

Marietta Chapter OHSSAR Memorial Service for the Revolutionary War Patriots of the Northwest Territory

The Ohio Society SAR Marietta Chapter Memorial Service for the Revolutionary War Patriots of the Northwest Territory will be held on Thursday May 21, 2020 at 10:00 AM at Mound Cemetery, Fifth and Scammel Streets, Marietta, OH. The Memorial Service will be followed with a Guided Tour of Mound Cemetery and lunch provided by the Marietta Chapter SAR at the American Legion Post #64 at Wooster and 8th Street.

(This is a State Color Guard Event)

Selected Location

(Approximate)

Address: 330-398 5th & Scammel St, Marietta, OH 45750, USA

Latitude: 39.419707°

Longitude: -81.452623°

Accuracy: street address

Status: 200

If your chapter, society or organization intends to present a wreath at this service, please send Steve Frash your chapter name, the name of the presenter and their email address. The compatriot or guest who presents their chapter wreath does not have to be in Color Guard Uniform. All chapter compatriots, their families, DAR, CAR, Scouts American Legion, Amvets, VFW and the public are invited and encouraged to attend this service.

The Marietta Chapter OHSSAR Memorial Service for the Revolutionary War Patriots of the Northwest Territory is a Color Guard activity. All participating Color Guardsman will muster at 9:30 AM at Mound Cemetery.

I would like to get the above information to be placed in the Memorial Program to the printer by May 14, 2020.

When: May 21, 2020
09:30 AM Color Guard Muster at Mound Cemetery
10:00 AM Memorial Service at Mound Cemetery
10:45 AM Guided Tour of Mound Cemetery

Where: Mound Cemetery
Fifth And Scammel Streets
Marietta, OH

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Background:

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 nearly 300 Patriots, 37 in Mound Cemetery.