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2022 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 26, 2022, at 10:00 AM at Mound Cemetery, Fifth and Scammel Streets, Marietta, Ohio. GPS Coordinates: [39°25'11.1"N 81°27'09.6"W](https://www.google.com/maps/place/39°25'11.1\)

Marietta Chapter SAR Historian Scott Britton will speak about the *Patriots of the Northwest Territory*, with Commodore Whipple of special note this year as we commemorate the 250th Anniversary of the *Gaspee Affair*.

The memorial service, wreath presentations and musket salute will be followed by a tour of Mound Cemetery and then lunch provided by the Marietta Chapter SAR at St. Paul's Evangelical Church, which is across from Mound Cemetery. In event of bad weather, we will move inside to St. Paul's for the event. Restrooms are also available in Saint Paul's during the event.

All chapter compatriots, their families, DAR, CAR, Scouts, 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. There will be a musket safety check, and review of manual-of-arms and firing commands by the Ohio Color Guard Commander.

After lunch there will be a Color Guard Processional to General James Mitchell Varnum's gravesite at Oak Grove Cemetery and a Memorial Service with musket salute. Past President Tony Durm, of the Marietta Chapter, will review the life of this important Patriot and Northwest Territory Judge. No wreath presentations will take place at the Varnum memorial service. This Processional is a 4/10ths to half mile 10-minute walk(4 city blocks).

When: May 26, 2022

09:30 AM Color Guard Muster at Mound Cemetery

10:00 AM Memorial Service at Mound Cemetery

11:15 AM Guided Tour of Mound Cemetery

12 NOON Lunch in St. Paul's Evangelical Church

1:00 PM Color Guard Processional to General Varnum's gravesite.

3:00 PM Northwest Territory Museum – Campus Martius; 601 Second St., “Tea with the Patriots”, Tour General Rufus Putnam House and visit with Color Guard members and learn about your Patriot and Pioneer heritage.

If you are interested in presenting a wreath or attending the memorial service, please contact me.

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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.