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### George Washington to be Keynote Speaker at NSDAR Event on July 4

PAINESVILLE, Ohio, June 28, 2023— On July 4, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. the New Connecticut Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) will be hosting an event to kick off Lake County's participation in the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the United States by dedicating a Bronze Marker honoring Revolutionary War Patriots who are buried in Lake County. The event will take place outside of the Lake County Courthouse in Painesville Square. Dale Fellows will portray George Washington as the Keynote Speaker.

The public is encouraged to participate in this event and can be part of a lasting memorial to those who served in the Revolutionary War and call Lake County their final resting place by sponsoring a brick for \$100. Each Revolutionary War Patriot buried in Lake County will have their name engraved on a brick surrounding the dedicated marker. All proceeds from brick sponsorships will be used for on-going "America 250" celebrations.

"We are quickly approaching this historic event and I look forward to dedicating and revealing this very special memorial marker with Suzanne Nahumck during the ceremony on July 4, 2023," said Commissioner John Plecnik.

"We appreciate all the help from the Commissioners' Office in kicking off this event. We are thrilled to reveal the marker, which will be the first recognition of the Revolutionary War Patriots in Lake County," said Suzanne Nahumck, Regent.

"The 250th Anniversary of America's independence will be July 4, 2026. In anticipation of this, Lake County established the US Semiquincentennial Commission on June 15, 2023. This Commission can plan, coordinate and implement a program commemorating the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of the United States in the year 2026, especially highlighting the role of Lake County. The DAR is privileged to have the New Connecticut Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Lake County taking up this torch to dedicate this marker in grateful recognition of the men and women who achieved American independence," said Commission President John R. Hamercheck.

"The DAR "Revolutionary Patriots Marker" program honors the memory of the men and women who secured American independence through their service and sacrifice during the Revolutionary War. The DAR's goal is to place at least one marker in every state in advance – and in celebration – of the nation's upcoming 250th Anniversary. We are pleased to assist in their goal to keep the American Revolutionary stories alive in Lake County," said Commissioner Richard J. Regovich.

For more information on "America 250", or the US Semiquincentennial Commission in Lake County, contact the New Connecticut Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution via email at [newconndar@gmail.com](mailto:newconndar@gmail.com). Membership in the DAR is open to any female over 18 who can prove lineal, bloodline descent from an ancestor who aided in achieving American Independence. For more information visit [www.dar.org](http://www.dar.org).



*George Washington  
portrayed by Dale Fellows.*

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