



A Milestone

in the Making

On July 4th, 2026,

our nation will commemorate and celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The journey toward this historic milestone is an opportunity to pause and reflect on our nation's past, honor the contributions of all Americans, and look ahead toward the future we want to create for the next generation and beyond.

Monroe County 250 Mission

To participate in the America250PA initiative by celebrating our rich history, embracing our diverse heritage, and shaping a brighter future for all. We aim to engage our community in a year-long commemoration of our nation's 250th anniversary, fostering a sense of unity, pride, and hope while showcasing the unique contributions of Monroe County to the American story.

Join a Committee!

Service 250PA

Honoring the service and sacrifice of Monroe's military members, veterans and first responders.

Tourism & Marketing 250PA

Boosting visitation of Monroe historical sights, landmarks, state and national parks, outdoor recreation, and tourism. Marketing the platforms of the America250PA Monroe initiatives

Business & Industry 250PA

Ignite the spirit of innovation and discovery, showcasing Monroe's vibrant businesses and industry

Preserve 250PA

Educate people about the history, contributions and discoveries in Monroe

Arts & Culture 250PA

Bring the America250PA experience to all Monroe communities through showcases, exhibits, commemorative and celebratory engagement.

Educate 250PA

Initiatives empowering and educating youth and young adults - inspiring and celebrating the next generation of Monroe leaders.

Community Care 250PA

Promote strong, caring, healthy and resilient communities in Monroe.

Land, Water, and Wildlife 250PA

Community engagement for conserving, protecting, and managing our natural resources, fish, and game.

Get Involved!

America's Field Trip

America's Field Trip is a contest that invites students across the country in grades 3–12 to be part of America's 250th anniversary by sharing their perspectives on what America means to them — with the opportunity to earn an unforgettable field trip experience at some of the nation's most iconic historic and cultural landmarks. Students are asked to submit writing or original artwork in response to the contest's prompt: "What does America mean to you?" Submissions will be accepted until Wednesday, April 16, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. ET Visit america250.org/fieldtrip/application/ to enter.

Bells Across PA - Monroe

The Monroe County Commission – Arts and Culture Team is accepting design submissions from Monroe County artists for the 'Bells Across PA' art series to commemorate the 250th Anniversary of the United States in 2026. The selected artists will execute their designs on bell sculptures. These fiberglass bells will be adorned and magically transformed by local artists and sponsored by businesses or individuals. Our goal is to place at least one bell in Monroe County, Pennsylvania. We hope for more! 'Bells Across PA - Monroe' is open to all Monroe County artists and groups from the acclaimed to the amateur. Painters, sculptors, craftsmen, multi-media artists, and other wildly creative people are all encouraged to apply. Each commissioned bell will receive one honorarium regardless of group size. For details visit: mc250pa.org



About

The Pennsylvania Commission for the United States Semiquincentennial (America250PA) was established by the legislature and Governor in 2018 to plan, encourage, develop and coordinate the commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States, Pennsylvania's integral role in that event, and the impact of its people on the nation's past, present, and future.

Mission

America250PA hopes to engage all citizens of the Commonwealth, from all 67 counties, bring the Commonwealth's history into the conversation so Pennsylvanians can better understand the origins and multiple perspectives of issues facing our Commonwealth & nation today, use history to encourage and inspire future leaders, celebrate the contributions of Pennsylvanians to our Commonwealth's history but also to our Nation's history, leave a lasting impact on the next generation and to spark an interest in which will ignite the drive for them to appreciate all the triumphs, trials and tribulations to which contributed to the Commonwealth for which they are now writing their own history.



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America's 250th Anniversary

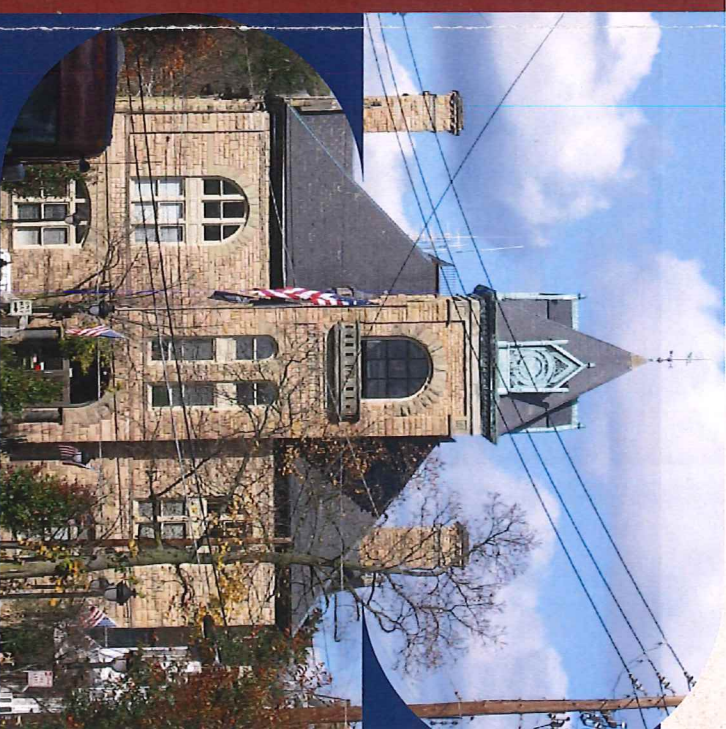
is about more than reflecting on our past, it's about honoring the contributions of individuals who built this country, the innovations that put this country on the map and a man on the moon, and imagining what the next 250 years might look like for our children and the generations to come.

Rosie Rios, Chair, U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission

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