

The First Veterans The Revolutionary War



From Debra Owens

The Revolutionary War (1775-1783), also known as the War of American Independence, was initiated by the thirteen original colonies against Britain due to taxation and misrepresentation.

From the original founding of the colonies, they were left to govern themselves until France left North America in 1763, at which time Britain expanded and looked for new ways for expenses to be paid. The 1765 Stamp Act and the 1767-1768 Townshend Acts provoked colonial opposition and unrest, leading to the 1770 Boston Massacre and 1773 Boston Tea Party.

The colonies responded with the First Continental Congress to boycott British goods. Fighting broke out on 19 April 1775 when the British garrison at Boston

Editors Note— The revolutionary soldiers listed below have relatives that are, or have been, citizens of Hancock County. This list was made available to the Hancock Clarion by members of the DAR Yellow Banks Chapter, Daughters of The American Revolution)

destroyed a colonial Assembly powder-house. In June, the Second Continental Congress appointed George Washington to create a Continental Army.

The war raged on summer and winter with soldiers dying in battle and in camp. Conditions in camp was desolate, dysentery and lack of nutrition was common in most Colonial camps.

Some soldiers were father and son, with their wife following to provide food for soldiers and caring for the wounded. Winter found soldiers camped in snow with no shoes. Conditions were deplorable. But the mission was to be free of England so no utter of complaint was made.

They knew what they had to do and they did it. Until the last battle at Yorktown occurred showing the British that American wanted their independence, they didn't give up. Talks began and the initial treaty was signed in November 1782 with Treaty of

Paris signed between Great Britain and United States on September 3, 1783.

We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America. This is the Preamble of the United States Constitution

As a member of the National Society of Daughters of American Revolution, we recite this at each meeting. We do this to pay tribute to those first veterans (our Patriots) who fought for our initial freedom and for all military past and present today that continue to fight for freedom, liberty and pursuit of happiness.

The National Society Daughters of American Revolution is an organization with a deeply rich history while also being truly relevant in today's world. More than 1,000,000 women have joined the organization since it was founded over 125 years ago. They became members to honor their heritage as well as make a difference in their communities across the country and the world.

Their objectives are: Historical - to perpetuate the memory and spirit of the men and women who achieved American Independence; Educational - to carry out the injunction of Washington in his farewell address to the American people, to promote, as an object of primary importance, institutions for the general diffusion of knowledge, thus developing an enlightened public opinion...and Patriotic - to cherish, maintain, and extend the institutions of American freedom, to foster true patriotism and love of country, and to aid in securing for mankind all the blessings of liberty.

Just as George

Washington's Inaugural Address in 1789,... "it would be peculiarly improper to omit in this first official Act, my fervent supplications to that Almighty Being who rules over the Universe, who presides in the Councils of Nations, and whose providential aids can supply every human defect, that his benediction may consecrate to the liberties and happiness of the People of the United States, a Government instituted by themselves for these essen-

tial purposes: and may enable every instrument employed in its administration to execute with success, the functions allotted to his charge."

Every veteran since the Revolutionary War has fought for the same freedom of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness and fought for the rights of the Constitution signed 1776. George Washington referred to the Almighty Be-

ing who rules over the Universe. He still does today. On this Veterans Day, of 2020, during a year of fear, turmoil, uncertainty, the Almighty is still in control and our Veterans still rely on him for their safety. We thank all Veterans who have fought to give us the right to wake each morning and live our lives freely. May you also rely on the Almighty to find peace and tranquility.



VETERANS DAY AND EVERY DAY

WHEN VETERANS DAY COMES EACH
NOVEMBER WE PAUSE TO HONOR THE
BRAVE MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE
MADE GREAT SACRIFICES TO PROTECT
OUR FAMILIES, OUR COUNTRY
AND OUR FREEDOM.

TRUE AMERICAN HEROES!




HAWESVILLE-LEWISPORT-CLOVERPORT

- **Edmund Newman** buried in Memory Gardens, Hawesville, KY
Ancestors: Susie Stephens York and Homer Newman
- **William Bishop Lamar** buried in Maryland
Ancestors: Charlene Lamar Corley, Erica Kelly Corley, Erin Kate Corley, Lisa Lamar Jarboe, Sherry Adkins Pirkle
- **Cosine Cornelius** buried in Pennsylvania
- **James Westervelt** buried in New Jersey.
Ancestors: Cynthia Bixbee
- **Samuel Demarest** buried in Pennsylvania
Ancestors: Faye Davis
- **Harman Grerathouse** buried in Pennsylvania
Ancestors: Betty Greathouse
- **Nicholas Stowers** buried in Virginia
Ancestors: Tomi Edwards Mathew
- **Joy Babbitt** buried in New York
- **Kenneth Younger** buried in Massachusetts
Ancestors: Debra Couty Owens
- **David Edwards** buried in North Carolina
Ancestors: Cynthia Wedding
- **Joshua Parrott** buried in Taylor County, KY
Ancestors: Brenda L. Short Black
- **Nelson Jolly** buried in Union Star, KY
Ancestors: Sheila Jolly Pence
- **Spencer Stone** buried in Gerrard Co. KY
Ancestors: Cynthia Lee Evans



THANK YOU

A grateful nation honors our veterans for their courage, sacrifice and commitment to the value of freedom representing the United States of America



VETERANS DAY

WITH RESPECT, HONOR AND GRATITUDE

Thank you
to all of our veterans!

