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LancasterHistory Presents the 2023 Annual Presidential Wreath Laying Ceremony at James Buchanan's Tomb

Event to Honor the 15th President of the United States to be Held at Woodward Hill Cemetery

LANCASTER, Pa. – LancasterHistory invites the public to attend the annual Presidential Wreath Laying Ceremony on Saturday, April 22, at 10 a.m. at Woodward Hill Cemetery. This special event honors the 15th President of the United States, James Buchanan, with a wreath-laying of fresh flowers at his gravesite.

Hosted by Woodward Hill Cemetery and LancasterHistory, the ceremony will feature remarks from distinguished guests, including Assistant Adjutant General MG **James McCormack**; **Ray D'Agostino**, Chairman of the Lancaster County Commissioners; **Richard L. Mendez**, Lancaster City Chief of Police; **Jean Weglarz** of Woodward Hill Cemetery; **Nathan Gilchrist III** from Masonic Lodge 43; and **Patrick Clarke**, Director of President James Buchanan's Wheatland. The invocation and benediction will be delivered by **Rev. Timothy Mentzer** of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

Support for the ceremony is generously provided by the 328th Brigade Support Battalion, Boy Scout Troop #58, the Lancaster Fencibles, and the Red Rose Veterans Honor Guard.

“The Annual Presidential Wreath Laying Ceremony is a time-honored tradition that not only commemorates the life and legacy of our 15th President, James Buchanan but also serves as a reminder of the importance of preserving our nation's rich history,” said **Patrick Clarke**. “We are proud to be a part of this event and invite the community to join us on Saturday to commemorate President Buchanan.”

LancasterHistory extends special thanks to the Red Rose Veterans Honor Guard for their donation of an American Flag for this year's ceremony.

All are welcome to attend this commemorative ceremony on Saturday, April 22, at 10 a.m. at Woodward Hill Cemetery, 501 South Queen Street, Lancaster, PA. There is no admission fee or RSVP required. For specific directions to and within the cemetery, please visit Woodward Hill Cemetery's [website](#).

For more information about the 2023 Annual Presidential Wreath Laying Ceremony, please visit LancasterHistory's [event page](#).

About LancasterHistory

LancasterHistory is a community-based, not-for-profit organization established to educate the public on the history of Lancaster County and its place in the history of Pennsylvania and the United States, to advance the missions of regional historical organizations, and to promote the acquisition, preservation, and interpretation of resources representing the history of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania within the broader context of state and national history, including the life and legacy of America's 15th president, James Buchanan, and to preserve and maintain Wheatland, his home.

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