

JOHN SHEPHERD COMMEMORATION SERVICE

PROGRAM

Call to Order - First Sergeant Michael P. Thayer, United States Army

Invocation – Doris Gorgas, Ohio D.A.R. State Chaplain

Please Rise for the Presenting of Colors and the National Anthem

Pledge of Allegiance - Charles E. Phebus, 4th Great Gandson of John Shepherd

Star-Spangled Banner - Rachel Jezior, 16 years old

Introductions of Attendees & Color Guards - First Sergeant Michael P. Thayer,
United States Army

Welcome - Mayor Robert Stefanik, City of North Royalton

Greetings - Charles E. Phebus, 4th Great Gandson of John Shepherd

Introduction of Keynote Speaker - First Sergeant Michael P. Thayer, U.S. Army

Keynote Speaker - Lt. General Robert W. Wagner, United States Army, Retired

John Shepherd Resolution - Don Willey, North Royalton Councilman

John Shepherd Plaque Unveiling - Charles E. Phebus and Mayor Robert Stefanik

Presentation of Wreaths - United States Army

America The Beautiful - Ana Plumlee, 14 years of age

Bagpiper – Donald Willis, Soldiers Lament

Rifle Salute - U.S. Army, American Legion, Parma, Ohio and North Royalton
Police Honor Guard

Taps – John Young, Bugles Across America

Benediction - Bishop Delano J. Ellis, II

Pledge of Allegiance

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.



Flags next to John Shepherd's grave are The King's Colors, which was carried at Braddock's Defeat on July 9, 1755, and the Betsy Ross flag of the American Revolution.

During the Battle of White Marsh, December 5, 1777, John Shepherd was among the group of soldiers held prisoner at the White Church until rescued by other American soldiers. The minister of that church was Rev. Ross, the father-in-law of Betsy Ross.



COMMEMORATION & PLAQUE UNVEILING CEREMONY

FOR

AN AMERICAN HERO, JOHN SHEPHERD

THE LAST SURVIVOR OF BRADDOCK'S DEFEAT 1755

AND

THE LONGEST LIVED SOLDIER OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

117 YEARS 9 MONTHS 18 DAYS

MUNICIPAL CEMETERY
6170 ROYALTON ROAD
NORTH ROYALTON, OHIO

JUNE 26, 2010

FUNDING FOR PLAQUE WAS PROVIDED BY THE
CITY OF NORTH ROYALTON, OHIO

JOHN SHEPHERD HISTORICAL MARKER PLAQUE TEXT

Side one

JOHN SHEPHERD – AN AMERICAN HERO
March 16, 1729 – January 3, 1847

John Shepherd is believed to be the longest lived veteran of the American Revolution. He died at the age of 117 years, 9 months, and 18 days. He entered military service the first time during the French and Indian War (1754-1763). The 26-year-old Shepherd, along with George Washington and others survived Braddock's Defeat at the Battle of Monongahela in 1755. In middle age, Shepherd enlisted in the army again and defended Pennsylvania and other colonies as they fought for freedom from Great Britain during the Revolutionary War (1775-1783).

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Side two

JOHN SHEPHERD – AN AMERICAN HERO
With Washington All the Way

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Shepherd served in the 2nd Pennsylvania Battalion and then the 3rd Pennsylvania Regiment. In the 3rd Pennsylvania, he was a sergeant and his unit saw action at the battles of Brandywine and Germantown, among others, in 1777. Sgt. Shepherd also survived the brutal winter at Valley Forge in 1777-'78 and was at the Battle of Monmouth Courthouse in 1778. At the age of 89, Shepherd witnessed the founding of Royalton Township in 1818 (later re-named North Royalton). His daughter and son-in-law, Margaret and Robert Engle, were two of the community's original settlers.

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Plaque text of "An American Hero" and "With Washington All the Way" provided by Charles Phebus, 4th great-grandson of John Shepherd. Additional text provided by Charles Phebus and Timothy Field Beard, Registrar General, Society of Colonial Wars.

**JOHN SHEPHERD COMMEMORATION SERVICE
WREATHS TO BE PRESENTED**

Donor

Presented By

Charles Phebus, 4th Great-Grandson
of John Shepherd

Charles Phebus

The Society of the Cincinnati

Charles Phebus, Society Member

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Daniel McKinney, Governor, and
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Doris Gorgas, Ohio State Chaplain

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Charles Phebus, Society Member

John Shepherd Descendants

Lori Steadman and Susan Grimnes

Society of Colonial Wars in the
State of New Jersey

Charles Phebus, Society Member

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Charles Phebus, on behalf of
John Glynn, First Vice President

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Charles Phebus, Virginia Society
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Staff Sergeant Winston Au

American Legion, Post 572, Parma, Ohio

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JOHN SHEPHERD 1729-1847

French & Indian Wars

The Last Survivor of Braddock's Defeat 1755

American Revolution Battles

Battle of Long Island

Battle of Valcour Island

Trenton

Princeton

Winter at Morristown

Brandywine - wounded

Germantown

White Marsh - prisoner & rescued

Winter at Valley Forge

Monmouth

WITH WASHINGTON ALL THE WAY

