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### Public invited to honor American Revolutionary War Patriots in Fort Missoula ceremony on August 8

*DAR to dedicate bronze marker at Rocky Mountain Museum of Military History*

JUNE 21, 2024, MISSOULA -- They were farmers and blacksmiths, cobblers and lawyers, teachers, doctors, and shopkeepers. They lived in different colonies and practiced different cultural morés and religions. But they had one thing in common. They all wanted their freedom.

They were the American Patriots of our Revolutionary War.

As the United States prepares to commemorate the upcoming 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its founding, chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) nationwide are honoring our Patriots, these citizen-soldiers who secured freedom for America.

DAR chapters are erecting historical bronze markers to celebrate American Patriots, men and women of all colors and nationalities who joined together to create the greatest country in the world.

Montana State Society DAR, in conjunction with the Bitterroot Chapter DAR, will dedicate a 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Patriot Marker located in front of the Rocky Mountain Military Museum at Fort Missoula, 2975 General Foster Avenue, Missoula, MT, at 2 pm on Thursday, August 8, 2024.

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The public is invited to share in our celebration of America's history and those who helped to make our country possible.

America's earliest Patriots believed that the thirteen colonies that had been settled in the New World ought to be free. They were willing to risk their lives, their fortunes, their sacred honor to persevere through eight long years of war to defeat the mightiest army on earth – and achieve American independence.

These were the Patriots of the American Revolution – men and women with the courage and commitment to create a new republic, one conceived upon liberty and dedicated to equality.

Invited speakers for the dedication ceremony in Missoula include Jennifer Buckley, State Regent, Montana State Society DAR; a representative from the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR); and other dignitaries. Light refreshments will be available.

For more information, visit the Bitterroot Chapter Facebook page or our website at [www.bitterrootdar.org](http://www.bitterrootdar.org).

Based in Washington, DC, the NSDAR was founded on October 11, 1890, during a time that was marked by a revival in patriotism and intense interest in the beginnings of the United States of America. Frustrated by their exclusion from similar men's organizations designed to perpetuate the memory of ancestors who fought to make the country free and independent, a group of pioneering women formed their own organization. Nearly a million women have been admitted to the DAR since it was founded over 125 years ago. The objectives laid forth in the first meeting of DAR have remained the same throughout its existence: promote historic preservation, education, and patriotism.

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