VIRGINIA'S HISTORY IS AMERICA'S STORY

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- Committed corporate partners
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Economic Impact of Commemorations

Themes

• Virginia is a powerfully historical place, home to sites and stories essential to our American story

• The Revolutionary challenge continues

• In Virginia, the American Revolution was a war, and more than a war

• We can tell our history to reflect the fullest American story
$1.5 Billion economic impact to Virginia
22,000 Jobs created across the Commonwealth
$50 Million in state and local tax revenue
9 Million people participating in events and programs
Extensive media impressions, interviews, articles, social media interaction
Signature Exhibition with Traveling Part:

- Partnership between Virginia Museum of History and Culture and Jamestown Yorktown Foundation

- (Part I) 5,000 sq. ft. cutting-edge museum exhibition with online component for schools

- (Part II) Traveling Panel Exhibition
  - Provided to localities, at no cost, for display in small museums, libraries, community centers
Mobile Museum: Centerpiece of Events
Marketing and Partner Messaging
Signature Events and Conferences

1776

2026
Multi-state event marking 250th anniversary of Virginia’s Committee of Correspondence

- March 10-12, 2023
- Williamsburg Lodge
- Registration at VA250.org
Local VA250 Committees

Resources to support Local VA250 Committees

- Interactive Statewide Calendar of Events
- Dedicated page on VA250.org to highlight local history, events
- Customized logo with locality name
- Amplification of events across social media

- VA250 grant program to provide funding to local committees
  
  - Virginia Tourism VA250 Marketing Leverage Grants
    - Specifically includes Road to Revolution interpretive signage
  
  - Virginia Humanities VA250 Content Development Grants
Culpeper County

About

Chartered in 1749, Culpeper County was named for Lord Thomas Culpeper, Colonial Governor of Virginia, 1680-1683. That year, at the age of 17, George Washington was commissioned to survey and plot the Town and the County of Culpeper. The Town of Culpeper was chartered in 1759 by an Act of the General Assembly as the Town of Fairfax and it was recorded that the Town occupied a “high and pleasant situation.” It was named after Lord Culpeper’s grandson, Lord Fairfax the sixth. The early 27-acre courthouse village was developed on land included in a 1754 purchase by Robert Coleman. Coleman purchased the land from the eldest son of Virginia Governor Alexander Spotswood, who had received the land in a grant from the British Crown.

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Prince William County

About

Explore the 12 sites within Prince William County & the city of Manassas, Virginia designated as part of the Revolutionary War History Trail. The Revolutionary War History Trail connects visitors with the great campaigns and lesser-known sites of the Revolutionary War in this region. Illustrated signs combine storytelling with historic images at each historic site. Rippon Lodge Historic Site leads the county’s commemoration with events scheduled throughout the
Statewide Calendar of Events

Commemoration related events are already happening throughout Virginia and can be found in the listing below. If you would like VA250 to include events not currently listed here, please submit them to Trevor Grimm, at tgrimm@va250.org and continue to check back regularly for more events as they are scheduled and added to this site.

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**Reign & Rebellion**
November 05, 2022 - September 03, 2023
York County
Discover Virginia through the lens of the Stuart monarchy, whose royal footsteps impacted and influenced early America and shaped the struggles and determination of those who lived in the colony in the 18th and 19th centuries. This upcoming two-fol...

**Loquacious Lucy, Queen for a Day**
February 04, 2023 - March 11, 2023
City of Williamsburg
When Lucy, a gregarious and loquacious enslaved child, learns that her best friend has been sold, her father must teach her hard lessons about slavery and instill in her the pride of her ancestors. Every Saturday Feb 4 - Mar 11 (except Feb 18).

**A Common Cause to All**
March 10, 2023 - March 12, 2023
City of Williamsburg
March 12, 2023 is the 250th Anniversary of Virginia forming its Committee of Correspondence in order to secure united act...

**8th Annual Prince William/Manassas History Symposium**
March 25, 2023 - March 25, 2023
City of Manassas
Prince William County has many different layers to its history, and many individuals have shaped its complex past. Come learn about some of the early pioneers in County history at the Eighth Annual Prince William/Manassas History Symposium. "Histor...

**Liberty Celebration**
July 04, 2023
York County
This Fourth of July, take in Liberty Celebration and salute the 147th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. The American Revolution Museum at Yorktown offers a special lineup July 4 to mark the patriotic occasion. From 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., vis...

**Harvest Day at Rippon Lodge**
September 23, 2023
Prince William County
Learn the history of harvest day during the colonial era at Rippon Lodge Historic Site. Crafts, picking fresh veggies from the garden, pumpkin painting, farm animals, lawn games, and other fun, family activities planned. Advanced registration strongly...

**Rippon Lodge 275th Celebration Finale**
November 08, 2023
Prince William County
In 1747, construction began on Rippon Lodge, one of the area’s oldest homes. For this anniversary celebration, Rippon Lodge Historic Site welcomes you to experience a day full of colonial living history demonstrations and impressions, military encam...
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