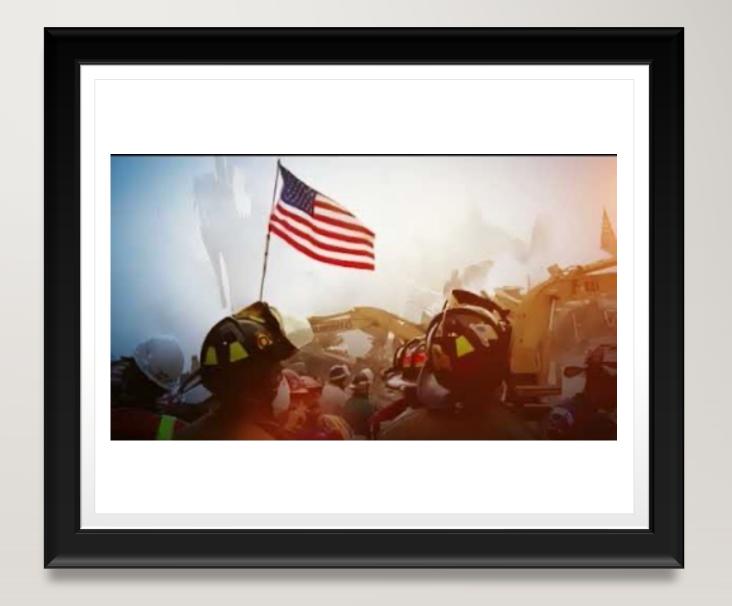
IT'S TIME TO START LOOKING AHEAD TO JULY 4, 2026. THAT DATE MARKS THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.



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America is our story. See how we're working with communities, partners, and everyday people across the country to tell it.



What is the New York State 250th?

2026 marks the 250th anniversary of our nation's founding. To observe
this momentous occasion, the U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission will
encourage Americans to remember our past, commemorate the present,
and look forward to a promising future.

http://www.nys250.org

What is the New York State 250th?

- Recently passed legislation in the Assembly and Senate creates a statewide commission that seeks to highlight and commemorate not just the roles of New York's citizens during the Revolutionary War, but also the subsequent 250 years of action toward the ideals of our nation's founding principles.
- NYS 250th Commemoration Act was passed in both the Senate and the Assembly. The bill, <u>S. 4410C/A. 4742B</u>, passed unanimously in both houses.

What is the New York State 250th?

• Through exhibitions, events, public programs, and publications, and an emphasis on education and civics, the 250th commemoration will focus on the revolutionary actions of New Yorkers and the ever-evolving process by which they have fought to bring the nation closer to its founding principles.

What is the America 250th?

• The <u>U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission</u> was established by Congress (<u>P.L. 114-196</u>) to inspire Americans to participate in the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States. We're charged with orchestrating the largest and most inclusive anniversary observance in our nation's history.

What is the America 250th?

• The Commission will work with public and private entities across the country to make America250 a once-in-a-lifetime experience for all Americans. Our partners will bring the essential ideas, expertise, relationships and resources necessary to engage all Americans, each American, and friends of America in this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

https://america250.org/about/partners/

What is the America 250th?

- On July 4, 2026, communities nationwide will join America 250 and our partners to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence and the founding of a new nation.
- There is a field guide developed by the AASLH to help prepare for 2026 https://aaslh.org/programs/250th/

What is the America 250th?

America 250's five-year journey will culminate in partnership events, concerts, parades, and ceremonies in the official gathering places of America's semiquincentennial. From online to in-person, we will create national signature events and partner with international, state, tribal, local, and grassroots efforts to provide multiple access points for all 330 million Americans to participate in this historic commemoration.

What Can You Do in Your Region of New York State To Participate?

• The New York State Museum is in the process of creating a webpage dedicated to New York State's Commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution. The webpage will contain events, resources, and information about New York's Commemoration, highlighting not just the role of New York during the Revolutionary War, but also the subsequent 250 years of complex struggle towards attempting to realize the ideals of our nation's founding principles. The webpage will also include news and information related to the America 250 national commemoration as well as links to local and regional organizations undertaking 250th or related planning.

What Can You Do in Your Region of New York State To Participate?

• If your community, school or organization is planning any events or has any other relevant information related to New York's role in the Revolution or the subsequent struggle over the concepts of civil rights, liberty, and equality, please contact the Office of State History at: statehistory@nysed.gov

https://america250.org/engage/become-partner/

Who are the NYS and America 250th Partners?

- NYSED: Office of State History
- NYSCSS and all Regional Affiliates
- NCSS and all State Affiliates
- America 250th: https://america250.org/about/partners/
- Sail 250 New York: https://sail250ny.org
- American Association for State and Local History
- Local Historians, Museums, and Cultural Organizations
- Everyday citizens like us!

Where Can I Find More Information About the NYS and USA 250th Celebrations?

- NYS Office of History: http://www.nysm.nysed.gov/research-collections/state-history
- New York Public History Trust: More Exciting Information to come...
- Living History Education Foundation: http://www.livinghistoryed.org

Where Can I Find More Information About the NYS and USA 250th Commemoration Events?

- NYS 250: http://www.nys250.org
- America 250: https://america250.org
- AASLH: https://aaslh.org
- National Parks Service: https://www.nps.gov
- NFCSS: https://www.nfcss.org/nys-250th-commission.html





Thank You for your participation!

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