



PRESS INVITATION

Boston Massacre 250th Anniversary Tribute

Kick off to American Revolution Commemorative Events

National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), one of the world's largest and most active women's service organizations, will hold the first of many events in the U.S. to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution. Hundreds of DAR members and guests from around the United States will be in attendance.

The Boston Massacre was a major historical indicator that played a critical role in sparking anti-Britain sentiment which later fueled the Revolutionary War. The chaotic and deadly street brawl between Boston dock workers and British soldiers on March 5, 1770, resulted in the death of five victims. For the American colonists, the massacre revealed the corrupting influence and tyranny of the British. John Adams later claimed that the "foundation of American independence was laid" on that fateful day.

Please join us on Wednesday evening, March 4, and Thursday morning, March 5, for the following events and tributes to commemorate the Boston Massacre:

Date: March 4 (closed to the public)

Time: 7 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Address: Omni Parker House

Keynote speakers:

Robert Allison, author of the book *The Boston Massacre*

Lynn Forney Young, U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission

Dinner reservations have been filled however there is room at the back of the room for media to listen and take pictures.

DAR President General, Denise VanBuren, Robert Allison, and Lynn Forney Young will be available at 9:30 p.m. for 1:1 media interviews.

Date: March 5 (open to the public)

Time: 9 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Address: Old Granary Burial Ground

A formal public tribute service will take place at the grave of victims Crispus Attucks, Samuel Gray, James Caldwell, Samuel Maverick and Patrick Carr.

The service will include a musket salute from the Col. Henry Knox Regimental Color Guard, MASSAR, and wreath-laying ceremony led by DAR President General Denise Doring VanBuren.

There will be photo opportunities throughout the event. More information and full media packets are available at: <https://www.dar.org/national-society/250th-anniversary-boston-massacre>.

Media contact: Karen CK Smith
250th Boston Massacre Public Relations
KarenckSmith@gmail.com
617-417-4180