

### The Bloody Massacre

On March 5, 1770—251 years ago this week—years of personal and political conflict erupted into violence between British troops and residents of Boston. In our next online public program Professor Serena Zabin will discuss her book tracing the origins of the Boston Massacre following the arrival of British troops to suppress colonial dissent. Dr. Zabin has uncovered the stories of the many regimental wives and children who accompanied these armies and who became neighbors to the colonists in Boston. When soldiers shot unarmed citizens in the street, it broke social bonds and fueled the increasingly bitter divide between colonists and the army. This online lecture will begin on March 4, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. EST.



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### The Future of the American Revolution

What is the place of the American Revolution in the future we are making?

In this lecture presented on February 23 in the North Carolina Museum of History's American Revolution Lecture Series (sponsored by the North Carolina Society of the Cincinnati), Executive Director Jack Warren argues that we should understand the American Revolution as a people's revolution—a social and cultural transformation driven by the desire of ordinary people for personal independence.



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### American Independence in Diamonds

The most significant piece of jewelry in American history is the Diamond Eagle, the badge of the president general of the Society of the Cincinnati. Made in Paris using designs for the Society's insignia drawn by Pierre L'Enfant, the Diamond Eagle was a surprise gift from French naval officers to George Washington, presented during the Society's first general meeting in May 1784. It has been worn by each of his successors as president general of the Society, including Alexander Hamilton and Charles Cotesworth Pinckney. Adorned with 198 diamonds, emeralds, and rubies, the Diamond Eagle symbolizes the creation of the American republic, the importance of French contributions to the cause, and the commitment of the patriots' descendants to preserving the memory of our Revolution. Learn more about the Diamond Eagle's history and importance in the latest installment of Masterpieces in Detail.



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### Legacies of the Revolution

We've launched a new collection of online classroom lessons called *Legacies of the Revolution*, emphasizing the enduring importance of the American Revolution. Have a look at the first two installments: *The Legacy of America's First Veterans* and *The Legacy of the American Revolution for Women's Rights*. Inspired by our exhibition and book, *America's First Veterans*, the first of these lessons invites students to consider how the experience of the veterans of the Revolution reflected the development of democratic society in the early nineteenth century, with lasting implications for how we think about veterans. The second—published to coincide with Women's History Month—focuses on the experience of women in the Revolutionary War and the legacy of the Revolution for the long struggle for women's suffrage, which culminated with the ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment in 1920.



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### Who We Are... What We Do...

Kathleen Higgins is the historical programs associate at the American Revolution Institute. Growing up twenty miles west of Boston, Kathleen took interest in Henry Knox Trail markers and the local eighteenth-century graveyards. With this enduring curiosity (and a degree from Oxford University—better to understand the enemy!) it seems natural that she ended up at the Institute, where we promote understanding and appreciation of the memory of the American Revolution. Kathleen joined our staff in 2018 and works on publications, communications, and research projects as well as administers our Associates program, which she is happy to discuss with any fellow history buffs.



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