



Celebrate  
Patriots' Day  
with Drum Hill Chapter, NSDAR  
April 16-19, 2021

Patriots' Day, the third Monday in the Month of April commemorates the Battles of Lexington and Concord, also known as the "shots heard round the world." Massachusetts observes Patriots' Day with the running of the Boston Marathon. Other states observing Patriots' Day include Maine, Wisconsin, Connecticut (2018), North Dakota (2019) and Florida. As America leads up to her 250<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2026, Drum Hill DAR is launching a Patriots' Day Initiative. We have many fun and some solemn activities planned. We hope you will join us!

**Wilton Events:**

**Friday, April 16, 2021 7:00PM - Rendezvous with Rachel Revere**

**Performed by Judith Kalaora of HAP, LLC**

It is May 2, 1775 and Rachel Revere has only heard from her beloved husband Paul once since his legendary midnight ride on the 18<sup>th</sup> of April. Still isolated from one another due to the Siege of Boston, Rachel desperately tries to create a plan to safely take her children: six-step children from Paul's first marriage and a newborn baby of her own, from the reach of the British Regular Army in Boston." In this program you will help Rachel, as she carefully considers the dangers and demands of each plan. Find out if Rachel is successful in her perilous mission to unite her family, amidst the wake of an American Revolution. Appropriate for all ages. This is a Zoom presentation. For registration contact: [drumhilldar.org](http://drumhilldar.org) to sign up.

**Saturday, April 17, 2021 from 10-2:00pm GET COLONIAL!** You may see DAR members around town in Colonial Dress handing out flags. Feel free to put on your Colonial Dress to support our Revolutionary Patriots! **Wilton Garden Club 10-12:00** will be celebrating Daffodil Festival and we have partnered with them, so you might see us around the Wilton Historical Society dressed up as well! **American Legion** from 10:00-11:00am we will hand out flags. **Wilton Library noon-2:00pm Colonial dressed ladies** handing out flags. Wilton Library will display books on Patriot's, as well as books on Battles of Lexington and Concord.

**Sunday, April 18, 2021 from 1:30-3:00pm**, please join members of Drum Hill at **Comstock Hill Cemetery** located at the bottom of North Signal Hill. Comstock Hill Cemetery was given to the DAR and we in turn turned it over to the **Wilton Land Conservation trust**. We will spruce the cemetery up and then place flags on our Revolutionary Soldiers buried there. Bring gloves and rakes. Appropriate for ages 12 and up.

**Monday, April 19, 2021 PATRIOTS' DAY** at **Hillside Cemetery**, a **Proclamation will be read by our First Selectwoman, Lynne Vanderslice**. At 6:30 we will convene with the **American Legion Post 86** for our Patriots' Day Celebration. There will be opening remarks on the significance of Patriots' Day; an Honor Guard from American Legion Post, James B. Whipple Post 86; Reading of the names 43 Patriots located in three cemeteries: Hillside, Comstock Hill and Sharp Hill. We will place flags at the grave sites of each Patriot and light luminaries to honor them all. Refreshments will be served.

### **Ridgefield Events**

#### **Month of April.**

In preparation for the **GET COLONIAL DAYS April 17-19**, **Ridgefield Historical Society** will include special features in its weekly eblasts demonstrating colonial costumes, including presentations showing young viewers how to make colonial pockets.

#### **Saturday, Sunday and Monday, April 17-18**

Enjoy a guided Colonial walking tour of **Keeler Tavern Museum & History Center** on Saturday and Sunday 1PM and 2PM. Online reservations required. Following Covid guidelines.

<https://keelertavernmuseum.org/events/221/ongoing-outdoor-guided-tours/>

**First Selectman Rudy Marconi will read a proclamation** proclaiming **April 17** as Patriots' Day at **noon** on Saturday, April 17, 2021, Lounsbury House Community Center. **Town Poet Laureate Barb Jennes** will offer a poem. The **American Legion Post 78** will be in attendance.

#### **PATRIOTS' DAY Monday April 19, 2021**

GET COLONIAL! Wear your colonial costumes as you go about your daily activities. Be prepared to explain that you are commemorating the first battles of the Revolutionary War at Lexington and Concord.

Enjoy a guided Colonial walking tour at **Keeler Tavern Museum & History Center** led by costumed guides at 11AM, 1PM and 2PM. Online reservations required. Following Covid Guidelines.

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### **Weston Events**

**Weston Library** joins Patriots' Day as a Community Partner.

**A Proclamation will be read by the First Selectman Chris Spaulding** via Zoom at Town Meeting proclaiming April 19, 2021 as Patriots' Day in Weston.

## Redding Events

**Mark Twain Library** joins Patriots' Day as a Community Partner.

**A Patriots' Day Proclamation will be read by First Selectwoman Julia Pemberton** via Zoom at Town Meeting.

For more information on the Battles of Lexington and Concord visit [www.concordmuseum.org](http://www.concordmuseum.org)

We must never take our freedoms for granted. We hope you will join us for one or more of the activities. Drum Hill thanks our Community Sponsors!

