



**Get ready for a celebration
a quarter millennium
in the making**

What will your role be in this journey of a lifetime?

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KSDAR in Partnership with Kansas 250

CHAPTERS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THEIR COMMUNITIES!

CELEBRATE & COMMEMORATE!

A LEGACY OF LIBERTY!

NSDAR in Partnership with America250



Lynn Forney Young
Honorary President
General
Commissioner at
NATIONAL America250

America250.org



THE NATIONAL AMERICA 250 COMMISSION established on July 22, 2016. And was enacted by the House of Representatives and Senate, President Barack Obama signed Public Law 114-196, creating the United States Semiquincentennial Commission. Congress established the Commission “to provide for the observance and commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States and related events through local, State, national, and international activities planned, encouraged, developed, and coordinated by a national commission representative of appropriate public and private authorities and organizations.” The Act instituted a congressional commemorative commission composed of 33 members with 24 members appointed by the House and Senate leaders on a bi-partisan basis and nine heads of federal agencies designated as nonvoting ex officio members.





Kathryn West
National Chair
America250! Committee



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Mission

Celebrate the 250th Birthday of the United States of America and the Patriots that achieved American Independence with gifts to the nation at the National Society level, and through the meaningful activities at the state and chapter levels to promote a more enlightened public through education.

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





Celebration Grants

HAS YOUR CHAPTER TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF THIS GRANT?

It's time to **Celebrate Stars & Stripes Forever** as we prepare for our nation's 250th birthday and we want to help you make it possible!

What better way to celebrate, inform your community about the founding of our nation and the Patriots that achieved American Independence, encourage the study of family history, and promote DAR membership than to provide your chapter or state society with a \$500 grant as a gift of this administration? See the grant instruction sheet, application, and after-action report which are all part of the NIP.

PROJECTS MUST BE COMPLETED BY FEBRUARY 28, 2025





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**Melanie Horton,
KSDAR State Chair
America250! Committee**



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.





- Create a video about an event, historic marker, or person
- Sponsor a children's activity time using the "Our Patriots Coloring Book"
- Write an article (or series) for your local paper (cite sources)
 - Is there a person or event tied to the local area from Revolutionary War time period?
 - Are there a series of streets named after prominent founders?
 - Stories about member ancestors
- Write a play and have it performed
- Participate in a parade
 - *hint – Wearing period clothing helps draw attention to the group
 - *hint, hint – large signage with your main message is key.





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America 250 Kansas Commission



AMERICA 250 KANSAS COMMISSION

A photograph of the American flag waving, serving as a background for the text.

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Patti Unruh
KSDAR
Organizing
Secretary
and
KSDAR Designee
to the
America 250
Kansas
Commission



AMERICA 250 KANSAS COMMISSION

During the 2022 legislative session, the Legislature passed a bill creating the Kansas Commission for the United States Semiquincentennial (K.S.A. 74-50, 292).

In 2023, the Commission identified its official name, Kansas 250, and then partnered with Kansas Tourism to create its logo and tagline, “Per Aspera”.

The Commission was established within the Department of Commerce with the purpose to plan, encourage, develop and coordinate the commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States and to recognize the impact of this event on the people of Kansas and the nation’s past, present and future.



On **July 4, 2026**, America celebrates its semiquincentennial, the commemoration of the 250-year anniversary since the signing of the Declaration of Independence. America 250 Kansas will celebrate America turning 250 years old by sharing the triumphs and the difficulties Kansans faced when settling the heartland.

Our state motto, “Ad Astra Per Aspera” or “To the Stars, Through Difficulties,” recognizes our ambitions and the difficult challenges Kansans have overcome to make Kansas the great state she is today.

That’s why we have chosen “Per Aspera” as the unifying theme of our celebrations.



We are planning celebrations across our state, and you are an important part of these efforts. You, your community, and the organizations to which you belong can play a vital role in this nationwide celebration. We encourage you to follow our efforts as well as create your own local events. Visit the Kansas 250 website, sign up for our newsletter so you will always be in the know.



2024 **Benchmarks**

- The Commission hired a special projects coordinator in March.
- The Commission is incorporated.
- The Commission is hosting actively hosting outreach events.
- The Commission is forming important partnerships with other State Agencies to promote and collaborate to jointly plan events.
 - The Eisenhower Foundation
 - Kansas Volunteer Commission
 - Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks
 - Kansas Humanities Council



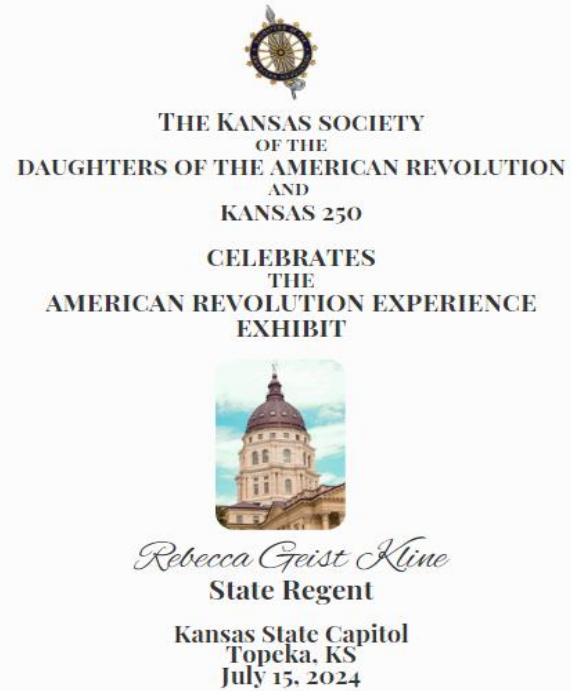
- The Commission's official name is America 250 Kansas and continues a successful partnership with Kansas Tourism.
- Kansas Tourism developed the Commission's website, which went live in September 2024.
- The commission organized a booth at the State Fair to generate awareness and promote the upcoming 250th birthday. Numerous Kansans interacted with the Commission at the Fair and are excited to begin planning.
- Commissioner Jay Price and Special Projects Coordinator, Rosa Cavazos attended the National America 250 Conference in Washington D.C. in July 2024.
- The Commission in conjunction with the Daughters of the American Revolution hosted the American Battlefield Trust Exhibit at the Kansas State Capitol in July 2024.



Kansas 250 2024 Events

(DAR facilitated and/or participated in BOTH)

- American Revolution Experience at the State Capitol in Topeka
- Kansas State Fair Booth





THE KANSAS SOCIETY
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EXHIBIT



Rebecca Geist Kline
State Regent

Kansas State Capitol
Topeka, KS
July 15, 2024



Read Their Stories.

Scan QR or visit www.battlefields.org/ARE



The American Revolution
Experience
Traveling Exhibit

July 11-17, 2024

**KANSAS STATE CAPITOL BUILDING
2ND FLOOR ROTUNDA
TOPEKA, KANSAS**

HOURS

JULY 11, 2024, 2PM TO 4PM
JULY 12, 2024, 8AM TO 4PM
JULY 13, 2024, 10AM TO 4PM
JULY 14, 2024 (CAPITOL CLOSED ON SUNDAY)
JULY 15-16, 2024, 8AM TO 4PM
JULY 17, 2024, 8AM TO 12PM



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DAR
Daughters of the American Revolution

















America 250 Patriots Marker - Freedom Memorial, Butler County Courthouse

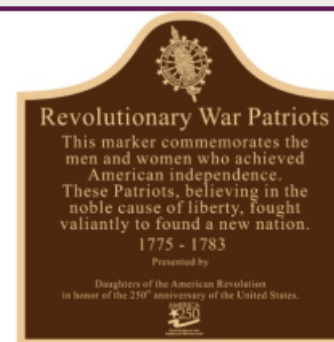
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America 250 Patriots Marker Freedom Memorial, Butler County Courthouse El Dorado, Kansas

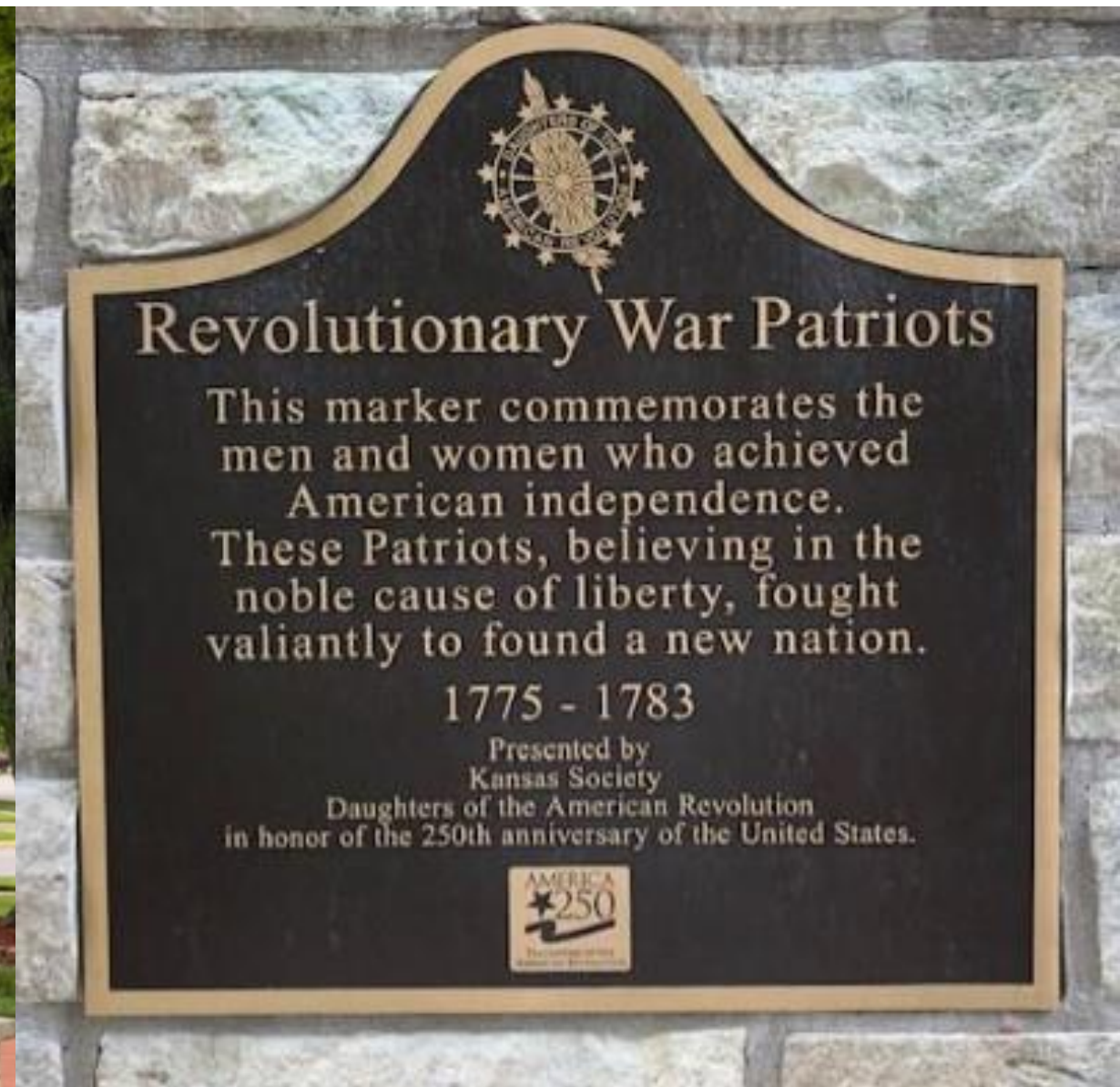
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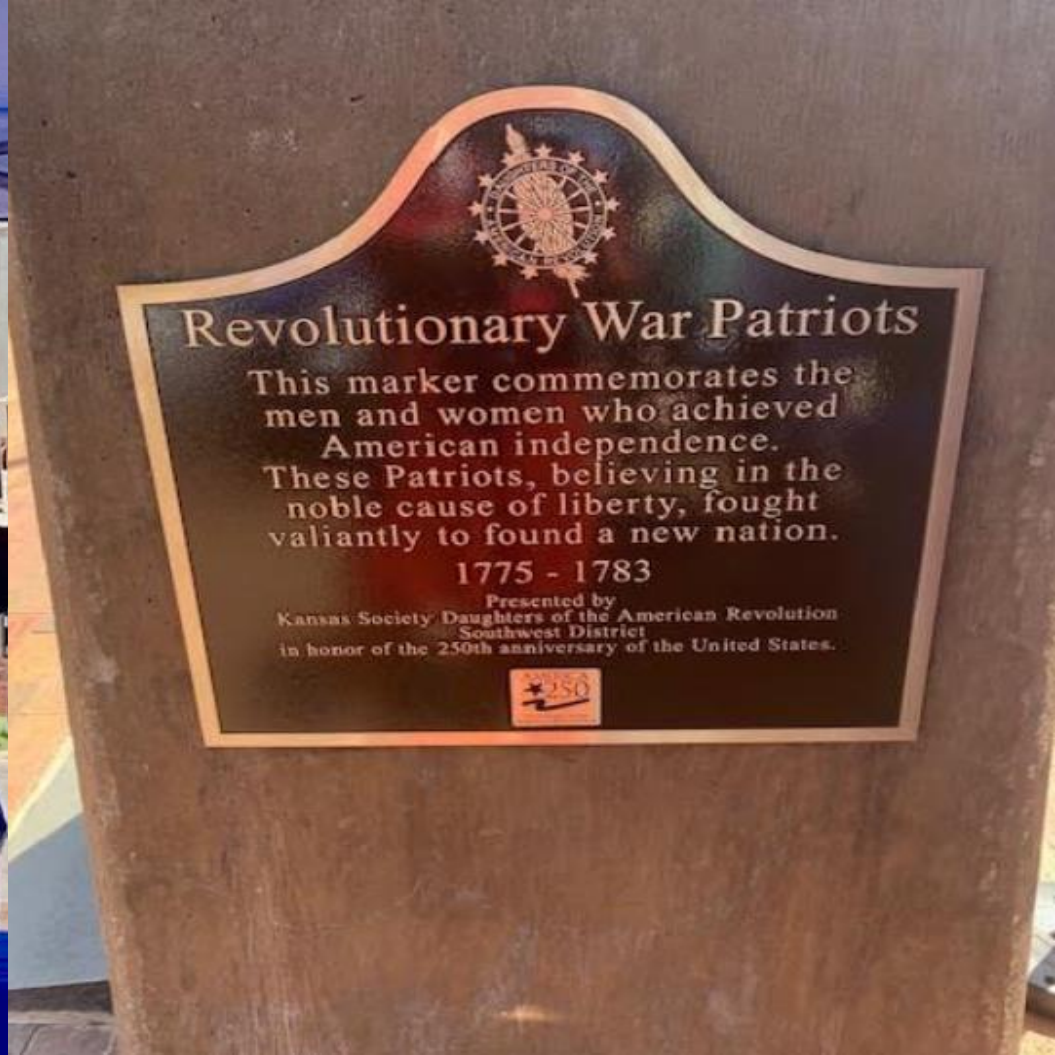
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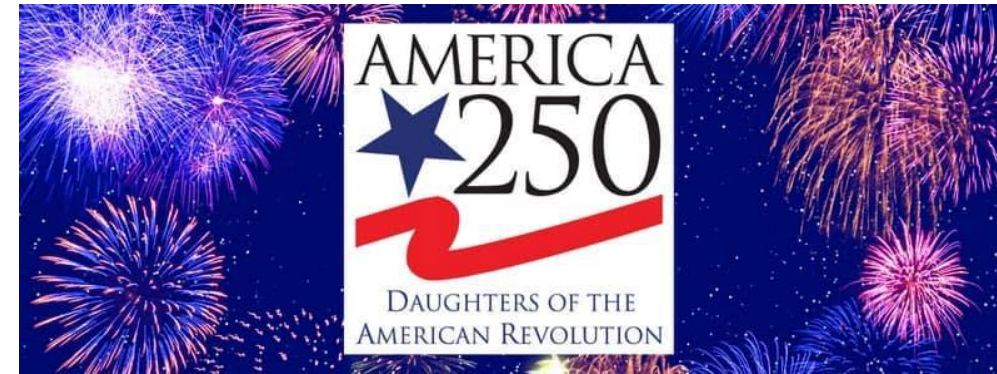
Historic Preservation

[Preservation Efforts](#)[Historic Sites and Properties](#)

HSP Category: America 250 Patriots Marker







- ★ Arts and Culture
- ★ Civic Engagement
- ★ Education
- ★ Entertainment and Media
- ★ Health and Wellness

- ★ History
- ★ Hospitality and Tourism
- ★ Innovation and Technology
- ★ Unity and Diversity
- ★ Youth

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