

# MICHIGAN SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

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## DEDICATION OF AN HISTORIAL PLAQUE HONORING AMERICAN REVOLUTIONARY WAR PATRIOT JEAN BAPTISTE HAMELIN

On Saturday, October 11, 2025, at 4:30 PM, the Michigan Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (MISSAR) will dedicate a historical plaque honoring American Revolutionary War Patriot Jean Baptiste Hamelin. The ceremony will take place at the American Legion Memorial Park and Scenic Viewing Area located at 200 North State Street, Saint Ignace, Michigan. The plaque is part of MISSAR's 250th Anniversary program designed to honor American Revolutionary War patriots who fought or are buried in Michigan.

Jean-Baptiste Hamelin (born August 9, 1733) was a French-Canadian from the Ojibwa Tribe who fought for the American cause during the Revolutionary War. He was a member of the Hamelin family involved in the fur trade. After participating in the Congress Own Regiment until 1779, he helped Lt. Col. George Rogers Clark Cahokia campaign in present day Indiana. After attacking the British Fort St. Joseph in (modern-day) Niles, Michigan, he died at Le Petit Fort (Indiana Dunes State Park) on or about December 5, 1780, in a fight with British forces.

The plaque dedication ceremony will feature representatives of the MISSAR, the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Michigan Society Children of the American Revolution, the MISSAR Color Guard, veterans, and local, state, and federal dignitaries. The ceremony will be filmed for inclusion in the 2026 PBS Film Project, with Keith Patterson,

***Frontier to Freedom: Wilderness, Revolution, and Michigan Statehood!***

The public are invited to attend. The MISSAR Straits Chapter is coordinating the event. For more information contact:

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