



Marietta Chapter, Ohio Society

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2024 Marietta Chapter Revolutionary War Patriots of the Northwest Territory Memorial Service

Marietta Chapter's Revolutionary War Patriots of the Northwest Territory Memorial Service will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 23, 2024, at Mound Cemetery, Fifth and Scammel Streets, Marietta, Ohio.

GPS Coordinates: [39.419886, -81.452796](#)

Marietta Chapter Historian Scott Britton's Keynote Address will discuss Rufus Putnam and his cousin Israel Putnam's trip to Florida in 1773. There, Putnam surveyed and chartered lands along the Mississippi River, which the Crown was going to grant to veterans of the French and Indian War in lieu of payment for their service.

The memorial service, wreath presentations and musket salute will be followed by lunch at St. Paul's Evangelical Church, across from Mound Cemetery. After lunch a tour of Mound Cemetery is available.

In event of weather, we will move inside of St. Paul's for the event. Restrooms are also available in St. Paul's during the event.

All SAR Compatriots, their families, DAR, CAR, Boy Scouts, and the public are invited to attend this service.

This memorial service is Ohio Society SAR Color Guard activity. All participating Color Guardsman will muster at 11:00 a.m. in Mound Cemetery for a musket safety check, review of manual-of-arms and firing commands by the Ohio Society Color Guard Commander.

When: Thursday, May 23, 2024

11:00 a.m. Color Guard Muster at Mound Cemetery
11:30 a.m. Memorial Service
12:30 p.m. Lunch in St. Paul's Evangelical Church
1:30 p.m. Guided Tour of Mound Cemetery (if requested)

If you are interested in presenting a wreath, please pre-register no later than May 17th, to have your name included in the event program. Color Guard and Musket Squad are requested.

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HISTORY OF MARIETTA: Marietta, Washington County, Ohio, is the site of the first organized settlement and Capital of the Northwest Territory. After the Revolutionary War, many New England officers and enlisted men formed the Ohio Company and left their homes for life on the frontier. Landing in Marietta on 7 April 1788, a group of 48 patriots led by General Rufus Putnam, started the western expansion of the United States. Over the next several years, a great many soldiers and sailors and/or their families came to live here in a county named for their leader, General George Washington. These men who had fought for their country's independence in the American Revolution had lobbied with the new Congress for land as payment for their service. One result of the efforts of these men was the creation of the Northwest Ordinance of 1787 which established territories North of the Ohio River to Canada and East of the Mississippi River, abolished slavery (Article VI) and served as the model for the Bill of Rights in the US Constitution. The Northwest Ordinance was unanimously passed on 13 July 1787 as one of the first significant pieces of legislation passed by the Continental Congress after the war. On 17 September 1787, almost 2 months to the day of the passing of the Northwest Ordinance, Congress slightly modified that Ordinance and adopted it as our US Constitution. In the heart of Marietta is Mound Cemetery, the final resting place for many of our Patriots. Inscribed on a marker in front of the Mound, "It has been told that more Revolutionary Officers are buried in this County than in any Region of the United States."

The total numbers of officers and enlisted men of the Revolutionary War who lived in Washington County is unknown, but throughout the years the question of who these Patriots were has been extensively studied. In the spring of 2007, our Marietta Chapter OHSSAR began research on these local Revolutionary War Patriots, and to this date have listed over 300 Patriots, 39 in Mound Cemetery.