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## **Arlington, MA to Conduct Largest-Ever Reenactment of the *Battle of Menotomy* During Patriots' Day Week 2024**

The **Town of Arlington**, MA, the **Arlington 250 Committee**, presenting sponsor **Leader Bank**, and community event partners announce programming for this year's Patriots' Day Week starting on April 10, 2024. The week-long event will include the largest-ever historical reenactment of the *Battle of Menotomy*, a reenactment of the ride of Paul Revere and William Dawes, historical education and family programming, a "Tavern Week," and more.

Originally called Menotomy, the town of Arlington has a rich history spanning nearly three centuries, and was the site of the fiercest fighting between the British Regulars and the colonial minutemen and militia on April 19, 1775.

This year's celebration of Patriots' Day Week marks the official kickoff the town's multiyear commemoration under the umbrella of ***Arlington 250: The Untold Stories of Menotomy***, which seeks to explore stories of the town's history and people, with a special emphasis of bringing forward the stories of historically underrepresented groups and the town's own often-overlooked role on April 19, 1775. Along with other towns across the Commonwealth and across the United States, Arlington will be participating in the upcoming Revolution 250 and America 250 celebrations through 2026.

### **Arlington Patriots' Day Week 2024 Highlights:**

**Arlington Tavern Week 4/10- 4/19:** To mark the importance of taverns to daily life and political gatherings in colonial America, restaurants across Arlington will be offering special menus and programming throughout the week. Check [Arlington250.org](https://Arlington250.org) for details.

**Menotomy Beer Hall at Arlington Menotomy Town Hall, Saturday, April 13, 12:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.** In remembrance of the Black Horse Tavern where the Committee of Safety organized in advance of the arrival of the British Regulars, Town Hall will be turned into a beer garden with live entertainment and craft activities. This family-friendly event is free. Food, alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages are available for purchase supplied by Menotomy Grill and Arlington Brewing.

**Tour the Jason Russell House, Saturday, April 13 and Monday, April 15. 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.** Presented by the Arlington Historical Society, learn about the Battle of Menotomy and the instrumental role of the historic Jason Russell House. Admission fee: Adults \$8; children 6-18, \$4; under 5 free.

**Reenactment of the Battle of Menotomy, Sunday, April 14, 2024, 2 p.m.,**  
Massachusetts Avenue from Grove Street to Route 60. Witness a historic reenactment -- Arlington's largest to date -- of the April 19, 1775 battle between the colonial combatants against the British Regulars as they retreated back to Boston from Lexington and Concord.

**Patriots' Day Celebration at Cyrus Dallin Museum, Monday, April 15, 10a.m.**  
Family-friendly activities will include a discussion of the history of the Battle of Menotomy, readings of Paul Revere-inspired poems, including a reading of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's *The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere* and a poem by Cyrus Dallin. The Museum will also be showing its newest acquisition, an extremely rare prototype of the Paul Revere Monument by Cyrus Dallin.

**Reenactment of the Ride of Paul Revere and William Dawes, Arlington Town Hall, Monday, April 15, 11 a.m.** Join the "Menotomy Welcoming Committee" at Town Hall and enjoy family-friendly activities and light refreshments in anticipation of the National Lancers recreating the rides of Paul Revere and William Dawes at 12 noon.

For updated details, visit: <https://arlington250.org/patriots24>

#### **ABOUT ARLINGTON 250 & THE SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL**

The Arlington 250 Committee is the organizing body for the Town of Arlington, MA's commemoration of the semiquincentennial — the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the American Revolution. It includes representatives from Arlington's Select Board, School Committee, Tourism and Economic Development (A-TED) committee, Historical Society, Chamber of Commerce, and Commission for Arts and Culture (Arts Arlington); Town Meeting; the Battle Road Scenic Byway Committee; the Menotomy Minutemen; and volunteers from the community at large. Revolution 250 is a non-profit organization that is capturing the history of the revolution in Massachusetts; the MA Office of Travel & Tourism has created MA 250, a statewide marketing campaign commemorating the past and celebrating the future of our Commonwealth.

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