



Freedom 250
THE PLAYBOOK



Welcome

Fellow Americans,

On behalf of Freedom 250—the national movement celebrating the Triumph of the American Spirit—I write to invite you to join us in celebrating America’s 250th birthday.

Working as a nonpartisan public-private nonprofit in coordination with the White House Task Force 250 and the National Park Foundation, Freedom 250's mission is simple: to help communities commemorate this historic milestone in ways that honor our past and inspire the next generation.

The attached Freedom 250 Playbook outlines practical ways you can help bring the nation’s 250th to life in your communities.

The nation’s 250th is more than a commemoration of history. It is an opportunity to renew our civic spirit and remind the world what makes America exceptional: a people united by the enduring ideals of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

We look forward to celebrating this historic milestone with you.

With gratitude,



Keith Krach

Chief Executive Officer, Freedom 250



Mission



Freedom 250 unites Americans from every corner of the country around one shared mission: celebrating the triumph of the American spirit.

Working with the White House Task Force 250, federal agencies, and organizations across the country, Freedom 250 amplifies local efforts and brings to life the defining national moments of this anniversary.

Through national programs, storytelling, and once-in-a-generation events, Freedom 250 seeks to spark a unifying movement to honor our history, cherish our freedoms, and build a golden age of opportunity for the next 250 years.



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ANSWER THE CALL LEAD FREEDOM 250 IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Freedom 250 is not just a series of events in Washington—it is a nationwide movement. And its success depends on leaders.

We are inviting a select group of committed, community-minded individuals to step forward as Freedom 250 leaders across the country – that’s you!

Serve as a:

- **State Ambassador** – Shape and coordinate 250 efforts across your state
- **District Chair** – Lead initiatives within your congressional district
- **City Liaison** – Bring meaningful programming to your community

What You’ll Do:

- Convene local leaders, organizations, and volunteers
- Support and amplify Freedom 250 events and initiatives
- Encourage civic engagement, service, and historical education
- Help ensure your community is part of this historic national celebration

Why It Matters:

This is more than a celebration—it’s a chance to leave a lasting imprint on our country. To inspire the next generation. To remind Americans what unites us.

Your leadership can help bring that vision to life—right where you live.

Join Us

If you feel called to serve in this effort, we would be honored to have you step into a leadership role.

Express your interest today by emailing volunteer@freedom250.org

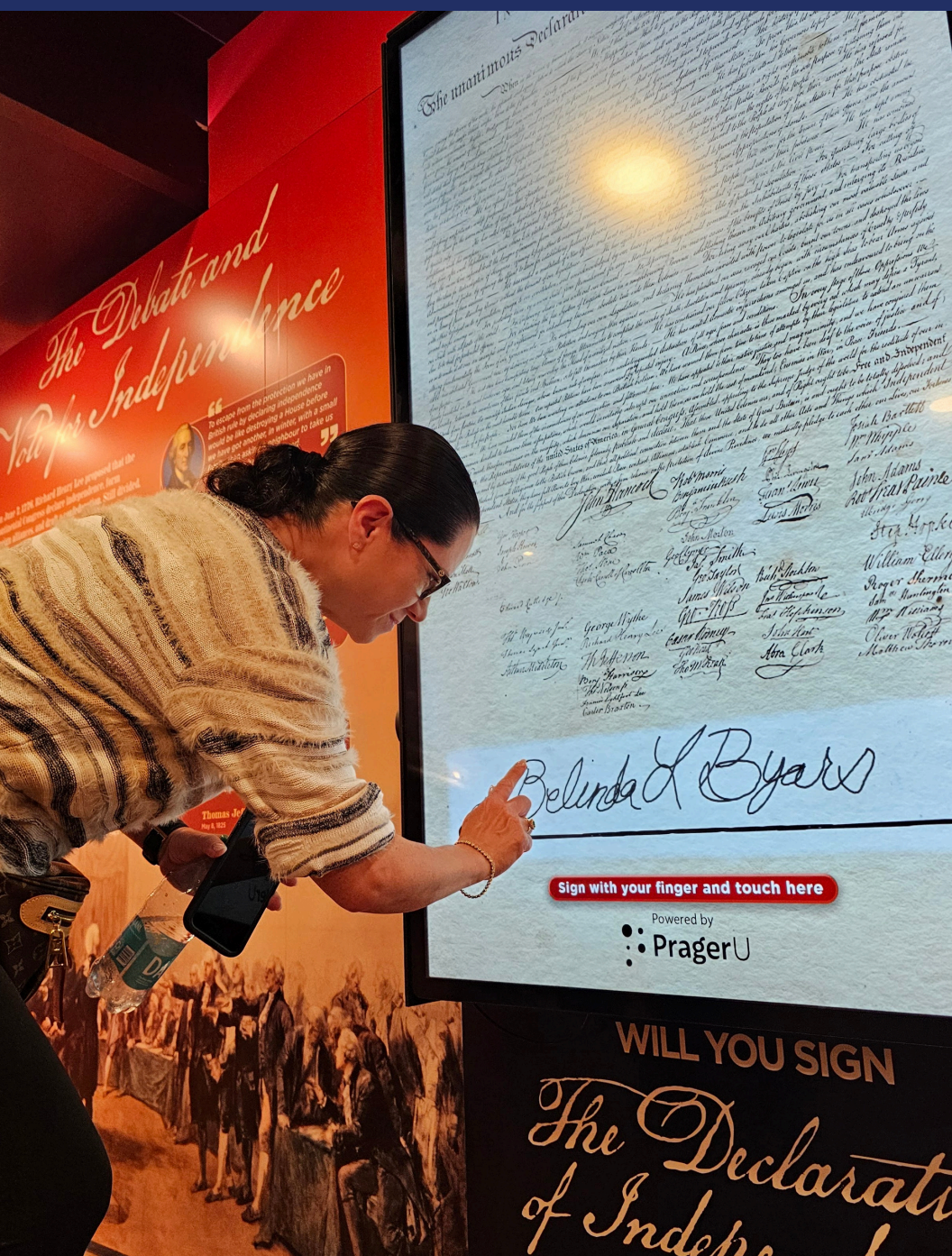




Signature
Events & Initiatives



The Freedom Trucks



The Debate and Vote for Independence

"To rescue from the protection we have it
frank only by declaring independence
would be like destroying a house before
we have got another in view, and small
we have got another in view, and small
we have got another in view, and small



Thomas Jefferson
July 4, 1776

Sign with your finger and touch here

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 PragerU

WILL YOU SIGN The Declaration of Independence!

The Freedom Trucks

BRINGING HISTORY TO YOU



Freedom Trucks are custom-built, fully mobile museums designed to deliver an immersive, inspiring experience anywhere in the country. Housed within state-of-the-art semi-trucks, these exhibits bring our shared history to life in a way that is accessible, engaging, and unforgettable.

Whether you are planning a community celebration or supporting a local school, the Freedom Truck is a powerful way to elevate your programming.

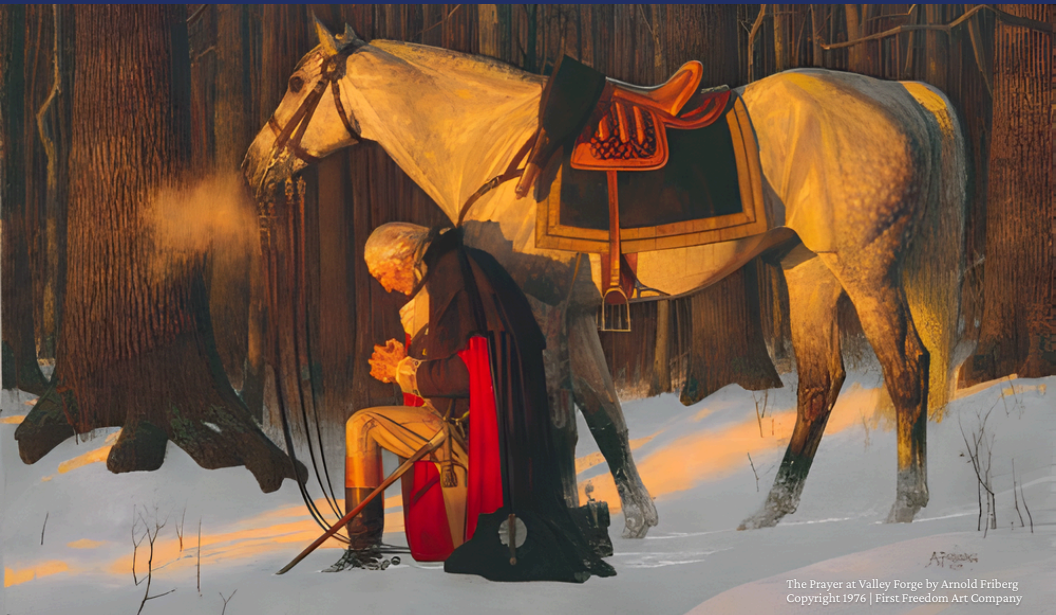
What Makes the Freedom Trucks Special:

- **Fully Mobile Museums** – Professionally curated, interactive exhibits
- **Turnkey Experience** – Delivered, set up, and ready for your audience
- **Accessible to All** – Designed for students & Americans of all ages
- **Completely Free** – No cost to your organization

The Freedom Truck gives you a unique, high-impact way to connect your community to America's story—right where they are.

Request your date, gather your community, and we'll bring the experience to you.

Year of Celebration and Rededication



The Prayer at Valley Forge by Arnold Friberg
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When the Second Continental Congress voted in favor of independence, General George Washington issued General Orders to his army. In words that have echoed throughout history, he wrote: “The fate of unborn Millions will now depend, under God, on the Courage and Conduct of this army... Let us therefore rely upon the goodness of the Cause, and the aid of the supreme Being, in whose hands Victory is, to animate and encourage us to great and noble Actions.”

Today, too, we pray that our noble cause continues to be guided by the hand of providence and the grace of God— and that the fire of freedom will forever burn brightly in the heart of every American. Above all, this year, we pray and endeavor that the triumph of the American spirit and the glorious truths expressed in our Declaration of Independence will shine more radiantly than ever before.

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, which is the signature of Donald J. Trump.

Excerpt from President Donald J. Trump's Proclamation:
“Year of Celebration and Rededication, 2026”

JOIN US IN PRAYER FOR OUR NATION

Sign up for “America Prays” to help us reach one million people in praying for our country and our people each week between now and July 4th. And come to Rededicate 250 on the National Mall on May 17 to rededicate ourselves as One Nation Under God.



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PRAYS



“...That he would be graciously pleased to bless all his people in these colonies with health and plenty, and grant that a spirit of incorruptible patriotism, and of pure undefiled religion, may universally prevail; and this continent be speedily restored to the blessings of peace and liberty, and enabled to transmit them inviolate to the latest posterity. And it is recommended to Christians of all denominations, to assemble for public worship, and abstain from servile labor on the said day.”

The Second Continental Congress, March 16, 1776, Proclaiming May 17, 1776 as a Day of “Humiliation, Fasting, and Prayer.”

EDUCATION IS ONE OF THE MOST LASTING LEGACIES OF THE 250TH



More Info
Here



Join in watch parties and attend regional competitions for the 1776 Presidential Award National Civics Competition, a civics bee for students across the country hosted by the Department of Education.

The Founders Museum



The Founders Museum is a downloadable, easy-to-install exhibit that uses AI to bring America's founding era to life—allowing schools, libraries, and communities to print, set up, and share an engaging history experience right in their own buildings.

Additional Ideas for Engaging Students



- **Founding Documents Day:** Encourage schools to host readings of the Declaration and invite students to sign a replica of the Declaration.
- **Patriotic Assemblies:** Host concerts, plays, or recitations focused on American history.
- **Student History Exhibits:** Promote school displays highlighting your state’s role in the American story.
- **Historic Site Field Trips:** Encourage visits to local historic sites, museums, and libraries.
- **Service Day:** Support youth-led community service tied to citizenship and responsibility.
- **Veterans & First Responders Tributes:** Help schools organize student-led appreciation events and invite veterans to share their stories with classrooms.
- **History Moments:** Encourage students to participate in “This Day in History” announcements.
- **Student Contests:** Host district essay, art, or oratory competitions.
- **Student Recognition:** Highlight outstanding students with 250 themed awards, such as “The Abigale Adams Award” for outstanding penmanship, the “Phyllis Wheatly Award” for poetry, the “Benjamin Franklin Award” for foreign policy mastery.

Student Art Contest



Student
Art
Contest



Submit Your
Artwork

Students Grades 3-12

ART CONTEST

- Choose a Hero from the official list of 250 American Heroes
- Create your 2D artwork and write a short artist statement
- Submit a photo of your artwork online with an adult's assistance

WIN A TRIP TO WASHINGTON, DC!
3 WINNERS PER STATE WILL BE SELECTED

CATEGORIES:

- ELEMENTARY 3-5TH GRADES
- MIDDLE SCHOOL 6-8TH GRADES
- HIGH SCHOOL 9-12TH GRADES

SUBMISSIONS DEADLINE:

MAY 1, 2026

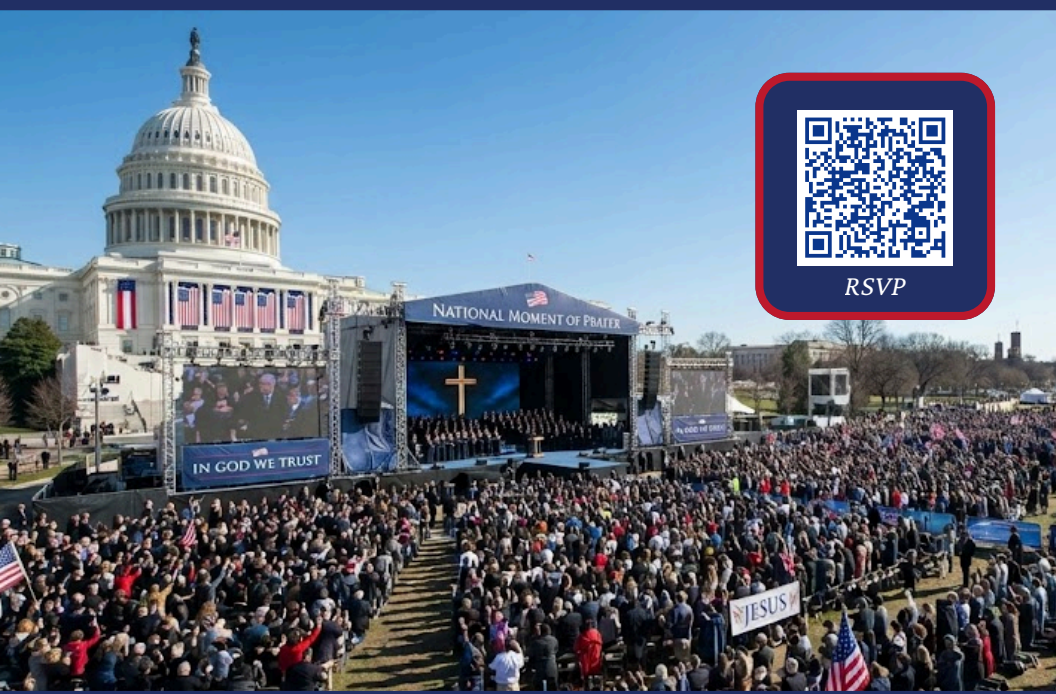
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WWW.FREEDOM250.ORG/STUDENTARTCONTEST
PARENT/GUARDIAN PERMISSION REQUIRED FOR STUDENTS UNDER 18



Rededicate 250



RSVP

MAY 17, 2026

Location: Washington, DC

Venue: The National Mall

Join with neighbors and friends from across the country in giving thanks to God for **250 years of His Providence for the United States**, in praying that God Bless America for the next 250 years, and in rededicating our country as **One Nation under God**. In speech, song, and storytelling, we will bear witness to the extraordinary story of how God has shaped the United States of America—remembering the people, sacrifices, and defining moments in which God has manifested Himself in our history.



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Memorial Day National Observance



MAY 25, 2026

Location: Arlington, VA

Venue: Arlington National Cemetery

The Observance begins with a **Spirit of America Parade**, honoring the service and sacrifice of our military and setting the tone for the day's commemorative events. The program then moves to **Arlington National Cemetery**, where the hallowed grounds will provide the setting for a solemn tribute, sharing the personal narratives of our fallen heroes.

Families and fellow unit members will be invited to bear witness, their presence serving as a living testament to legacy and lineage. The evening will conclude with a candlelight storytelling experience, as historians illuminate the nation's gratitude in a moment of collective remembrance.



The Flag Day UFC Fight



JUNE 14, 2026

Location: Washington, DC **Venue:** White House Lawn

The celebration will surge into high gear with an unforgettable UFC showcase on the South Lawn, transforming one of America's most iconic spaces into a **once-in-a-generation arena**. Under the open sky and framed by the White House itself, elite athletes step into the Octagon for an evening that blends world-class competition with pure American spectacle.

This will be a high-energy celebration of athleticism, grit, and sportsmanship—complete with music, lights, and a festival atmosphere.



The Great American State Fair



JUNE 25, 2026 – JULY 10, 2026

Location: Washington, DC **Venue:** The National Mall

A master-planned celebration will unfold **along the National Mall from the Capitol to the Washington Monument**, featuring vibrant pavilions representing every U.S. state and territory. Pavilions, designed in a **beaux-arts style**, will showcase each state's unique contributions, and specialty pavilions will highlight national pillars such as **The Arts, Innovation, Faith & Family, American Workers, and Agriculture**. Multiple stages will host a dynamic schedule of performances, from big-name talent, demonstrations, contests, and showcases. Blending the spirit of a World's Fair with a nod to the nostalgia of America's great state fairs, traditional fair elements including games, food, and a couple of rides will be available.

FIFA Fan Festival



JUNE 11, 2026 - JULY 19, 2026

Location: Washington, DC

Venue: The National Mall

FIFA Fan Fest is a massive public celebration held during the FIFA World Cup where fans gather to watch matches live on giant screens, enjoy music, and take part in a vibrant festival atmosphere. It is a community hub where enthusiasts from across the globe unite to celebrate football, with activities for all ages.

In 2026, the Fan Festival will run across **16 host cities in the United States**, Canada, and Mexico, lasting for 39 consecutive days and transforming iconic public spaces into lively gathering points

International Naval Review & Sail4th



JULY 4, 2026

Location: New York, NY

Venue: New York Harbor

Sail 4th will be an unprecedented gathering of tall ships from across the globe, coupled with a distinguished International Naval Review that brings together modern warships, ceremonial fleets, and maritime traditions from allied nations. Sail 4th 250 traces its heritage to the first Operation Sail in 1964 and continues a storied tradition of marking America's milestones with unforgettable tall ship extravaganzas. Parades, performances, and community gatherings will unfold as 32 nations descend on New York. These events will honor our nation's journey while inspiring, educating, and uniting people through shared history, cultural exchange, and patriotic pride.



Salute to America Celebration & Fireworks



JULY 4, 2026

Location: Washington, DC **Venue:** The National Mall

In one of the grandest displays of patriotism that the world has ever seen, more than a million people will gather on the National Mall for a full day of programming, anchored by keynote remarks from President Donald J. Trump, captivating entertainment, and the largest fireworks display in the history of the world.

The schedule includes ceremonies honoring service members, storytelling of everyday heroes, and decade-spanning musical performances supported by choirs, marching bands, and artists. This landmark moment is a sweeping national showcase of history, talent, and spectacle.



The Freedom 250 Grand Prix



AUGUST 21-23, 2026

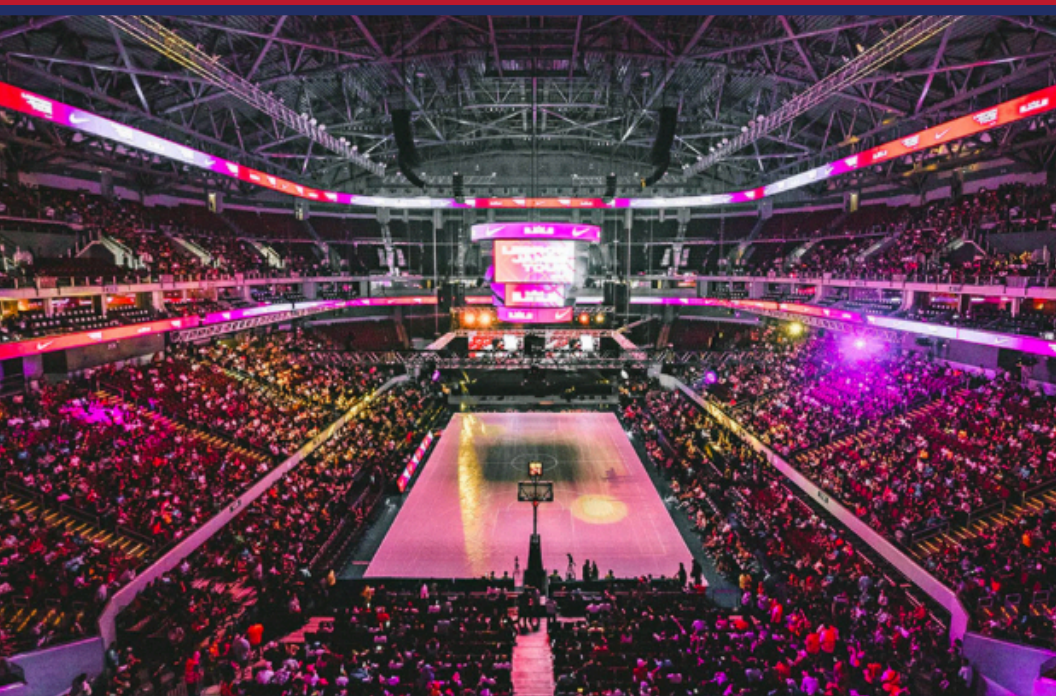
Location: Washington, DC **Venue:** The National Mall

“This race, the first motor race ever to be held in our Nation’s capital near the National Mall, will showcase the majesty of our great city as drivers navigate a track around our iconic national monuments in celebration of America’s 250th birthday” **said President Trump** in his the executive order.

The street circuit event will be free to the general public and like all NTT INDYCAR SERIES races, it will be televised to a live network audience via FOX Sports.



The Patriot Games



FALL 2026

Location: To Be Announced

Venue: To Be Announced

The Patriot Games is a groundbreaking national competition celebrating high school athletes from every U.S. state and territory. Each participant will be paired with an inspiring mentor, ranging from public figures to special forces veterans, for a transformative journey of character and competition. One male and one female athlete will split a \$250,000 prize. Applications will open through the Freedom 250 portal.





250 years ago, independence seemed impossible.

The most powerful empire on earth ruled the seas and
commanded the world's strongest army.

Opposing it were farmers and tradesmen, printers and preachers
—everyday people with worn boots and makeshift muskets.

They weren't only fighting for independence. They were fighting
for an idea: power belongs to the people.

In crowded halls and candlelit rooms, our founders turned that
idea into a framework for self-government that rejected monarchy
and the notion that might makes right.

It was fragile, contested, and unfinished, but rooted in a radical
truth: that all are created equal.

Armed with that truth, 13 stars became one constellation. A
rebellion became a republic.

And the republic endured. Over 250 years, through civil war,
economic collapse, global conflict, and social upheaval.

It endured because each generation accepted the gift of freedom
— and carried it further.

At Seneca Falls. Through Gettysburg. On the bridge at Selma.

And now it is our turn.

On this milestone, we honor how far we have come by doing what
Americans do best: setting our sights on the next horizon.

Freedom is our inheritance.
Its future is our responsibility.
This is how America advances.
Then, now, and for the next 250 years.



BRING THE NATION'S 250TH TO LIFE IN YOUR COMMUNITY BY:

Hosting Community Celebrations

- Organize July 4 watch parties tied to national events
- Host Rededicate 250 prayer gatherings
- Encourage patriotic lighting of landmarks
- Encourage schools, libraries, and community centers to host programs tied to America's 250 years of history.
- Connect with your local Chamber of Commerce to bring Freedom 250 to your Main Street
- Decorate!

Engaging Students

- Encourage participation in the American Heroes Art Competition
- Promote the 1776 Presidential Award Civics Competition
- Support student participation in the Patriot Games
- Encourage patriotic and history themes for community book selections, performing arts, and art exhibitions

Highlighting Local History and Heroes

- Host public readings and signing ceremonies of the Declaration of Independence
- Partner with local museums and historical societies
- Recognize veterans, educators, and community leaders who embody the American spirit



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To get involved, reach out to:

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