



## **VIRGINIA AMERICAN REVOLUTION 250 COMMEMORATION**

### **FACT SHEET**

**About:** The Virginia American Revolution 250 Commission (VA250), established by the General Assembly in 2020, serves to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution, the Revolutionary War, and the independence of the United States in the Commonwealth of Virginia, one of the former colonies and future states, where much of the nation's history took place. The primary goal of the Commission is to convene and facilitate a Commonwealth-wide commemoration and celebration, multi-faceted and inclusive of hundreds of partners and representatives of the wide array of histories, sites, stories, and communities that define Virginia.

[VA250 Enabling Legislation](#)

[2022 Annual Report](#)

**Leadership:** The VA250 Commission is comprised of individuals representing the Commonwealth's government, private and non-profit sectors and coordinates the Commemoration's planning and development and includes representatives from historical sites and museums across Virginia, leadership of Virginia's Indian tribes, members of the Virginia legislature and citizen members. The Commission is chaired by Delegate Terry L. Austin and vice-chaired by Senator Mamie E. Locke.

**Membership:** Members of the VA250 Commission include:

**The Honorable Terry L. Austin, Chair**  
**The Honorable Mamie E. Locke, Vice Chair**

**The Honorable Hyland F. Fowler**  
**The Honorable Thomas K. Norment, Jr.**  
**The Honorable Kenneth Plum**

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*Chickahominy Indian Tribe*

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*Mechanicsville, VA*

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*American Battlefield Trust*

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*The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation*

Scott M. Stroh III  
*Gunston Hall*

Sue Gerdelman  
*Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation Board of Trustees*

**Important  
Dates:**

Check the [VA250 Statewide Calendar of Events](#) for updated events.

March 18 – 20, 2024: The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual [A Common Cause to All](#)

Fall 2024: **Lafayette Grand Tour** – kicks off August 16, 2024

November 9, 2024: **Yorktown Tea Party**

March 23, 2025: **250th Anniversary of Patrick Henry’s “Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death” speech**

May 2026: **Sail250**

July 4, 2026: **250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence**

October 19, 2031: **Yorktown Victory Day**

**Local  
Committees:**

There are 134 cities and counties in Virginia all of whom have been invited to form committees to showcase their own revolutionary history and events. Head to the VA250 website [Local Committee listing](#) for the most current list of local VA250 committees and to access links to their membership and activities.

**Plans in  
Development  
and  
Available  
Resources:**

Current plans in development include:

Events in celebration of the **250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 2026.**

A **Mobile Museum** that will be hands-on, interactive and immersive and housed in an expandable tractor-trailer and will travel, free of charge, to schools, local events, festivals, and fairs throughout Virginia and beyond.

A **Signature Exhibition** of history and artifacts to be housed within and curated in partnership with the Virginia Museum of History and Culture (VMHC) and the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation (JYF) and will include a travelling panel exhibition available to all Virginia localities.

**Grant opportunities** in partnership with Virginia Tourism Corporation and Virginia Humanities, VA250 provides funding opportunities to support Virginia local committee programming.

**Educational opportunities** in support of Virginia schools and educational institutions.

**Events and Places to Visit:** The VA250 website includes [Statewide Calendar of Events](#) showing Commission signature events as well as local events and sites of historic interest. There will be an interactive map on the website that will allow visitors to search by location and area of interest.

**How To Get Involved:** Those wishing to get involved can contact their [local committee](#) or the [Commission staff](#) for more information on volunteer opportunities, how to donate, and other ways to support the commemoration.

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