



PRINCETON BATTLEFIELD SOCIETY
 JOINT EVENT DESCRIPTION
 DECEMBER 18, 2021

Project	“Wreaths Across America” event.
Date and Time	Saturday, December 18, 2021, 11:00 to 11:45 am.
Event Co-Convenors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Princeton Battlefield Society • Sons of the American Revolution, Princeton/Cranbury Chapter • Daughters of the American Revolution, Princeton Chapter • New Jersey Sons of the Revolution • NJ Freemasons, Mercer Lodge No. 50 and others from the NJ 15th Masonic District • NJ Freemasons, Princeton Lodge No. 38
Location	Colonnade of the Princeton Battlefield State Park (site of graves of several unknowns and location of mortal wounding and death of RevWar Gen. Hugh Mercer).
Description	Participation in the annual “Wreaths Across America” wreath-laying ceremonies at more than 3,000 locations across the United States, at sea and abroad.
Purpose	To commemorate American veterans and servicemen, especially those who made the ultimate sacrifice.
Rationale	Engage in a worthy patriotic and community cause consistent with the ideals of the participating heritage and community groups.
	Support a project of interest to the general public.

Features	A program of local wreath-laying at a historically significant Mercer County location as part of a national wreath-laying exercise at 3,000 locations around the country.
Instruments of Commemoration	Specially produced wreaths with medallions commemorating each of the eight embodiments of the U.S. Armed Forces (e.g., <i>Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Space Force, Coast Guard, Merchant Marine, POW/MIA</i>), obtained by Wreaths Across America from Worcester Wreath Company in Maine.
Event Partner	Wreaths Across America, Inc., of Harrington, ME, a 501c3 organization soliciting and channeling donations nationwide for the purchase and placement of commemorative wreaths at Arlington Cemetery and at 3,000 other locations around the country since 1992. (See www.wreathscrossamerica.org .)
Dignitaries invited	US Congresswoman Bonnie Watson Coleman NJ State Senator Shirley Turner NJ Assemblymen Andrew Zweicker, Roy Freiman, Dan Benson Mercer County Commissioner Andrew Koontz Princeton Mayor Mark Freda
Permissions	Princeton Battlefield Society has secured State Park approval for this event.
Other Commemoration Groups to be invited (partial list)	RevWar re-enactor groups, esp.: 1 st Rhode Island, Trenton, NJ 3 rd New Jersey Regiment (“New Jersey Grays”) 3 rd Pennsylvania Regiment Military associations, including: Trenton Marine Corps League Detachment 207 Veterans of Foreign Wars (Hamilton, Lawrenceville, Hightstown) American Legion
Possible Community Service participant organizations	Princeton High School
Volunteer Jobs	Receive and store wreaths, etc. Transport wreaths Assist with event set-up Usher attendees Prepare, print, and distribute programs

Lead the Pledge of Allegiance

Bugler (to play taps)

Proposed Schedule

9:30 am Event volunteers muster on Mercer Road along Colonnade side of field.

10:45 am Event participants muster Battlefield Colonnade.

11:00 noon Begin Ceremony.

Welcome
Invocation
Parade Colors; Pledge of Allegiance
Remarks
Wreathes Laying
Hymn
Musket Volley
Closing Prayer

11:45 am Conclude Ceremony.

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