



Vermont 250th Anniversary Commission

Creating an Opportunity to Make History

<https://250.vermont.gov>



Anniversary Commission Mission

Vermont's 250th Anniversary Commission will inspire all Vermonters to learn from the history, legacy, and context of the past to build strong Vermont communities for the future. Through collaborative local and statewide initiatives that explore an inclusive history of the American Revolution, Vermont 250th will support and encourage the preparation, planning, and execution of programs and events that examine a formative period of our nation and how it continues to shape our culture and values.

Committees of Action

1. Research and Historical
2. Marketing and Public Outreach
3. School and Teacher Outreach
4. Arts and Cultural Heritage Organizations
5. Finance and Administration



Strategic Planning

1. Increase relevance of 250th history
 - a. Expand the historical narrative to include greater diversity of perspectives and exploration of stories beyond the Founding Fathers and Revolutionary Soldiers
 - b. Explore the history of the 14th state to join the Union and our years as the Republic of Vermont
2. Increase awareness of 250th anniversary
 - a. Engage communities to commemorate
 - b. 250th Resolutions
 - c. Roadside Historic Site Markers
 - d. Connection with New York and New England Regional Partners
3. Develop framework for participation for arts and cultural heritage organizations and schools
 - a. Create platforms for expression
 - b. Outline educational materials and curriculum
 - c. Provide audio and ebooks for libraries and schools





Endorsement of Events and Exhibits



Bennington Regional 250th Kickoff Gala Dinner
250th Anniversary of the First Dorset Convention
Liberty Pole Raising & Food Truck Festival
President Calvin Coolidge Fourth of July Birthday Celebration
Bennington Battle Day
Soldiers Atop the Mount
Vermont Schoolgirl Sampler Driving Tour
President Chester A. Arthur October Birthday Celebration
Daughters of the American Revolution Patriot 250th Marker
Dedications
Daughters of the American Revolution American Revolution
Experience Exhibit

Endorsement form on our website <https://250.vermont.gov>



Grant Funding and Directory

National Park Service Semiquincentennial Grant Program

Infrastructure Grants: Buildings constructed prior to 1801 or commemorative to Revolutionary period

Vermont 250th Community Planning Grants

Prepare and plan with \$1,000 grants for Communities Doing History
34 awarded to date

Champlain Valley National Heritage Partnership Grants

Making of Nations Interpretive Theme, Local Heritage Grants, Collections Grants, and Internship Grants

Implementation and Scholastic Grants (FY25 ask)



Books and Reading Lists

Revolutionary War-era and Vermont History Reading Lists

List of 75 Non-Fiction Books: Youth, Biographies, General Histories

List of 121 Historical Fiction Books: Youth, Young Adult, Adult



Lending Library through the Vermont State Library

eBooks

Audio Books

Books (soft and hard cover)

Educational Materials

Vermont Alliance for Social Studies

Teacher Educational Materials K-12

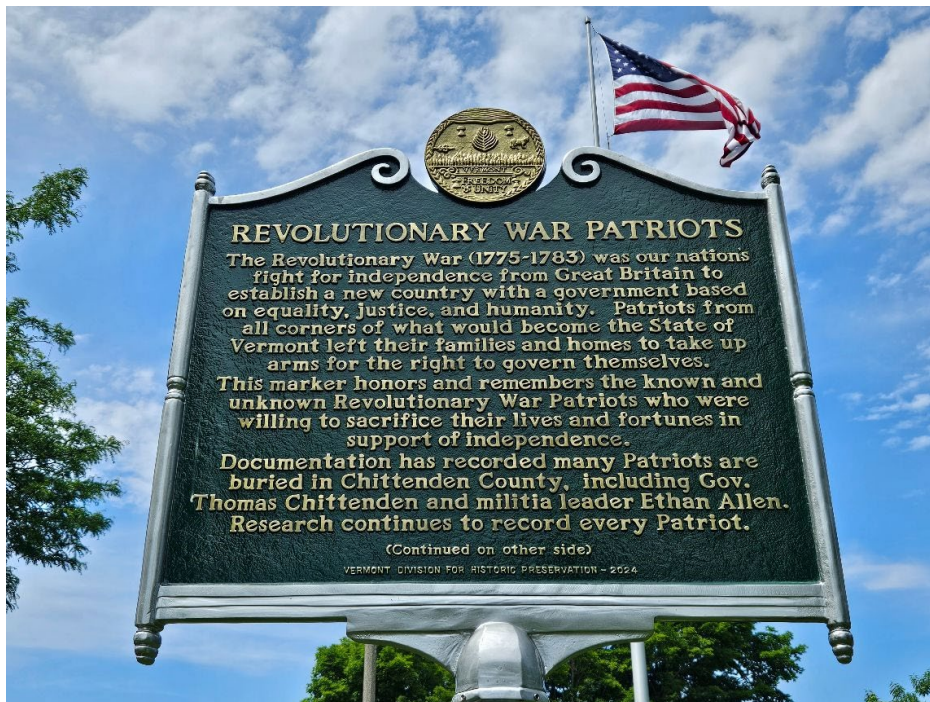
College and Graduate Studies 250th Focus

Student Short Video Context with Vermont Public



Roadside Historic Site Markers

24 markers placed and at least 13 markers in process or planned



Fanny Allen Sr. and Fanny Allen Jr.

Arnold's Bay

Old Fire Station (now Rutland Historical Society)

Bardwell Hotel (now Bardwell House)

Putney Inn

Loyalist Crean Brush

Loyalist John Peters and wife

Death of Sgt Archelaus Tupper 1781

Col. Thomas Johnson, Newbury

Dinah Mattis

Ann Story

Hands Cove/Old Herrick House



Vermont 250th Outreach Webinars



- Oct. 23, 4-5 pm: Focus on higher education
- Oct. 29, 3-4 pm: Focus on K-12 educators
- Oct. 30, 12-1 pm: Focus on municipalities and local government
- Nov. 19, 3-4 pm: Focus on arts, culture, & history organizations

Register here: <https://forms.gle/W1BjkxVhaBVdnW2L9>



Events and Partners

Event Calendar for Vermont and New England
calendar and press releases on the Vermont 250th website
VermontVacations.gov
Social Media



Regional Partnerships for Events

Connecticut
New York
Massachusetts
Maine
New Hampshire
Rhode Island
Champlain Valley National Heritage Partnership

National Partnerships

America250th
American Association for State and Local History
National Archives





Town Resolutions

35 towns and villages passed resolutions to commemorate the 250th

Barnet • Bennington • Calais • Canaan • Castleton • Danville • Dover • East Montpelier • Franklin • Granville • Landgrove • Lincoln • Londonderry • Ludlow • Lyndon • Manchester • Middlebury • Mount Holly • Newark • Panton • Pomfret • Pownal • Rochester • Rutland • Shaftsbury • Strafford • Sunderland • Troy • Tunbridge • Wallingford • Washington • Westmore • Wilmington • Windsor • Winhall



Endorsement of Events and Projects on Calendar & Social Media
Sharing of Vermont 250th Logo for Promotions
Notification of Grant Funding
Hints for Events and How to Prepare
New Education Materials
Marketing Advice
Logo on Magnets and Stickers
Monthly Email Newsletter



What can the Anniversary Commission provide for you and your community?

Tell us how you wish to commemorate the 250th. We want to hear your ideas for events, activities, educational opportunities, discussions exploring our complicated history, re-enactments, anything!!

Please email us at
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<https://www.instagram.com/vermont250th/profilecard/?igsh=MWswMHlpbDRiMng0YQ==>