

Press release: For immediate release
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The Reading of the Declaration of Independence
Location: The George Taylor House
35 South Front St
Catasauqua Pa 18032
July 4, 2019
9am-12pm

The Borough of Catasauqua will host the Reading of the Declaration of Independence, followed by an Honor Guard Salute from American Legion Post 215 at the George Taylor House on July 4, 2019 at 10 am.

George Taylor was one of the 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence. The Home, listed as a National Historic Landmark and on the National Register of Historic Properties is located at 35 South Front St., Catasauqua PA 18032. This will be the 10th year the Borough of Catasauqua will host the Reading of the Declaration at the George Taylor House.

This year's Reader of the Declaration is Reverend Joshua Knappenberger. "Rev. Joshua Knappenberger served four years of active duty in the U.S. Army as a member of the "Commander in Chief's Guard" (CINCGUARD). The CINCGUARD is a unique company within the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard), the Army's Ceremonial Unit, based in Washington D.C. For ceremonies and reenactments, the CINCGUARD dresses in American colonial army regulars uniforms and carries Brown Bess muskets to resemble George Washington's fifty-six man bodyguard during the Revolutionary War. Rev. Knappenberger is currently the Director of the Liberty Bell Museum in Allentown as well as the Assistant Pastor of the Zion's UCC (Liberty Bell) Church."

Enjoy the sounds of Patriotic music from the Antebellum Marine Band conducted by Bandmaster GySgt Kenneth J. Serfass USMC (ret.). The Antebellum Marine Band is comprised of working adult musicians and select high school age musicians from the Lehigh Valley, Gettysburg and Southern California. The band has a repertoire spanning the beginning of band music in the US and up to the first decade of the 20th century at the height of the Sousa era.

The George Taylor House will be open for guided Tours from 9 am-12 pm. Adults \$5 suggested donation / Children 17 and under are free.