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**Celebrating 234th Anniversary of Founding of Marietta,
235th Anniversary of the Northwest Ordinance of 1787 & 233rd Anniversary of Belpre, Waterford, Fort Frye
& George Washington's Inauguration & the 246th of the Declaration of Independence**

**2022 PATRIOTS AND PIONEERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY
COMMUNITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Friday, April 1st, 12N, Northwest Territory Museum - Campus Martius. Join us with your brown bag lunch as Larry Strayer discusses the History of First Ohio Light Artillery Gun Squad and shows rare photos from Fort Putnam that have recently been discovered! This program is free thanks the Washington County Public Library. RSVP: www.mariettamuseums.org The museum is open daily, year round for tours and special programs. 740-373-3750

Friday, April 1st, Ohio River Museum and the W.P. Snyder steam-powered sternwheeler open for the season; open 9:30-5pm daily except Sunday 12-5pm www.mariettamuseums.org

Friday, April 1st, Noon to 4pm, The Castle Museum opens for the season; open 10-4pm on Monday, Thursday & Friday; 1-4pm on Saturday & Sunday. <https://mariettacastle.org/>

Friday, April 1st, 12-5pm & Saturday April 2, 9-5pm, Annual Ohio Long Rifle Collectors Marietta Exhibit & Show at the Lafayette Hotel, <http://aolrc.com/news>

Saturday, April 2nd, 1-4pm Belpre Farmers Castle Museum, 509 Ridge Street, Belpre, Ohio 45714, opens for season. 1-4pm, Wednesdays and Saturdays. Call 740-423-7588 for details. <https://www.facebook.com/Belpre-Historic-Society-641758756246558/>

Wednesday, April 6th, 11:30-1pm – Annual Washington County Public Service Awards presented to Police, Fire & EMTs at Muskingum Valley Beverly Waterford Chamber of Commerce Luncheon. Co-Sponsored by the Marietta Chapter Sons of the American Revolution. Reservation required, contact <https://www.mvbwcc.com/>

April 7, 2022 – 234th Anniversary of Founding of Marietta Celebration

Thursday, April 7th, 8:30am – “Tea with the General” Northwest Territory Museum – Campus Martius, Join us in celebrating the 234th Anniversary of the Founding of Marietta with complimentary tea, coffee, and cookies! They have arrived! The Ohio Company has finally reached the banks of the Muskingum River to begin their new settlement at Marietta. Join Rufus Putnam for a little morning refreshment and celebration as he describes the long voyage and the hazards encountered along the way. RSVP recommended www.mariettamuseums.org

Thursday, April 7th, 10am – Founders Day Flag Raising Ceremony at the Start Westward Monument, Muskingum Park; Welcome – Marietta Mayor Josh Schlicher; Flag Raising - Color Guard

from Marietta Chapter Sons of the American Revolution. Program: Marietta's Birthday and the USA250. *The Marietta Kiwanis Club in 1987 installed flagpoles, flags, and lighting at the Start Westward Monument. The Kiwanis Club annually provides new flags for the Northwest Territory states (Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, and Minnesota) at the monument and the Northwest Territory Museum – Campus Martius.*

Thursday, April 7th, Noon-2pm, Bell Ringing for Founders Day at the Fearing House Museum, 131 Gilman Ave, Marietta, OH 45750 wchshistory.org

Thursday, April 7, 5:30 - 9:00 PM, Washington County Historical Society Please join us on April 7th for our annual meeting and Pioneer Dinner at the Marietta Country Club. Randy Modesitt, Director of Henderson Hall, will be presenting a talk on the Henderson family and their connection to the Marietta area. Door open at 5:30 with dinner at 6:30. Please purchase your tickets below by March 22nd. <https://www.wchshistory.org/new-events>

Saturday, April 9th, 1-4pm Open House at the Oliver Tucker Museum in Beverly and the Round Bottom one room schoolhouse and cemetery, located between Beverly and Coal Run on Ohio Route 60. Several Revolutionary War Patriots are buried at the cemetery as well as Civil War POW Issiah Rose, 3rd G-Grandfather to Kelly Clarkston of American Idol fame. <http://www.olivertuckermuseum.org/>

Tuesday, April 12th, Belpre Historical Society, Founders Day Dinner, and silent auction, with guest speaker, George Hall, "Nancy Hart, Fought the Union Army". Doors open at 5:30 with Dinner at 6:00. Call Charlotte Powell, 740-989-2764 for reservations.

Saturday, April 16, 10-4pm, "Visit with Shanty Boat Folks at the Ohio River Museum, details www.mariettamuseums.org

Monday, April 18, - Patriot's Day; commemorates the battles of Lexington and Concord, April 19, 1775, which were two of the earliest battles in the American Revolutionary War.

Thursday, April 21st, "Marietta's Forgotten Pioneers; The Castle presentation by Scott Britton for Third Thursday, featuring Basil Norman, James Davis, John Stewart and Christopher Malbone aka Kitt Putnam, Reservation required. https://mariettacastle.org/?event=third-thursday-talk-mariettas-forgotten-pioneers-by-scott-britton&event_date=2022-04-21

Thursday, May 26th, 10am - Memorial Service for the Patriots of the American Revolution in the Northwest Territory at Mound Cemetery. 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*. Cemetery tour following the program.

Thursday, May 26th, 1pm – Color Guard Processional to General James Mitchell Varnum's gravesite at Oak Grove Cemetery and Memorial Service. Tony Durm, Past President of Marietta SAR will review the life of this important Patriot and Northwest Territory Judge.

Thursday, May 26, 3pm – "Tea with the Patriots" at Northwest Territory Museum – Campus Martius. Visit with Color Guard members and learn about your Patriot and Pioneer heritage.

Monday, July 4th, Celebrate the 246th Anniversary of the 1776 Declaration of Independence

Wednesday, July 13th, Celebrate the 235th Anniversary of the Northwest Territory Ordinance of 1787

Friday, July 15th, Celebrate the 234th Anniversary of the Inauguration of Territorial Governor St Clair

THE NORTHWEST TERRITORY MUSEUM – CAMPUS MARTIUS & THE START WESTWARD MONUMENT COMMEMORATE:

- 1.) The Revolutionary War Patriots of the American Revolution who served to free our Country from the King of England.
- 2.) The Northwest Ordinance of 1787 and the American Citizens, Citizen Leaders and Patriots in the Confederation Congress who worked to enact the Ordinance on July 13, 1787. **“Slavery Prohibited, Education and Religion Encouraged”**
- 3.) The Patriots and Pioneers who began settlement on April 7th, 1788 at Marietta, (the 1788 Capital of the Northwest Territory) Campus Martius and throughout the Northwest Territory.

In David McCullough’s new book *Pioneers: The Heroic Story of the Settlers Who Brought the American Ideal West*, McCullough points out the Northwest Ordinance of 1787 is one of the top three Human Rights documents of the world, along with the Declaration of Independence and the Magna Carta.

Just imagine, the 13 new states, voting unanimously to adopt the Northwest Ordinance of 1787; with slavery prohibited; rights for women and children; and granting special rights to all - in a territory as large as the original 13 Colonies.

Marietta, Ohio, is the site of the first organized settlement and first Capital of the Northwest Territory. After the Revolutionary War, many New England officers and enlisted men formed the Ohio Company of Associates and left their homes to start a new life on the frontier. Landing at the mouth of the Muskingum River (site of Fort Harmar and the 1st American Regiment of the U.S. Army) on April 7, 1788, a group of 48 patriots led by General Rufus Putnam, founded Marietta and started the western expansion of the United States. These men who had fought for their country’s independence in the American Revolution had lobbied the new Congress for land as payment for their service. One result of their effort was the creation of the Northwest Ordinance of 1787. It officially established the territory North of the Ohio River to Canada and West to the Mississippi River.

The Northwest Ordinance of 1787, officially titled "An Ordinance for the Government of the Territory of the United States North West of the River Ohio," was adopted by the Confederation Congress on July 13, 1787. It established a government for the Northwest Territory, outlined the process for admitting new states to the Union, and guaranteed that newly created states would be equal to the original thirteen states. Considered one of the most important legislative acts of the Confederation Congress, the Northwest Ordinance created the building blocks and model of what became our United States Constitution and Bill of Rights. The document guaranteed protection of civil liberties, prohibited slavery, recognized religion and morality as necessary for good governance, and outlined that education should be forever encouraged in the new territories. Prior to 1776, across the Ohio River, in the Royal King of England’s Colonial Virginia Ordinances, the law provided for a death penalty if you prayed to a God not of the King’s choosing.

Start Westward Monument Muskingum Park Enhancements

The City of Marietta is developing a formal plan to restore and protect the Memorial to the Start Westward of the United States, enhance the features of East Muskingum Park and improve access to the Museum District, which includes the Northwest Territory Museum - Campus Martius and the Ohio River Museum. This project involves the repair of deterioration to the iconic sandstone monuments crafted by famed sculptor Gutzon Borglum for the 1937 Sesquicentennial Celebration of the Northwest Ordinance of 1787. In addition, the overall project includes the enhancement of facilities within the surrounding East Muskingum Park, such as the River Trail walking path, the Bicentennial Gazebo and proposed restroom accommodations. The placement of historic street lighting fixtures from Putnam Street to Sacra Via Park and the Museum District will extend the character of Marietta to those primary tourist destinations. Likewise, the reconstruction of sidewalks, an access road and additional parking in the Museum District will improve visitor access to the museums and parks.

National Monument status requested. The Start Westward Memorial is situated on the site where Territorial Governor Arthur St Clair was inaugurated on July 15, 1788. The Marietta City Council in 2019 passed a Resolution requesting the Start Westward Monument be designated by the National Park Service as a National Monument. Congressman Bill Johnson is working with NPS and federal officials to enact legislation.

The Marietta Chapter Sons of the American Revolution - If you feel that you are patriotic, strive for historic preservation and educational accuracy and appreciate fellowship, and you are descended from at least one man or woman who served during the American Revolution, contact: President Doug Pettit at rdpettit@icloud.com

The Marietta Chapter Sons of the American Revolution members are working on the national, state and local levels to promote the commemoration of the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution and the establishment of the United States. We ask that all Citizens assist in this effort.

The Patriots and Pioneers calendar is a listing of important history and genealogy programs presented by various area groups. Please contact presenting group for information.