

Museum of the American Revolution

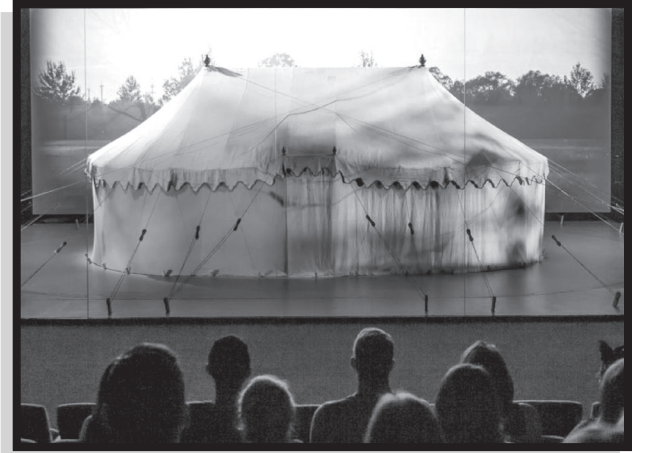
Experience the story through a collection of weapons, personal items, documents, and works of art



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Boston's Liberty Tree



One of the most popular items is the actual tent that General George Washington used.

Opened on April 19, 2017, the **Museum of the American Revolution** explores the story of the American Revolution through its collection of Revolutionary-era weapons, personal items, documents, and works of art.

Immersive galleries, theater experiences, and interactive digital elements bring to life the diverse array of people that created a new nation against incredible odds.

Visitors gain a deeper appreciation for how this nation came to be and feel inspired to consider their role in the ongoing promise of the American Revolution. Located just steps away from Independence Hall, the Museum serves as a portal to the region's many Revolutionary sites as well.

The Museum has an impressive collection of several thousand objects, works of art, manuscripts, and printed works from the period of the American Revolution. The collection began more than a century ago when a history-minded minister in Valley Forge raised funds from around the nation to purchase the original tent that George Washington used as his command center during the American Revolution.

The collection includes objects that span the scope of the war—from British, French, and American arms used in battles to a soldier's wooden canteen branded "UStates," at a time when the phrase was merely an aspiration.

While the Museum is typically very crowded around the nation's July 4 birthday, it is worth planning a visit over summer before the kids go back to school or, go in the fall when the weather is nicer and the area is less congested.

Begin your visit in the Lenfest Myer Theater, located on the first floor, with the orientation film, *Revolution*. The film explores the origins, experiences, and on-going legacy of the American Revolution—setting the stage for your exploration of their core exhibition.

Head up the staircase to enter their core exhibition that explores the origins of the American Revolution, the fight for independence, and the on-going legacies of the Revolution.

The core exhibition is guided by four questions: How did people become Revolutionaries?; How did the Revolution survive its darkest hour?; How Revolutionary was the war? and What kind of nation did the Revolution create?

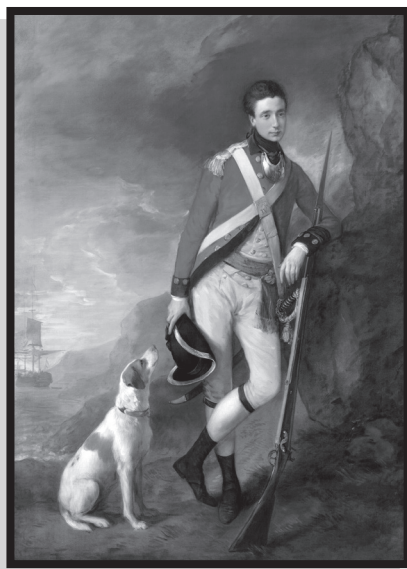
The Road to Independence

How did people become Revolutionaries? The rumblings of the American Revolution began more than a decade before the "shot heard 'round the world" ignited America's War for Independence. Discover through seven galleries how the American Colonists—most of them content and even proud British subjects—became Revolutionaries as the roots of rebellion took hold. See how conflict over Native American lands and western settlement created the first rumblings of American discontent.

As unrest grew, the term "American Liberties" began appearing in newspapers and other printings around the colonies. Dive into the tumult imposed by the Stamp Act, Townsend Duties, and Intolerable Acts through interactives that introduce the roles that printing and propaganda played in the Revolution. Watch Congress issue the transformative Declaration of Independence—one of the most important documents ever written—on July 4. In an immersive theater view the unfolding debate and decision-making as delegates to the Continental Congress passionately debate the break from England and the King.

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In one of the Museum's captivating immersive environments, stand beneath the branches and lanterns of a life-size repro-



▲ Cost of Revolution: The Life and Death of an Irish Soldier opens Sept. 28, 2019.



▲ Arms of Independence Display

duction of the Boston Liberty Tree, a large elm tree where the first stirrings of revolt were discussed and debated. Engage with a gallery educator in the gallery, who will share stories and offer more information about the rise of "American Liberties."

Washington's War Tent

Conclude your exploration of the Museum with an immersive film. Follow General George Washington's Headquarters Tent's remarkable journey from the Revolutionary War to the present. This 12-minute feature plays on the hour everyday.

Cost of Revolution: The Life and Death of an Irish Soldier opens September 28, 2019-February 17, 2020

Here is one of their upcoming exhibits: **Cost of Revolution: The Life and Death of an Irish Soldier. Runs September 28, 2019-February 17, 2020** What can a life tell us about an era? Follow the untold story of Richard St. George, an Irish soldier and artist, whose personal trauma and untimely death provide a window into the entangled histories of the American Revolution and the ensuing bloody Irish Revolution of 1798.

St. George's tragic journey will be brought to life through rare portraits and historical artifacts – reunited for the first time – from Ireland, England, Australia, and the United States. St.

George's own artwork, from sketches and cartoons to paintings created after surviving a severe head wound from the Battle of Germantown, reveals the physical and emotional toll of revolution. The exhibition will assemble one of the largest collections of objects from Ireland's 18th-century war for independence ever displayed in Philadelphia.

From the early stirrings of colonial unrest in the 1760s to the decisive Patriot victory at the siege of Yorktown in 1781, the stories told throughout the Museum of the American Revolution offer a dynamic look at the nation's founding era. Using our rich collection of Revolutionary-era weapons, personal items, letters, diaries, and works of art, alongside engaging films, digital interactives, immersive galleries, and recreated historical scenes, the events, people, and ideals of the American Revolution are brought to life. 📍

Fast Facts:

Tickets: Tickets to the Museum can be purchased online or at the Museum. Tickets are good for two consecutive days. General Admission is \$21 for adults, \$18 for seniors, students (with ID), military (with ID), and teachers (with ID), \$13 for youth ages 6 to 18. Children ages 5 and under are free. **Location:** 101 South Third Street, Philadelphia.