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The America 250! Special Committee was established to help DAR chapters plan and celebrate our nation's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday on July 4, 2026. Through America 250!, every DAR member will have an opportunity to participate in honoring our Patriots as we "*Rejoice in our DAR Ties of Service and Friendship.*" Congress established America250. the United States Semiquincentennial Commission, and DAR is privileged to have Lynn Forney Young, Honorary President General, serve on this national commission. DAR is the first heritage society to formally partner with America250. The State of Kansas passed a bill establishing the Kansas commission for the Unites State Semiquincentennial effective July 1, 2022.Get ready to Celebrate 250!

### MISSION:

- Instill public pride in our Patriot ancestors.
- Demonstrate DAR's relevancy to communities.
- Encourage family history research and DAR membership.

### **OBJECTIVES:**

- Provide for national celebrations of significant events from our founding at least once in each of the original 13 states during the period from 2022 through 2033.
- Support states and chapters with a funding mechanism to assist when hosting an event in the local community. Compile a comprehensive list of funded activities for the archives.
- Provide an educational gift to the nation using the America 250! Fund.
- Complete the Pathway of the Patriots.

## **CHAPTER FOCUS:**

- 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.
- Promote belonging by working with each other to support projects and service opportunities for which the founding of our nation is at the forefront.
- Bring Patriots to life through their remarkable stories and their legacies. Demonstrate modern relevancy and diversity of experience for our Patriots.

# **CELEBRATION GRANTS:**

The Wright Administration is providing chapters or state societies with a \$500 grant as a gift to . . .

- celebrate America 250!
- inform communities on the founding of our nation and the Patriots that achieved American Independence.
- encourage the study of family history.
- promote DARE membership.

## THE PATRIOT POST & SOCIAL MEDIA

- The Patriot Post newsletter with informattion helping chapters prepare for America 250! events/activities.
- Join the <u>DAR America 250! private group</u>. Use this frequently updated platform to stay informed and to promote your chapter activities.

Learn more at the following link: https://bit.ly/DARAmerica250 or scan the QR code:

### **Additional Resources:**

National America250 website: https://www.america250.org/

DAR and America250 National Parnership: Learn more about this partnership here

**Honoring Our Patriots Website** 

<u>Where There is Vision</u> – A portfolio of suggestions for DAR celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the United States of America.

