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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

BLACK REVOLUTIONARY WAR SOLDIER TO BE HONORED APRIL 27

Oliver Cromwell a revolutionary war soldier received the Badge of Merit for six years faithful service from General George Washington, will finally be honored in his hometown of Burlington, NJ. The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) will have a ceremony and award a plaque in honor of his participation and efforts in the American Revolutionary War. In addition, there will be a plaque installed at his home on 114 East Union St., Burlington, New Jersey in recognition of his service to the country.

The recognition services will start at 10:00 am on Wednesday, April 27th and will be held at 100 Block of East Union St., Burlington. Mayor Barry W. Conaway will welcome visitors and provide opening remarks followed by NJDAR State Regent Bonnie Matthews.

“DAR is thrilled and humbled to finally be able to recognize and acknowledge Pvt. Oliver Cromwell for his contribution to our freedom efforts during the Revolutionary War” stated Matthews. After opening remarks there will be a Color Guard, Pledge of Allegiance, National Anthem, and opening invocation by Pastor Parker of the Broad Street Methodist Church. In addition to recognition of Cromwell by many State, County and National offices, the highlight of the event will be recognition of

Cromwell's descendants. The program, which will last approximately 45 minutes, and will conclude with presentation of a plaque stating, "Original Home of Revolutionary War Soldier Private Oliver Cromwell" New Jersey State Society Daughters of the American Revolution. The closing benediction will be given by Pastor Timothy Hutton of the Second Baptist Church, Mt. Holly, NJ. (Complete schedule of the ceremony is attached).

Join the DAR and the residents of Burlington and family members of Oliver Cromwell at 100 Block on East Union Street, Burlington, on April 27 @ 10 for a long overdue and well-deserved recognition of a valiant Black man who served and fought during the Revolutionary War. For further information visit: <https://olivercromwellceremony.njdar.org/>

Cromwell Ceremony

Start Time: 10:00am

Order of the Day

- **Welcome – Burlington City Mayor Barry W. Conaway**
- **MC – NJDAR State Regent Bonnie Matthews**
- Opening Ceremonies
 - **Posting of Colors – SAR Color Guard**
 - Pledge of Allegiance – local boy scouts or family members
 - National Anthem – church or school choir
 - **Invocation – Pastor Parker Broad Street Methodist Church**
- **Opening remarks – President General Denise VanBuren**
- US President or VP greetings to be read by: NJDAR State Corresponding Secretary
- Governor or Lt Governor
- US Senator
- **US Congressman Andy Kim greetings to be brought by: _____ from his office**
- NJ Senators and/or Representatives [1 highest]
- Burlington Community Leaders &/or Church Organizations - [1-2]

- Descendants of Cromwell – Jane Fox Long
- Story of how the marker came to fruition – NJDAR State Regent Bonnie Matthews
- Presentation and Ceremony of the “Original Home of Revolutionary War Soldier Private Oliver Cromwell” Lynn Forney Young, Historian General & State Historian
- Awarding of Amerca250 Certificates & Medals – NJDAR State Historian Deb Hvizdos
- Benediction – Pastor Timothy Hutton
- Closing with Thank You – NJDAR State Regent Bonnie Matthews

