

*America 250! Committee*  
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The United States stands on the eve of a grand anniversary – and DAR is commemorating this milestone with intention. The America 250! Committee was established to plan DAR’s involvement and maximize its visibility during our nation’s upcoming 250th birthday in 2026. Much like the 1976 Bicentennial celebration, this observance provides an exceptional opportunity for community involvement, positive public relations and membership growth throughout DAR. NSDAR is in the external observances phase, which began in 2023 and continues to 2033, the 250th anniversary of the Treaty of Paris that ended the American Revolution.

- Chapters should seek out and welcome all prospective members.
- Encourage training of members to assist with application papers to propel membership of all descendants of American Patriots.
- Enrich local communities through service projects and outreach by commemorating the 250th anniversary and reflecting on the values of liberty, democracy, and the sacrifices of those who came before us.
- Bring Patriots to life through their remarkable stories and their legacies. Demonstrate modern relevancy and diversity of experience for our Patriots.
- Recognize community members (non-DAR) with the America 250 Commendation and Certificate for meritorious service in educating the public about the American Revolutionary War. Visit the committee webpage or the DAR Store for examples of appropriate service. The America 250! Committee offers an opportunity for every member in every chapter to participate in honoring our Patriots and increasing membership as we Illuminate Our Legacy. The America 250! Committee has several exciting projects to promote this milestone celebration. Members are encouraged to view the committee page for complete details.

The American Revolution Experience is a traveling exhibited and is available to come to your community. The exhibit discusses the people, places and events of the American Revolution as both a physical traveling exhibit, and an online, free to anyone, anywhere exhibit. Visit the committee webpage for more information on hosting the exhibit in your community. Also note that the online version makes a great program for a chapter meeting. Mark your calendars for the Spain and the Birth of American Democracy: A History Symposium event to take place in Constitution Hall on September 19th and 20th. Jointly sponsored by the DAR and the Queen Sofia Spanish Institute (QSSI) as well as the Fundacion Ramon Areces (FRA) with support from the Cultural Office of the Embassy of Spain in the United States, this symposium, free and open to the public addresses Spain’s contributions to the American Revolution.

### **Recognize Your Community with the DAR America 250! Commendation Medal and Certificate!**

Is there a non-DAR individual or group in your community who has made a truly exceptional effort to honor Revolutionary War Patriots and educate others about their service and sacrifice? Present them with the DAR America 250! Commendation Medal and Certificate!

Commendable efforts include restoring or rededicating Revolutionary War monuments, plaques, and gravesites through public projects or events; publishing books or articles about Patriots; and organizing community events to raise awareness of their vital service and sacrifice during the American Revolutionary War.

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