

INSTALLING A PATRIOT GRAVEMARKER



Compatriot John C. Echerd of John Sevier Chapter obtained approval from NSSAR for use of a new marker he designed to identify the location of Revolutionary War Patriot graves, and SAR member graves. The small granite marker bears an engraving of the SAR logo and the word "Patriot" or "SAR Member". Several people have asked how to properly install the marker, so he has produced this photographic essay to illustrate how to properly install the marker at the grave of Compatriot Davis's ancestor, RW Patriot James Davis.

At left are TNSSAR President-elect Bill Eubank, Charles I. Davis, and TNSSAR Vice President-East Charles Dammann. Photos were taken by TNSSAR Past President John Echerd.



STEP ONE: Get a couple buddies together who want to help install the marker while you take pictures.

STEP THREE: Dig a small hole.

STEP TWO: Gather supplies to complete the job—hoe, tamping bar, Quik-rete, trash bag, and the marker.



STEP FOUR: Carefully pour Quik-rete into the bottom of the hole.

STEP FIVE: Position Patriot marker in hole, settling the marker into the Quik-rete so that it surrounding the marker.



STEP SIX: Clean the stone and cover Quik-rete with soil. Clean up the area and thank your buddies for their hard work.



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If necessity is the mother of invention, then Compatriot John C. Echerd of the John Sevier Chapter is its father. With the growing cost of metal and the frequency of SAR's bronze markers being stolen from graves, Compatriot Echerd worked with Wichman Monuments (800.654.2125) to engrave the authorized SAR pattern into granite. In September 2007, he obtained approval from the SAR Revolutionary War Graves Committee for these granite markers to be used on Patriot and member graves.

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