

Ellis Woods Revolutionary Cemetery

Memorial Sunday Observance

The graves of East Coventry's seventeen unknown soldiers from the American Revolution will once again be honored on Sunday May 25, 2025, at 2pm at East Coventry's Ellis Woods Cemetery, 580 Ellis Woods Rd, Pottstown, 19465.

The public is invited to this free event sponsored by the Pottstown Joint Veterans Council and their member organizations along with East Coventry Township. The event features patriotic music provided by Owen J. Roberts Middle School volunteer band members led by Jason Hess, Call to Colors by Owen J. Roberts High School Navy Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps, Non-denominational prayers, Flag Raising, a history lesson, Soldiers' Salute and taps.

We've all heard the story about how, soon after the Civil War, some local young girls placed flowers on the Revolutionary graves along what is now Ellis Woods Road, after seeing a Grand Army of the Republic ceremony in nearby Pottstown. This May, we will recognize today's 'inquisitive boys' along with the 'inquisitive boys' of the past, who, according to a newspaper clipping in the West Chester Historical Society archives, explored the simple mounds a few years before the flowers were placed. This ultimately led the way to document and preserve our Revolutionary soldiers' graves for future generations.

The program lasts about an hour and in the event of rain, will be held under the pavilion at nearby Ellis Woods Park. Traffic and parking along Buckwalter and Ellis Woods Roads will be directed by Ridge Fire Company Special Fire Police.

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