The Bloody Massacre

On March 5, 1770—44 years ago this week—a year of periodic and often violent conflicts separated deaths between British troops and residents of Boston. In our next public program Professor Joseph Friel will discuss how the origins of the Boston Massacre followed the arrival of British troops in Boston. The Massacre left 5 civilians dead and 14 wounded. In this lecture, Friel will explore the roles of the many compelling people and children who composed these stories and who became splintered to the colonists in Boston. When soldiers dust encountered citizens in the streets, it broke social bonds and fueled the immediate bitter divide between colonists and the 1770. The audience lecture will begin on March 4, at 6:30 p.m.

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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 13 at the North Carolina Museum of History’s American Revolution Lecture Series (sponsored by the North Carolina Society of the Cincinnati), Executive Director Jack Warren, addresses the lessons of the American Revolution as a people’s revolution—a social and cultural transformation driven by the vision of ordinary people for personal independence.

American Independence in Diamonds

The most magnificent 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 to order in 1783, the design for the Society’s insignia was drawn by Pierre L’Enfant, the creator of the city of Washington, D.C. The Eagle is a masterpiece of French naval officers to George Washington, presented during the Society’s first general meeting in May 1783. The eagle has been worn by each of the Society’s presidents general, including Alexander Hamilton and Charles Cotesworth Pinckney. Adorned with 11 diamonds, emeralds, and rubies, the Diamond Eagle embodies the creation of the American republic, the importance of French contributions to the union, and the commitment of the country to preserving and promoting the principles of liberty and equality that define our nation.

Legacies of the Revolution

We’ve launched a new collection of online classroom lessons called Legacies of the Revolution, exploring the continuing impact, contributions, and legacies of the American Revolution. Each lesson invites students to consider how the experience of women in the Revolutionary War and the development of democratic society in the early republic reflected the experience of the veterans of the Revolution.

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