

April 18, 1775/ Friday, April 18, 2025; 7:30pm at the Start Westward Monument, Marietta OH

***Commemoration of the 250th Anniversary of the Midnight Ride of William Dawes, Paul Revere, & Dr. Samuel Prescott, “Plans include three riders on horseback”**

“The regulars (“British” army) are coming out!” This was the shouted message during the “Midnight Ride” to the minutemen in various towns that would initiate events leading to the start of the American Revolution. Unfortunately, this ride has traditionally focused only on one rider, American patriot Paul Revere, because of Longfellow’s famous poem. Join us at Muskingum Park as local historian Scott Britton from The Castle Museum relates a more complete story of the three principal riders that sounded the alarm that night. Mr. Britton will pay particular attention to Marietta’s connection to the initial rider, William Dawes, and Dawes’ role in an earlier event that led the British army to march to Concord. The public is invited to join us for this commemoration, but it is also requested that everyone place two lights in the windows of your homes or businesses that night to represent the two lights hung in the Old North Church in Boston to alert the patriots of the planned travel route of the British forces. **Plans include three riders on horseback!**

Saturday, April 19, 2025; 10:00am at Mound Cemetery, Marietta OH

“Remember The Ladies” Mound Cemetery Tour

In March 1776, future First Lady Abigail Adams cautioned her husband John Adams that when America’s founders declared their independence and created a new code of laws, they should “remember the ladies.” This tour will detail the stories of several notable Marietta women and their significant legacy that has largely been hidden or overlooked. Hear the stories of: Lydia (Moulton) McKowan, a highly skilled silver and goldsmith who plied her trade here on the frontier in 1789; Bathsheba (Rouse) Greene, the first female school teacher in the Northwest Territory; Betty Washington (Lewis) Lovell, the grandniece of George Washington who was labeled the “ministering angel in the sick-rooms” of Marietta and a dedicated supporter of the needy of our community; Daphne Squires, a free woman of color who owned a house next to the cemetery and was widely regarded by many in the 19th century as Marietta’s best cook; Elizabeth (Gross) Cisler, a business entrepreneur and the widowed proprietor of the historic St. Cloud Hotel; and Dr. Bertlyn Bosley, a world-renowned nutritionist and owner of The Castle into the 1980s; and more. Join us for this FREE event sponsored by The Castle Museum and Washington County Public Library that will meet at Mound Cemetery. No registration is required.

April 19, 1775/ Saturday, April 19, 2025; 11:30am at Mound Cemetery, Marietta OH

***Commemoration of the 250th Anniversary of the Battle of Lexington & Concord**

The Marietta Chapter Sons of the American Revolution are proud to host the 250th Celebration of the “shot heard 'round the world” that include the the Battles of Lexington and Concord. On April 19, 1775 two battles were fought that marked the beginning of the Revolutionary War - commemorated today as Patriots' Day. What started with the Dawes-Revere “Midnight Ride” that met in Lexington, led to the first shots being fired on Lexington Green between the Minutemen and the British Army. Who fired first? Join us as we discuss that question as well as the direct connections between the Marietta pioneers and those Lexington & Concord Minutemen fighting that day. We will also learn about one of the Lexington minutemen, an enslaved man named Prince Estabrook and another little known, but important action at Springfield, Massachusetts that was led by one of the Marietta founders. Join us as we discover stories about the series of events that officially started our country’s fight for independence.

The programs are free and open to the public. *Sponsored by the Marietta Chapters; Sons of the American Revolution & Daughters of the American Revolution; with support from Washington County Veterans Service Office; Washington County Public Library; Marietta Chapter 743, Military Order of the Purple Heart; Ronnie W. Davis Memorial Post 5108; Beverly Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie 3665; and Settlers Bank. For more info, contact Jean Yost, Secretary, jean.yost@gmail.com or 740-336-8060.

