

Dual ceremonies at Mt. Hebron Cemetery in Winchester

On Saturday, June 19, 2021, the Colonel James Wood II Chapter of the Virginia Society, Sons of the American Revolution sponsored two ceremonies in the Mount Hebron Cemetery in Winchester, Virginia. The first was the dedication of a previously installed monument to General Daniel Morgan that stood behind his grave. The second was the Patriot Grave Marking for one Philip Bush.

Virginia OFPA Governor Michael E. Weyler brought greetings from the Virginia Society of The Order of the Founders and Patriots of America, participated in the event's Color Guard and presented the Wreath of the Order in each ceremony.



Governor Weyler bringing greetings, with Daniel Morgan's grave in front of him and Morgan's monument behind him. The VA OFPA wreath is on the left, and the VASSAR wreath, presented by VASSAR President and OFPA Associate Jeff Thomas, is on the right.

Daniel Morgan was a patriot who, as a young man, participated in the French and Indian War. In 1775, he raised a company of riflemen, who made the Beeline March to join Washington in the siege of Boston. He fought at Quebec, at Saratoga, in the Philadelphia campaign, and led the victory at Cowpens. He also served in the United States Congress. His was a long and distinguished service to our nation.

Philip Bush, by contrast, was typical of so many Patriots who served their communities as local leaders who supported the Patriot's cause. Philip Bush served during the Revolution as Deputy Quartermaster for Winchester and Commissioner of Peace. Whether the Patriots were victorious generals, common soldiers or those who kept their counties running during the war, we honor them all for their service in helping to establish the United States of America.