

REVOLUTIONARY WAR PATRIOT GRAVE MARKING CEREMONY

1. SAR Official: Welcome and Greetings
2. Presentation of the Colors: SAR Color Guard, Military Unit, ROTC, Scouts or other appropriate group.
3. Invocation
4. Pledge of Allegiance to the flag
5. SAR Pledge by SAR Members
6. Introduction of the assembly to the Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.
7. Life of Patriot and his/her revolutionary patriot service
8. Decoration of the grave with wreath or other floral arrangement
9. Introduction of descendants of Patriot in attendance or identify those that could not be at the service
10. Dedication of the Marker

Leader: If the past is indeed prologue, then a glimpse into the past can provide a source of wisdom and inspiration for the future. As we honor this patriot today, let us be mindful of his/her service to our nation, and let us rededicate ourselves to the principles for which he/she held sacred.

Chaplain: As we gather, O God, for this dedication today, we ask your blessing upon each of us. We thank you for this occasion as we honor the memory of ; we esteem his/her patriotism and courage, his/her faith and loyalty, and his/her willingness to sacrifice to make our world a better place. We thank you, too, for America and all patriots who have given us the liberties and privileges that we enjoy. May we be willing to serve you and our nation even as did. May the ideals that we remember from the past sustain us today and safeguard us tomorrow. Amen

Leader: We, the members of the Chapter, _____ State Society, Society of the Sons of the American Revolution dedicate this marker to the glory of God and in recognition of the memory of , a patriot of the American Revolution.

Speaker: (Appropriate 10-15 minutes for eulogy of the Revolutionary War Patriot or a patriotic speech.)

Chaplain: Almighty God, as we go from here, may this marker remind all who pass by of the devotion and dedication of all who have made our nation great. May all be humbled and encouraged by this marker to esteem and perpetuate these virtues with our lives. May the peace of God, which surpasses all, guard our hearts and minds in the ties of friendship and unity of love. Amen.

Comments by any of the Patriot's descendants

SAR Recessional by SAR members

(Use of musical instruments, bands or choirs in the ceremonies is always encouraged.)