



Newsletter of the Paul Emery Chapter April 2025 Issue



Paul Emery Chapter Celebrates Our Liberty Tree

A wonderful public celebration was held by our chapter at Creasy Bicentennial Park in Grand Blanc on the 19th day of April 2025. The purpose of the event was to dedicate a tree which we had previously planted and which we are now designating with a permanent marker as a “Liberty Tree”. We do this to recognize the 250th Anniversary of our American Independence and as a tribute to all American veterans. The original Liberty Tree stood in Boston at the time of the Revolutionary War. It was a gathering spot for patriots and a symbol of resistance to British rule.

It was an impressive and well-planned celebration which flowed smoothly. The weather was cooler than expected but not uncomfortable. We were relieved that it didn't rain.

The ceremonies included the following speakers: Compatriots Bob Hawcroft, Norm Palmer and Jim Riddell, SAR VPG Robert Hagland, MISSAR VP Bob Craig, Chaplin Dr. Eddie Howell, MI Representative David Martin, and Senator Gary Peters' Regional Director Quentin D. Groce. Also taking part in the ceremony were the MISSAR Color Guard with Commander Lepisto & Crew, and Larry Bracken with the 1st Royal Artillery of the Seven Years War Association.



Shown above are those participants who took part in the ceremony resplendent in their varied and colorful Revolutionary War era dress. It was wonderful to view these authentic uniforms and accoutrements. I know the experience gave everyone present a feeling of national pride and patriotism. On the next page I will include the photographs of the various individual speakers.



Vice Commander Bob Hawcroft



MISSAR Chaplin Dr. Eddie Howell



G. B. Township Clerk Dave Robertson



GLD VPG Bob Hagland



MISSAR 1st VP Bob Craig



PEC President Jim Riddell



Quentin Grose from Sen. Gary Peters' office



MI House Rep. David Martin & Bob Harcroft



Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard

Piper Ron Barnard, Commander John Lepisto, Norm Palmer, David VanHoof, Gerry Buriland, Chris Blunt & Aaron Wiles.

Our second April event was held on Monday, April 28th, at the Brandon Public Library in Otisville. It was an informative program about the Revolutionary War Battles of Lexington and Concord, commonly known as "The Shot Heard Round the World". The lecturer was Cheryl Gawne from the Nippising Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The program began with a talk by Michigan Representative Joshua Scrivner. The program included videos and a well-presented relating of the attempt by the British to confiscate the colonist's arms and gunpowder and the resulting battle which occurred as the colonists resisted. See photos on the next page.



Compatriot Jay R. Taylor



Compatriot Bob Hawcroft



MI Rep. Joshua Scrivner



Cheryl Crawne, DAR

Calendar Items –

- May 17th, 2025 – Paul Emery Chapter meeting at the White Horse Inn in Metamora from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.
- July 19th & 20th, 2025 – Cass River Colonial Encampment of historical re-enactors at River Place Shops in Frankenmuth. A free educational family fun event.
- July 26th, 2025 – Paul Emery Chapter meeting at the home of compatriot Ron Barnard from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. 462 Shalimar Ridge, Metamora.
- September 20th, 2025 - Paul Emery Chapter meeting at the White Horse Inn in Metamora from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.
- November 22nd, 2025 - Paul Emery Chapter meeting at the White Horse Inn in Metamora from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.