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U.S.: Ships sailed through strait

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Pentagon chief Pete Hegseth on May 5 said two U.S. commercial ships and two Navy destroyers sailed through the Strait of Hormuz, embarrassing Iranians who claimed the key waterway was closed and demonstrating it is safe to

pass while a blockade of Tehran's ports continues.

The crossings May 4 in the key waterway for 20% of the world's oil and natural gas came amid a fragile ceasefire. The U.S. military sank six Iranian boats targeting commercial vessels under the mission Project Freedom. Hegseth said the boats were carrying only small weapons but were taken serious-

ly as a threat, adding: "We're not going to let a threat to gather."

Iran denied any crossings had taken place, though shipping company Maersk said the Alliance Fairfax, a U.S.-flagged ship, exited the Gulf under U.S. military escort on May 4. Iran also launched missile and drone strikes on

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GRAVE SITUATION

Researchers mapping burial sites of Revolutionary War veterans in Ohio

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Editor's Note: This is another in a series of articles to be published periodically in 2026 about the observance in Stark County and surrounding communities of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States.

Thousands of Revolutionary War veterans are buried around Ohio.

Their grave markers are weathered, with etchings on the stones worn nearly unreadable. The resting places are in older, less-visited sections of cemeteries. And the stories of most of the soldiers have long since ceased being told, except during cemetery tours offered by historical societies.

It's often difficult for people to know where to find them.

That's why the Ohio History Connection has launched an effort to create an interactive online map showing the locations of the estimated 7,000 Revolutionary War soldiers buried in the state. The "Mapping Memory: Revolutionary War Veterans Graves Identification Project" is part of the America250-Ohio celebration.

As of May 5, the project had documented 4,080 gravesites and 1,377 cemeteries around the state, including Stark County.

Kimberly Kenney, executive director of McKinley Presidential Library & Museum in Canton, who included a mention of Revolutionary War veterans in her 2004 book, "Canton's West Lawn Cemetery," has led historical tours of the cemetery when she also has to explain why such colonial-era men are buried in Stark County.

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The Ohio History Connection has launched a project to document the gravesites of Revolutionary War veterans buried in the state. Capt. Benjamin Page's grave is located in West Lawn Cemetery in Canton.

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Regional housing market rates highly

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The Canton-Massillon region remains a shining star in the U.S. housing market.

Akron isn't too shabby, either. The Wall Street Journal and Realtor.com released their spring 2026 Housing Market Ranking on May 1, showing Canton-Massillon ranked the third best in the country. The Akron market is ranked No. 6.

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ELECTION RESULTS

Vote totals from May 5 primary election were not available by press time. Results are available online at Canton-Rep.com and will appear in the May 7 edition of the newspaper.

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