR house, etc.
- A painting, mural or other artwork of a founding father
- Any marquee, program, etc, of a Revolutionary War movie, play, music program, cultural event, etc. (E.g. “Hamilton”)
- Photo of someone singing the national anthem at a ball game, or other venue; may even be taken from a TV screen
- Any child 17 or under doing anything related to learning about the Revolutionary War...reading a book, e.g.
- Doing a jigsaw puzzle of something representative of Revolutionary War time (flag, founding father, fife and drum corps, battle scene, etc.)
- Teaching a child anything about our founding fathers (super easy - even use a \$1 or \$10 bill)
- Fourth of July activities, parades etc, how you decorated your home for the 4th
- Photo(s) flying the flag from your home or business
- Saying the pledge of allegiance in a public place (Kiwanis meeting, e.g.)
- Reading a book having anything to do with the American Revolution (children’s books count too)
- Any veteran or active military related activity

Contest organizers also allowed submissions of any other activities that the participant thought was appropriate, and the judging committee determined if it counts — and most did. As anticipated, there were a plethora of entries around Independence Day. Prizes were awarded at the fall kickoff meeting, including an unexpected fourth prize entitled “The Photobomb Award.” The members really got into it and enjoyed the challenge.

Great Ideas from Chapters and States

Smithsonian Partners in North Carolina

Submitted By: Jane Thomas, North Carolina, America 250! State Chair

When the Greensboro History Museum decided to have the Project Democracy 2020 traveling exhibition from the Smithsonian, they wanted to intertwine North Carolina history with the Smithsonian's timeline. The Revolutionary War section would actually be one of the first things on view when you entered the exhibit, and the Guilford Battle and Rachel Caldwell Chapter members did the research necessary to tell the stories being featured.

Women's Experiences During and After the Revolution
Stories from Guilford County War Pensions

Three stories from Revolutionary War pension files illustrate women's experiences during the fight for democracy and its aftermath. The files were compiled to support applications for pension funds promised to soldiers who fought for American independence. In 2017 researchers from the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) chapters in Guilford County reviewed all pension records associated with the Battle of Guilford Courthouse. There were thousands of records, many offering previously unknown perspectives on the war.

<p>Ellen Webb</p> <p>Ellen Webb followed her husband during his service in General Greene's Southern Army. She and other camp followers would assist with laundry, caring for the wounded and other important tasks. Her statement was recorded in 1844.</p>	<p>Lydia Ray</p> <p>Lord Cornwallis's forces quartered in Lydia Ray's family home near Hillsborough in early 1781. (The Founders outlawed the quartering of soldiers in the Third Amendment in the Bill of Rights.) She applied to claim a widow's pension in 1837.</p>	<p>Miley Caper</p> <p>In 1849, Miley Capers, an enslaved woman, appealed for her husband's pension – he had been a drummer in the Southern Army – and her own freedom.</p>
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**Research and Development of
The Battle of Guilford Courthouse Pension Records by:
The Guilford Battle And Rachel Caldwell Chapters of the
Daughters of the American Revolution**
Special Thanks to Jane Thomas, Lisa Bauman, and Deborah Baisley

Produced by Greensboro History Museum

Because they had done all this pension work, they were asked to help tell the story of three of the ladies that had been found. Visitors could choose which they wanted to see from the three descriptions on the screen.

Jane Thomas wrote the script for Lydia Ray, and her story revealed that she had recently lost her husband, was expecting her fifth child, and had Hessian soldiers assigned to guard her house. Meanwhile, the soldiers stole everything of value and left her only one milk cow. They were not thinking of her needs when they left the cow as it was the only one of 15 original cows they couldn't catch! The second screen was the same for all three videos except they included the names of the different actresses at the top. The exhibit ran from December 7 - March 29, however all of the new North Carolina additions to the exhibit will remain on view in the Museum.

Great Ideas from Chapters and States

New York Celebrates & Recognizes Women!

Submitted By: Kari Weis, America 250! New York State Chair

Chapters are spreading the word and honoring our Revolutionary Patriots, by recognizing the women!

The Melzingah Chapter of Beacon, NY, held a grave marking ceremony at the Rombout Rural Cemetery in Fishkill, NY to commemorate the life of Merriam Swim Haight, wife of Revolutionary War Patriot, Captain John Haight. In attendance were chapter members and descendants of the Haight, along with Boy Scout Troop 145 who presented and retired the colors.



The Polly Cooper Chapter of Chappaqua, NY, posted a video on Facebook that garnered over a thousand views in one week and 13 shares – a record number of views and shares for the two-and-a-half-year-old chapter. The video featured a variety of female patriots in honor of women’s history month.



DAR Female Patriots

Polly Cooper Chapter, NSDAR about a week ago · Chappaqua, NY · 🌐

Did you know there are currently over 875 women currently recognized for their services during the American Revolution by Daughters of the American Revolution National Headquarters? To honor your female Patriot, contact us at info@pollycooperdar.org. #NationalWomensHistoryMonth #todaysdar #fourpatriots #PCCPatriots

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Honoring and Celebrating Patriots

Our Patriots Activities in Virginia

Submitted By: Beth VanDoren Boswell, Virginia State Chair, America 250!

Peaks of Otter Chapter, VA, raised the visibility of our Patriots in several ways.

Members dedicated an archival cabinet that they donated to Bedford Circuit Court. The Circuit Court Clerk and the craftsman of the cabinet were also in attendance with chapter members at the ceremony. The chapter fully funded this handmade archival cabinet that is now used to display local historical documents, including land grants signed by Thomas Jefferson and Patrick Henry. Exhibits change on a monthly basis, with a Peaks of Otter chapter officer choosing records and including explanatory write ups and biographical information about the subjects.



Peaks of Otter Chapter also completed a clean-up project of the overgrown Thomas/ Oney Cemetery in Bedford County, Virginia. This is a large cemetery (about 60' x 150') and several members, along with their husbands, worked together to cut down trees, and chop through briars and weeds. Once removed, the gravestone of Patriot William Thomas was again revealed. Another clean-up is scheduled to occur in the next couple of months.

The Chapter also held a memorial service for Bedford area Revolutionary War Patriots. A call to remembrance was read by the Chaplain and members read brief biographies of their ancestors. Members brought in family heirlooms, if available, which represented their ancestors.

Honoring and Celebrating Patriots

Saluting Our Women Patriots

Submitted By: Patty Marsh Mitchell of Texarkana Chapter, Arkansas

At the time of the American Revolution, Mary Gaston McClure was an elderly widow of some 15 or 20 years, the mother of seven adult children - four sons and three daughters.

Mrs. McClure had a fearless spirit, doing all she could to urge everyone to take up arms and sending forth her sons, sons-in-law and neighbors in the cause of freedom. All four of her sons fought the battles of liberty on every field.

Mrs. McClure's son, James, and son-in-law, Ned Martin, returned from Sumpter's Camp at Clem's Branch on the edge of Lancaster District, SC, and were melting Mrs. McClure's pewter dishes to make bullets for the American cause when Captain Huck and his band of Redcoats and Tories came burning and pillaging the countryside and took the young men captive.

When Huck attempted to burn her family bible, Mrs. McClure snatched it from the fire, and Huck struck her with the flat of his sword. The soldiers set fire to the house, but Mrs. McClure extinguished the flames and managed to save some gold coins hidden previously by stooping down feigning an injury and covering the coins with her foot. Mrs. McClure dispatched her daughter, Mary, to Sumpter's camp to alert Mrs. McClure's son, Captain John McClure. Captain McClure and John Bratton led their companies of York and Chester men thirty miles to attack and rout the British, rescuing the young men.

The aforementioned son, Captain John McClure, fought bravely at Hanging Rock and Rocky Mount, but was stricken down and died of his wounds at Charlotte, attended by his brave mother. Mrs. McClure's son, Hugh, suffered grave injuries and was crippled for life. Her eldest son, William, entered the army as a surgeon and was taken prisoner at the surrender of Charleston.

Mary lived until the age of 89 or 90 and is buried in the Burnt Meeting House Church Cemetery in Chester County, South Carolina.



Mary Gaston McClure

#A075312

Patriotic Service: South Carolina

Residence: Chester Co, SC

Born: 1712, Count Antrim, Northern Ireland

Died: 5 Feb 1802, Chester County, SC

Honoring and Celebrating Patriots

From Vermont to Kansas—A Surprising Family Connection

Submitted By: Laura Renfro, Kansas State Chair, America 250!

Kathy Dzewaltowski, Polly Ogden Chapter, KS, found a really interesting family tie from her Vermont Patriot to her Kansas hometown while doing research at the Manhattan KS Historical Society.

Jonathan Fassett, Ancestor #A039235. Revolutionary War ancestor of Kathy Dzewaltowski
Jonathan Fassett was born May 7, 1745, in Middlesex Co., Massachusetts.
The Fassett family relocated to Vermont in 1761.

In the fall of 1776, Jonathan Fassett received a commission as a captain to raise a company of Green Mountain Boys for the defense of the frontier settlements in Vermont. Captain Fassett and his company were sent to Jericho, VT, which was remote and somewhat exposed to the enemy in Canada. The men felt they had been sent to put their lives in danger to guard wheat to satisfy the interests of wheat speculators. A scout reported seeing 500-600 Native Americans, who were British allies, only a few miles away. Surrounded by the enemy, one account indicates the men believed the commanding general was not aware of the seriousness of the situation, and the enlisted men wanted to mutiny. The mutinous troops met with Capt. Fassett and the other officers, asking the officers to order the men to march south, and if the officers refused, the men planned to leave and return to their homes anyway. The officers agreed to the terms of the mutinous troops, believing they were in a weakened position and would be unable to defend their post without men, i.e. they were officers without soldiers.

When the men returned to their headquarters at Ticonderoga, the officers were court-martialed for desertion and stripped of their commissions, and the enlisted men received corporal punishment. A year later, the commander of the Northern Department reversed the sentences.

Fassett seemed to have survived this episode and was so well-liked that he was elected to four terms in pre-statehood Vermont's General Assembly. But, not long after he was elected to his fourth term, he found himself embroiled in turmoil again. In the mid-1780s, Vermont farmers were in debt. They had borrowed in order to purchase land, but depressed crop prices meant they were unable to pay their bills. Creditors and landlords took the indebted farmers to court and moved to foreclose on their lands to pay off their debts. Vermont was also dealing with a quagmire of land title squabbles, with poor recordkeeping leading to confusion about land ownership and endless court cases. Understandably, farmers were frustrated with the treatment they received in court, and an angry mob of farmers took over and occupied a courthouse in an effort to block court proceedings.

One of the mob's leaders was Fassett, whom the farmers had appealed to for help as their representative in the Assembly. As a result, Rep. Fassett was expelled from the Assembly for "seditious speeches" in support of the regulators. One of Fassett's outspoken opponents was a young attorney named Isaac Tichenor, who believed in a strict interpretation of the law and no relief for the farmers' debts. Tichenor would go on to have an extensive political career, including serving as Vermont's governor. He would have been a well-known person when he served as the namesake for Isaac Tichenor Goodnow – early Riley County settler, founder of Bluemont College, and abolitionist – who was born in Vermont in 1814.



Kathy Dzewaltowski, Polly Ogden Chapter, Manhattan, KS found her Vermont ancestor in the Kansas town's history.

Honoring and Celebrating Patriots

Port Tobacco Chapter in Maryland Claims Seven Patriots!

Submitted By: Joyce Timmons Edelen, Regent

Patriots of Charles County
Sons of Maryland who contributed to the liberties we enjoy today

John Hanson (1724-1795)
 • Maryland Assembly: 1775-1782
 • Continental Congress: 1776-1781
 • First President of the United States under the Articles of Confederation: 1781-1782

Thomas Stone (1743-1787)
 • Committee of Correspondence: 1773
 • Continental Congress: 1775-1776, 1784-1793
 • Maryland Signer of the Declaration of Independence: August 2, 1776
 • Maryland Lower House: 1780
 • Maryland Senate: 1781-1786

Benjamin Stoddard (1751-1815)
 • Pennsylvania Continental Regiment Captain: 1777
 • Board of War Secretary: 1779-1781
 • Maryland Senate: 1786-1794
 • First Secretary of the Navy: 1798-1801
 • Prominent merchant in Georgetown

Washington's Doctors
 Both Dr. James Craik and Dr. Gustavus Richard Brown were present at the death of George Washington at Mount Vernon on December 14, 1799.

General William Smallwood (1742-1792)
 • Maryland Lower House: 1761
 • Maryland Non-Importation Association: 1769
 • Charles County Association of Freemen: 1774
 • Committee of Correspondence: 1774
 • Colonel of the 1st Maryland Regiment of the Continental Soldiers in the American Revolution: July 1776
 • Major General of the Maryland Continental Line: 1780
 • Maryland Society of the Cincinnati President-General: 1783
 • Fourth Governor of Maryland: 1785-1788
 • Maryland Senate President: 1781

Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer (1729-1793)
 • Maryland Lower House: 1756
 • Provincial Court Justice: 1760-1773
 • Maryland Council of Safety President: 1775, 1776 and 1777
 • Maryland Senate: 1776-1781
 • Maryland Senate President: 1777-1780
 • Continental Congress: 1778-1782
 • Maryland Signer of the United States Constitution: 1787

Dr. James Craik (1742-1818)
 • Physician and Surgeon-General of the Army: 1780
 • Physician General of the United States Army: 1788-1800

Dr. Gustavus Richard Brown (1747-1804)
 • Provincial Council of Maryland: 1774
 • Committee of Correspondence: 1774
 • Charles County Judge: 1776-1777
 • Constitutional Convention of Maryland: 1778

DAR Recorded service of these Charles County Patriots

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| #A051286 | John Hanson | Patriotic Service, Took oath of Allegiance and Fidelity |
| #A110323 | Thomas Stone | Signer of the Declaration of Independence |
| #A109685 | Benjamin Stoddard | Patriotic Service; Captain, Hartley's Cont'l Regt; Secretary, Board of War |
| #A105555 | General William Smallwood | Patriotic Service, Took oath of Allegiance |
| #A062022 | Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer | Physician or Surgeon |
| #A027292 | Dr. James Craik | Staff Officer, Chief Physician and Surgeon of the Army, 1781 |
| #A015443 | Dr. Gustavus Richard Brown | Patriotic Service, Physician or Surgeon, & Member Council of Safety |

NOTE: Be certain that chapter reports of Our Patriots are supported by DAR verified records

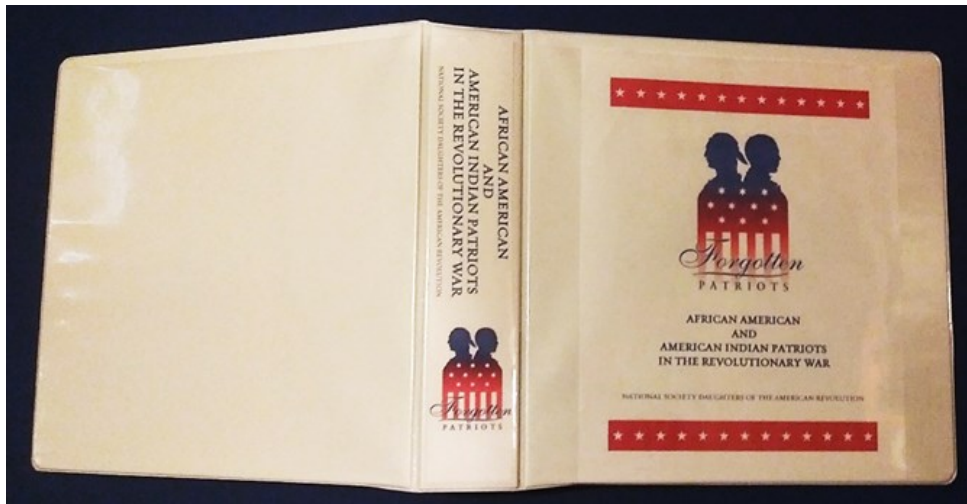
Honoring and Celebrating Patriots

Forgotten Patriots—African American & American Indian Patriots

Submitted By: Sharon Kemper Suarez, Carrollton Manor Chapter, MD, Regent

The Carrollton Manor Chapter has enjoyed a relationship with the African American Resources Cultural Heritage Society (AARCH) since April 2015, when the chapter hosted a symposium to celebrate the publication of our research book entitled: “The Forgotten: The Middletown African Methodist Episcopal Cemetery.” The symposium, “African-American Research and Preservation” included presentations by Tony Cohen of the Menare Foundation, local historians, Hood College professors, and members of AARCH.

Shortly thereafter, Carrollton Manor was invited to attend Family Heritage Days at the local Church of the Latter Day Saints, which was sponsored by AARCH, and, again, the Carrollton Manor Chapter took information about African American research to share with the African American community. Communication between the two organizations continued to grow, and in 2017 Carrollton Manor nominated David Key, President of AARCH, for the DAR Community Service Award, in recognition of his work in identifying, collecting and preserving the history of African American culture in Frederick County, Maryland. Mr. Key was subsequently awarded 2nd place for his community service at the MSSDAR State Conference during the Larkin Administration.



When the Chapter saw that NSDAR made available as a free PDF download "**Forgotten Patriots - African American and American Indian Patriots in the Revolutionary War: A guide to Service, Sources and Studies,**" member Elizabeth Deering downloaded a copy for the Chapter's use and arranged for it to be printed. In August of 2019, Regent Sharon Kemper Suarez added the **Forgotten Patriots Supplement 2008-2011** to the Chapter's copy of the guide, and she presented the Chapter's bound copy of both the guide and its supplement to AARCH at Heritage Day on September 21, 2019.

It is Carrollton Manor's goal to continue to deepen our relationship with AARCH by working together to preserve the cultural history of African Americans in Frederick County, Maryland, and to provide and share important materials that assist in African American research. It is their hope that this information can help with AARCH's mission, and that the guide and its supplement will be a testament to NSDAR's ongoing commitment to identify Forgotten Patriots and of NSDAR's hope that daughters of Forgotten Patriots will apply for membership in DAR.

Honoring and Celebrating Patriots

Genesee Chapter Celebrates Patriot of Special Member

Submitted By: Alice Peterie, Michigan, America 250! State Chair

On Thursday, November 5th, a special “One on One” Service was held for 97-year-old Marian Becker, who is one of DAR of Michigan and Genesee Chapter’s oldest members. Marian resides in Wellbridge Nursing Home in Fenton, Michigan. Her Revolutionary War Patriot is Pvt. Cyprian Parrish, who at the age of 13-years-old served in New York.

Marian was visited by Lewis Cass C.A.R. Society four-year old member Layla Franck. Layla assisted her “Mee Mee”, Margie Neal, who is Senior Leader Chaplain of Lewis Cass Society and Genesee Chapter Chaplain. Marian was presented with a “Pvt. Cyprian Parrish Patriot Card” made by Chaplain Neal, an American flag and candy by Layla. Also, flowers were sent to her from America 250! Chair, Alice Peterie.



Ho! Ho! Ho! Patriot Christmas Cards

Submitted by: Anita Sheard, Nevada State Chair America 250!

Red Rock Canyon Chapter, NV, found a special way to learn about each member’s Revolutionary Ancestor - they made Christmas cards honoring their Patriots. Every card was fun, informative and memorable.



Vice Regent Montyne Connolly displays her card, which she shares with her sister, Chapter Historian Gerri Barker. Their card, featured information on their Patriot, Conrad Barnhart who was a Private 1st Class in the Revolutionary War.

Sherry Cravens is holding her Christmas card featuring information about where her ancestor, Joseph Cornish, lived. He was a Private in the Revolution in Connecticut. He is also the Patriot of Sherry’s sister, Nevada State Regent Terry Rubenstein.



Honoring and Celebrating Patriots

Mississippi Founders Cemetery Dedication

Submitted By: Michele Lee, Mississippi America 250! State Chair



Founders Cemetery in Tylertown, Mississippi, is located on land acquired by early settler Joseph Thornhill (c. 1765-1850). Joseph traveled to the Mississippi Territory in 1811 with his father, William, and his two brothers William and Robert from the Beaufort District, South Carolina. The cemetery land is a portion of the 160-acre tract that Joseph bought on September 20, 1816. Subsequently, this land was owned by Cullen Conerly as early as 1839, and later owned by Ephraim Rushing. Founders became a burial ground for early residents of Conerly, later named Tylertown. Those buried at Founders were yeoman farmers, merchants, millers, and teachers; veterans of the Revolutionary War, War of 1812, and Civil War rest here. Burials ceased in 1919.

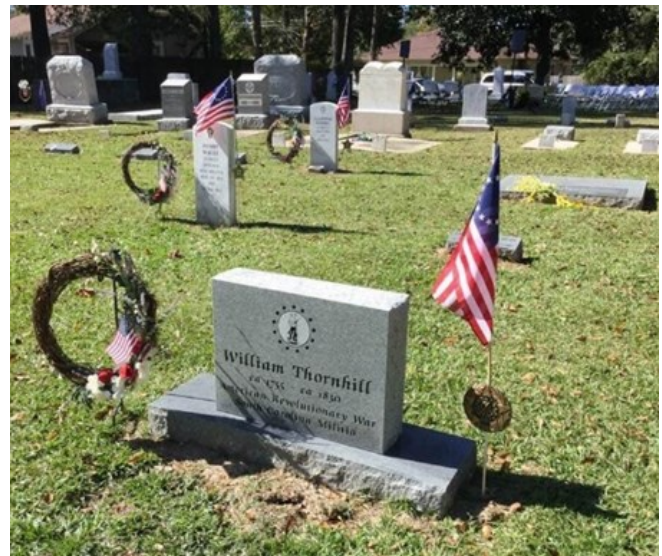
The Judith Robinson Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution restored Founders Cemetery in 2018-2019. The Historical Preservation Committee, led by Chair Sylvia Johnson and assistant Janice Brock, began the restoration of Founders Cemetery in 2018. They began their project with a fund-raising drive, sending out letters and making presentations to various organizations. As a result of this drive, many generous donations were obtained from individuals, organizations, and local businesses totaling over \$10,000. These funds have allowed

the committee members to transform the historical Founders Cemetery from an abandoned, dilapidated graveyard into an aesthetically pleasing and historically accurate monument to the founders of Tylertown.

The restoration project made the following improvements and additions to the cemetery:

- ◆ Existing monuments were leveled, repaired, and cleaned.
- ◆ Forty-four (44) markers were provided for unmarked graves of children and adults.
- ◆ A chart was prepared with a diagram of the location of the graves.
- ◆ The committee applied for and was granted a State Historical Marker by the Mississippi Department of Archives and History.
- ◆ Four sets of two concrete benches, each placed on a patio-styled stone base, were placed.

The Judith Robinson Chapter held a cemetery tour October 5, 2019, which presented the life stories of several noted individuals buried in the cemetery, particularly American Revolutionary War Patriot William Thornhill (DAR #A114771). The chapter dedicated Founders Cemetery November 9, 2019. Over 80 people attended, including MSSDAR officers Priscilla Harper, Beth Herring and Mary Willard.



Honoring and Celebrating Patriots

Recognizing West Virginia's Revolutionary War Patriots

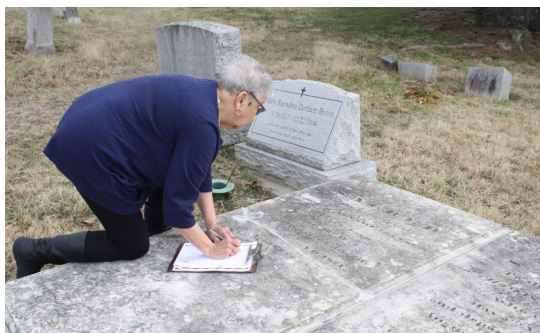
Submitted By: Mary E. Johnson, West Virginia State Historian & America 250! State Chair

West Virginia State Regent Cheryl Brown has chosen as one of her three state projects an exciting undertaking that is a perfect fit for the work of the America 250! Committee and recognition of "Our Patriots"— compilation and publication of information on the Revolutionary War patriots buried in West Virginia. More than 2,000 Revolutionary War patriots accepted by NSDAR died in what is now West Virginia. An unknown number of as yet unproven patriots also lived and are buried in the Mountain State. While many of our Revolutionary War patriots rest in unidentified graves, hundreds of others either have gravestones or markers or have burial sites that have been located.



In the West Virginia project, cemetery or other burial location, town, county, and GPS coordinates are requested, as is information on whether there is a DAR/SAR marker and/or gravestone. In addition to burial facts, the final publication will contain brief service and biographical data. The form being used seeks details about date and place of birth, date of death, spouse(s), military, patriotic, or civil service during the Revolutionary War period, whether the patriot received a pension or bounty land warrant, whether the patriot is in the DAR Genealogical Research System and, if so, the ancestor number. There is a place on the form for other noteworthy biographical information. Importantly, the form asks for sources for the burial, biographical, and service information included.

The state regent's project was announced at district meetings in July and August 2019. Responsibility for ensuring that the work on patriot burials in each of West Virginia's 55 counties is completed has been divided among the five districts. Chapters have divided up counties where there was more than one chapter in a county in order to avoid duplication of effort. Several chapters are gathering lists of known patriot graves in their county or counties, using cemetery books, Find-a-Grave, and other resources, and visiting cemeteries when weather permits. Since locating a grave is only part of the work, members are finding that it takes time to research and fill in other sections of the form on each patriot. Complicating research is the fact that the vast majority of patriots were born elsewhere, settled in western Virginia at some point before or after the American Revolution, and lived in several different counties—some without ever having moved an inch! They died and were buried in a county that may or may not be the



same county today. When noting that she had a list of several hundred names of Revolutionary War patriots supposedly from her county, one woman sighed, but which ones are from the county as it is now?

The road may not always be easily, but once the work is done, the WVDAR expects to have a product that will benefit the society, local chapters, and the descendants of West Virginia's Revolutionary War patriots. First, however, the next two years will be very busy for West Virginia daughters!

Honoring and Celebrating Patriots

Twickenham Town Chapter Honors Two Patriots

Submitted by Connie Grund, Alabama America 250! Chair

The Twickenham Town Chapter located in Huntsville, Alabama recently honored and commemorated the graves of two Revolutionary War Patriots and their wives at the newly refurbished Harris Hill Cemetery. The cemetery was cleaned and beautiful new fencing was added around the graves to protect the graves, stones and markers, which was organized by Honorary Chapter Regent, Penny Summers. Cynthia Sackett, current chapter regent, led the wreath laying ceremony with participation from the Alabama Society Sons of the American Revolution and the Alabama Society Children of the American Revolution. The graves are Francis Epps Harris and his wife, Ann Macon Harris and the graves of Peter Efford Bentley and his wife, Elizabeth Gay Bentley.

There were many chapter members and Alabama Society DAR members in attendance including First Vice Regent, Patrice Donnelly, and the special guests who were descendants of the two Revolutionary War Patriots.

Pictured right are the Revolutionary War Patriot graves circled by the new fence and a gathering of the patriot's family descendants.

Pictured below are the Alabama Society Sons of the America Revolution with Twickenham Town Chapter Regent, Cynthia Sackett at the Revolutionary War Patriot graves.



Patriot Stories from Chapters and States

Uriah Gregory

#A047887

Private, Sergeant, Corporal, CT & NY

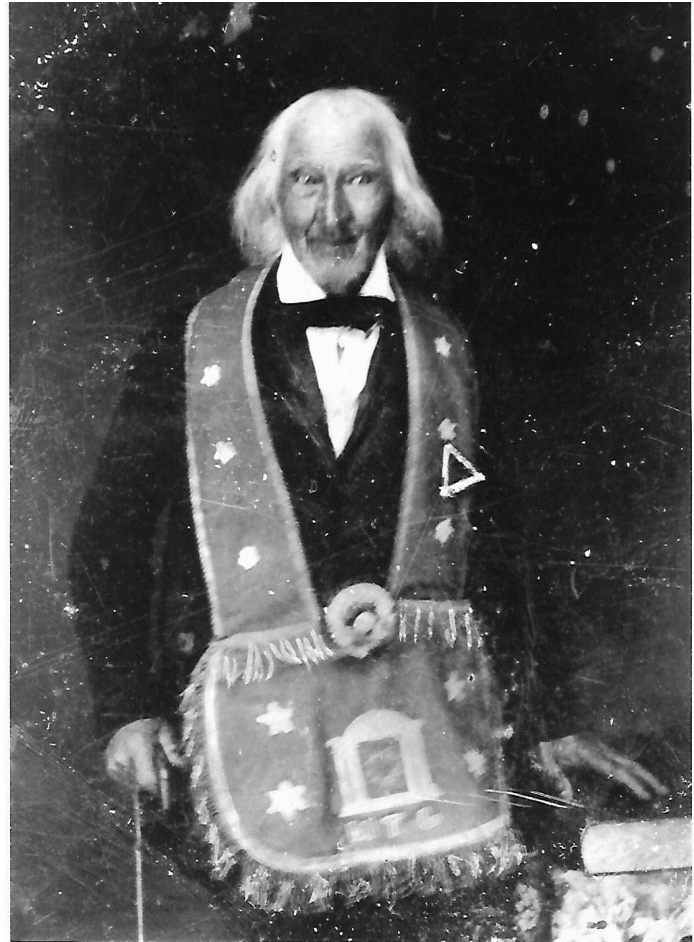
Residence: Redding, Fairfield Co, CT,
Stillwater & Ballston, Albany Co, NY

Born: 21 Mar 1754, Norwalk,
Fairfield Co, CT

Married: 3 Feb 1778 to Tamor Rowland

Died: 2 Oct 1844, Ballston,
Saratoga Co, NY

This photo of Uriah Gregory, age 90, was taken shortly before his death in 1844. Eleven DAR members trace their lineage to him. Cpl. Gregory first enlisted in the Connecticut Militia in 1776, and served as either a private, sergeant, or corporal in various militias in both Connecticut and New York over the course of the Revolutionary War. He received a military pension in 1835.



Submitted by Cynthia Parnell, Reporter General, Belle Passi Chapter, OR

REMINDER:

Chapters are cautioned to be certain that all information published about the Patriot and his/her family has been verified by the NSDAR Genealogy department and is not currently from a closed line. **It is very important that the chapter registrar reviews and approves the content of the Patriot information before it is published by the chapter.**

Whether submitting articles for the public, for chapter use, or for an article in this newsletter, be sure that all names, dates, and places are the same as found in the GRS. All Patriot data cited must be for a DAR proven Patriot, the Ancestor number must be included in the article, and names, dates and places must be cited as verified on the most recent application or supplemental. No articles will be published in the *Patriot Post* if they are not in compliance with these standards. DAR genealogical standards should be applied to all publications.

Under no circumstances shall DAR national member numbers or Genealogical Research System information be shared with the public. This is NSDAR proprietary information.

Thank you!

Patriot Stories from Chapters and States



Margaret Dozier Strozier

#A111821

Patriotic Service: Georgia

Residence: Wilkes Co, GA

and South Carolina

Born: 18 Sep 1740, North Carolina

Married: in Oct 1758 to Peter Strozier

Died: p 1 Feb 1842,

Meriwether Co, GA

Proven Children: John, Hester, Elizabeth,
Mary, Reuben, Barbara and Margaret

If you were 99 years old and had lived a hard life, would you ride a mule 100 miles across Georgia? Enduring bad weather and sleeping wherever the setting sun caught you? Margaret Dozier Strozier did just that. In the Revolutionary records in the National Archives, you can find the story of this remarkable woman told in her own words.

Margaret and her husband, Peter, came from North Carolina to settle on Kettle Creek in Georgia. When the Revolution broke out, Peter volunteered to serve with Elijah Clark, leaving Margaret at home with their seven children. In 1781, the Tories burned her house and destroyed everything of value. Taking her children with her, Margaret walked across South Carolina—"half-starving, half-begging, half-freezing." She joined Peter near King's Mountain. After the war, they returned home. Peter died in 1807 of "bilious fever."

Margaret went to live with Peter, Jr., but she and her daughter-in-law did not get along and Peter told her that she could either live in peace with his wife or go to live with another son, Reuben. She chose Reuben and made the long mule trip.



In 1837, Congress passed a law providing pensions for widows of Revolutionary soldiers. When Margaret appeared before the Ordinary to claim her pension, no one was living who could attest the validity of her claim. Elijah Clark had not given any written discharges. But Margaret's mind was so clear—even though she was one hundred and one plus—and her stories of Tory atrocities so real, the Ordinary made application for her.

It is unknown whether she ever received any money for she died a few months later.

Patriot Stories from Chapters and States

Manasseh Cutler

#A029176

Staff Officer, Chaplain: Massachusetts

Residence: Ipswich, Essex Co, MA

Born: 13 May 1742, Killingly,
Windham Co, MA

Married: 8 Oct 1766 to Mary Balch

Died: 28 Jul 1823, Hamilton,
Essex Co, MA

Proven Children: Ephraim, Gervis,
Elizabeth and Mary



For sixty years the North Manchester, Indiana, DAR chapter honored Manasseh Cutler of Massachusetts, as their namesake. The chapter was organized in 1939, the year of the Celebration of the Sesquicentennial of the Ordinance of 1787 and the settlement of the Northwest Territory. It was an opportune time for a state in the Northwest Territory to honor the Reverend Dr. Cutler who was influential in negotiating with Congress for the purchase of the Northwest Territory. It seemed altogether fitting that the chapter be named for him. This chapter was the 106th chapter to be organized in the state of Indiana.

Manasseh Cutler was born in Massachusetts, educated at Yale, became a teacher, a merchant, occasionally appeared in court as a lawyer, became a minister, and trained in medicine. During the American Revolution he served as chaplain to the 11th Massachusetts Regiment. In 1782, he established a private boarding school, directing it for nearly a quarter of a century.

In 1786, Cutler became interested in the settlement of western lands by American pioneers to the Northwest Territory. He became the agent of the Ohio Company of Associates that he had been involved in creating. He organized a contract with

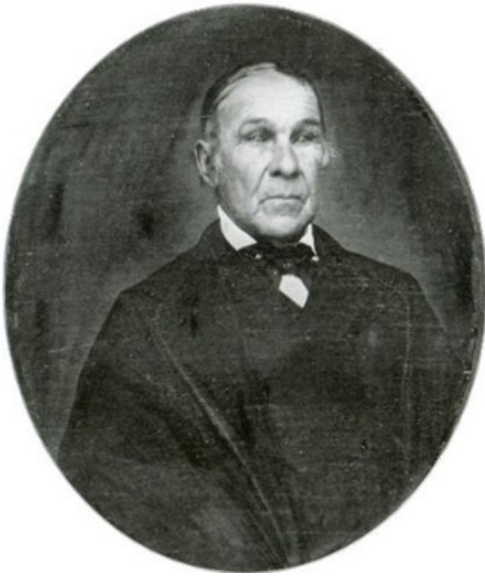
Congress whereby his associates, former soldiers of the Revolutionary War, might purchase one and a half million acres of land at the mouth of the Muskingum River, now Marietta, Ohio, with their Certificates of Indebtedness.

Cutler was also a member of the United States House of Representatives. He is considered a founder of Ohio University and the National Historic Landmark Cutler Hall on that campus is named in his honor.



Manasseh Cutler's church and parsonage at Ipswich, MA, from which the first company started for Ohio, 3 Dec 1787

Patriot Stories from Chapters and States



John Adams

#A000588

Sergeant, Lieutenant, MA

Residence: Ashburnham, Worcester Co, MA

Born: 21 Jan 1744, Worcester,
Worcester Co, MA

Married: 1) 9 Jul 1771 to Joanna Munroe
2) Lucy Simonds Munroe

Died: 26 Feb 1849, Harford Twp,
Susquehanna Co, PA

Proven Children: John, James, Levi, & Jonas Russell

John Adams was the son of Captain Thomas Adams and Lydia Chadwick. In 1768, Thomas Adams sold 100 acres of his Cambridge Grant, in Ashburnham, to John. John spent the better part of the next two years clearing the land. He married Joanna Locke Munroe in Lexington, MA. The couple had nine children. John Adams was to live in his Ashburnham house for over seventy years.

Joanna was the sister of Lieutenant Ebenezer Munroe, who was best known as the man who fired the first shot – known as the shot heard around the world – in the American Revolutionary War. As the story goes, the rag tag group of 70 Americans were standing on the Lexington Green when a group of 700 British soldiers appeared with the drums beating and muskets loaded. The British yelled to the Americans, “Disperse you damn rebels, disperse.” Speaking for the Minutemen, Captain Jonas Parker cried, “Steady now hold steady.” The British began to fire and the Minutemen began to fall. When others ran to safety, Ebenezer, who had been wounded in the elbow, stood his ground and said, “I’ll give them the guts of my gun,” and with that, shot the first shot from the American side.

John marched from Ashburnham, on April 20, 1775, in response to the alarm of April 19. He was with Captain Deliverance Davis’ in Colonel Asa Whitcomb’s Regiment of militia men. As a 1st Lieutenant, John Adams was with Captain Francis Lane’s Company in Colonel Rand’s 8th Worcester Company Regiment. He was commissioned on July 6, 1780.

Lieutenant Adams never asked for a pension for his service. He said, “I risked my life for my country because I believe in freedom, and I do not want any pay for it.” He also refused to allow his name to be listed with other veterans' names in the 1840 Federal Census, stating that he did not want any praise or any favors.

When he was 94 years old, in 1839, he made his first journey to Harford, Susquehanna County, PA. He came, alone, and drove a horse and light wagon, to visit his three sons who were living there. He was impressed with the area and with prospects for his vocation that of a shoemaker he was anxious to assist his sons, who were also tanners and shoemakers. He shortly moved to Harford living with his son James and entirely supported himself for the next ten years.

According to the *History of Ashburnham*, John Adams was a man of unusual vigor of body. He lived to the advanced age of 104-years, one month, and four days. He was a man of superior mental endowment as witnessed by the record of a prolonged and useful life.

John was frequently elected assessor and selectman, and in other municipal affairs he was much employed. In an unusual degree, he commanded the respect and good will of his townsmen.

On his 104th birthday, he made a pair of shoes in one day. The child’s boots he made are in the Montrose Historical Society display case. He was buried in the Mountain View Cemetery in Brooklyn Township, PA.

Submitted by Rae Anna Victor, Washington, America 250! State Chair
Patriot of Diana Adams Heimerdinger, Jonas Babcock Chapter, WA

Patriot Stories from Chapters and States

Samuel Birge

#A010390

Private, PA Militia

Residence: Fermanagh Twp,
Cumberland Co, PA

Born: 21 Aug 1756, Middletown,
Monmouth Co, NJ

Married: (1) to Nancy McCartney,
(2) Agnes Ann Johnson

Died: ante 21 Nov 1844, Roann,
Wabash Co, IN

Proven Children: Johnson McCartney
and Samuel



Frances Slocum Chapter, NSDAR, honored Samuel Burdge at his grave in Wabash County, IN on 8 Oct 2019.

On October 8, 2019, the Frances Slocum Chapter, INDAR honored Samuel Burdge with a memorial service at the Stockdale (Burdge) Cemetery, Paw Paw Township, Roann, Indiana. Samuel Burdge is the only known American Revolutionary War veteran buried in Wabash County. The occasion for the memorial service was the 175th anniversary of Samuel's death in November 1844. The American flag and a wreath were placed in remembrance of his sacrifices.

In the fall of 1780, 24-year old Samuel served as a private in the Cumberland County Militia of Pennsylvania in the War for Independence. The volunteers of Pennsylvania were divided into eight equal classes. These classes were an effective device for rotating service and establishing quotas. As the need for men arose, each class was in its turn called for a two-month tour of active duty. This class system made

it possible to call troops in such numbers as were needed without depriving any particular district of its entire labor and protective force.

Samuel stayed in Pennsylvania for many years after the war. We know he was married twice, but the date of his marriage to Nancy (Elizabeth) McCartney is a bit murky; they had as many as seven children. In 1814, Samuel (58) married this second wife Agnes Ann Johnson (26); they appear to have had six children together. In 1841, at the age of 85, Samuel made the trip to Stockdale, Indiana. Samuel lived only three years in Indiana, dying in 1844.

From Samuel Burdge's gravestone: "Time, like an everlasting stream, bears all its sons away." The gravesite has not been restored or cleaned since 1976. The chapter is making plans to do future restoration to the gravesite.

Patriot Stories from Chapters and States

Joseph Coleman

#A024330

Sergeant, VA

Residence: Cumberland Co, VA

Born: 1760, Cumberland Co, VA

Married: 24 Jan 1782 to Sithey Glenn

Died: 1806, Union District, SC

Proven Children: Annie and Patience

Joseph Coleman was a fourth-generation American. His great, great-grandfather, Robert was born in 1622 in England, arrived in Gloucester County, Virginia (directly across the river from where the Battle of Yorktown would take place a century later), and died in Virginia in 1689. The next three generations of Coleman men moved west to the northern side of the York River, eventually settling in Cumberland County where Joseph was born in 1760 and served as a Sergeant in the Revolutionary War before moving to South Carolina. He died there at the age of 46. His daughter, Patience Coleman Triplett, is buried in a pine thicket in Chester County, SC, shown here. Her great granddaughter is my great, great grandmother and is buried at Murphy Creek Baptist Church in Winston County, Mississippi where I am a member.



Submitted by: Misty Tanner Booth, America 250! Chair,
Hic-A-Sha-Ba-Ha Chapter, MS

Ralph Smith

#A106689

Private, SC

Residence: Camden District, SC

Born: 24 Aug 1763, Virginia

Married: 1788 to Elizabeth X

Died: 2 Nov 1853, Lincoln Co, TN

Proven Children: Ralph and Joseph

This Patriot is sometimes found as Rafe or Rafel, more commonly as Ralph Smith. He served in South Carolina under Capts. Henry and Hugh White, Jacob Barnett; Cols. Hampton, Maham, Kimball; and General Sumter.

His wife, Elizabeth, was from SC; they married in York County. They both died and are buried in Lincoln County, Tennessee in the New Prospect Cemetery.

I had a very adventurous trip with my Grandmother to find these graves in a very well-kept cemetery alongside an active Presbyterian Church. She took this picture beside the stone, because she already had her picture made there. She held the button down waiting to hear a click on my iPhone and inadvertently took a photo burst of about 100 pictures.

This Patriot is through her lineage, and I am currently working on a second Patriot from the same area, known as Kelley's Creek, Coldwater community.



Submitted by: Amanda Bryant Edwards, 1st Vice Regent,
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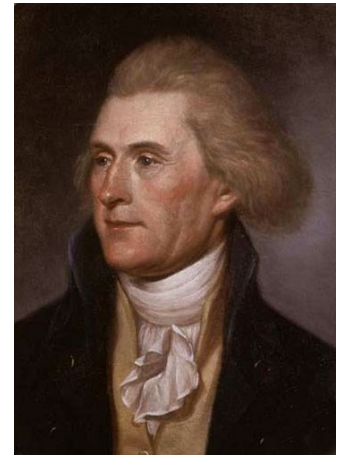
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April

April 13, Birthday - Thomas Jefferson (1743-1826) was born in Albermarle County, Virginia. He was an author, inventor, lawyer, politician, architect, and one of the finest minds of the 1700's. He authored the American Declaration of Independence and later served as the 3rd U.S. President from 1801 to 1809.

April 14, 1775 - In Philadelphia, the first abolitionist society in American was founded as the "Society for the relief of free Negroes unlawfully held in bondage." Massachusetts Governor Gage is secretly ordered by the British to enforce the Coercive Acts and suppress "open rebellion" among colonists by using all necessary force.



April 18, 1775 - General Gage orders 700 British soldiers to Concord to destroy the colonists' weapons depot. The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere and William Dawes occurred as the two men rode out of Boston about 10 p.m. to warn patriots at Lexington and Concord of the approaching British. Revere reaches Lexington about midnight and warns Sam Adams and John Hancock who are hiding out there.

April 19, 1775 - At dawn in Massachusetts, about 70 armed militiamen stood face to face on Lexington Green with a British advance guard unit. An unordered 'shot heard around the world' began the American Revolution. A volley of British rifle fire was followed by a charge with bayonets leaving eight Americans dead and ten wounded. The British regroup and head for the depot in Concord, destroying the colonists' weapons and supplies. At the North Bridge in Concord, a British platoon is attacked by militiamen, with 14 casualties. British forces then begin a long retreat from Lexington back to Boston and are harassed and shot at all along the way by farmers and rebels and suffer over 250 casualties. News of the events at Lexington and Concord spreads like wildfire throughout the Colonies.



April 23, 1775- The Provincial Congress in Massachusetts orders 13,600 American soldiers to be mobilized. Colonial volunteers from all over New England assemble and head for Boston, then establish camps around the city and begin a year long siege of British-held Boston.

April 28 Birthday - James Monroe (1758-1831) the 5th U.S. President was born in Westmoreland County, Virginia. He served two terms from 1817 to 1825 and is best known for the Monroe Doctrine which declared the U.S. would not permit any European nation to extend its holdings or use armed force in North or South America.

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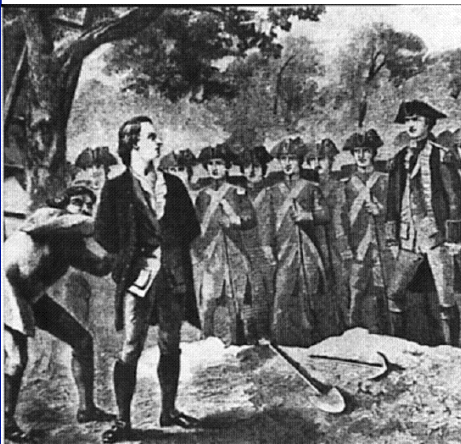
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May

May 10, 1775 - American forces led by Ethan Allen and Benedict Arnold capture Fort Ticonderoga in New York. The fort contains a much needed supply of military equipment including cannons which are then hauled to Boston by ox teams. The Second Continental Congress convenes in Philadelphia, with John Hancock elected as its president. The Congress places the colonies in a state of defense.

May 29 Birthday - American revolutionary leader Patrick Henry (1736-1799) was born in Studley, Virginia. He is best remembered for his speech in 1775 declaring: "I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty or give me death."

May 30, 1783 - The Pennsylvania Evening Post became the first daily newspaper published in America.



June

June 6 Birthday- American patriot Nathan Hale (1755-1776) was born in Coventry, Connecticut. During the American Revolution, he volunteered for a dangerous spy mission in Long Island and was captured by the British on the night of September 21, 1776. Brought before British General William Howe, Hale admitted he was an American officer. Howe ordered him to be hanged the following morning. As Hale mounted the gallows he uttered, "I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country."

June 14, 1775 - The first U.S. Military service, the Continental Army consisting of six companies of riflemen, was established by the Second Continental Congress. The next day, George Washington was appointed by a unanimous vote to command the army.

June 17, 1775 - The first major fight between British and American troops occurs at Boston in the Battle of Bunker Hill. American troops are dug in along the high ground and are attacked by a frontal assault of over 2000 British soldiers who storm up the hill. The Americans are ordered not to fire until they can see "the whites of their eyes." As the British get within 15 paces, the Americans let loose a deadly volley of musket fire and halt the British advance. The Americans run out of ammunition and are left only with bayonets and stones to defend themselves. The British succeed in taking the hill, but at a loss of half their force, over a thousand casualties, with the Americans losing about 400, including important colonial leader, General Joseph Warren.



June 20, 1782 - The U.S. Congress officially adopted the Great Seal of the United States of America.

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