



## VIRGINIA AMERICAN REVOLUTION 250 COMMEMORATION

### FACT SHEET

**About:** [Established in 2020](#), to commemorate Virginia's role in the 250th anniversary of American independence, the Virginia American Revolution 250 Commission (VA250) aims to form a more perfect union by educating Virginians about their history and civic duty and sharing diverse narratives that capture Virginia's complete story and role in shaping the nation.

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**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**.

**Honorary Leadership Council** The [VA250 Honorary Leadership Council](#) includes Governor Glenn Youngkin, all nine living former Virginia governors, the state's entire congressional delegation, key state officials, and is headed up by the **VA250 National Honorary Chair, Carly Fiorina**. will be giving their voices towards the 250th commemoration. This bipartisan group serves as a guiding force for the commemoration, ensuring its authenticity and inclusivity.

**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](#)

July 4, 2024: **Independence Day at the Virginia State Capitol**

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**

July 4, 2025: **Independence Day at Mount Vernon**

May 2026: **Sail250**

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

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

**Local Committees:** There are 133 cities and counties in Virginia, which have been forming local 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:

- [VA250 Mobile Museum Experience \(fall 2024\)](#): A traveling museum that will visit every locality so that all students and citizens can experience all the history in their community and learn more about the unique stories of each region of the Commonwealth.
- 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.

**How To Get Involved:**

Those wishing to get involved can contact their [local committee, donate](#) towards commemoration efforts, [visit](#) Virginia's historical sites, museums, and events happening statewide, and [follow](#) the VA250 social media pages and sharing using #VA250

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