

2026 Activations

America250PA and our statewide and national partners are doing EPIC things to celebrate the U.S. Semiquincentennial in 2026. Learn more about how YOU can get involved in the following low-cost, easy-to-activate events:



As an America250PA partner, should you decide to participate, please tag us on social media so we can share and amplify your involvement!
[@America250PA](#) | [@america250_pa](#)

LIGHT TO UNITE

July 4, 2026

"The National Flag Foundation (NFF) is planning a national event on July 4, 2026, to commemorate the 250th Anniversary of our Country.

To celebrate, the NFF created 'LIGHT TO UNITE' scheduled for July 4, 2026, and is asking all cities in America to light up red, white, and blue that evening. The plan is to have the first buildings lit to be those in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, our nation's keystone state; the NFF's home-building, the Koppers Tower, in Pittsburgh will lead and all to follow.

The NFF asks all American cities, to the extent possible, to light red, white, and blue as a national evening of unity to celebrate our nation's 250th Birthday."

Learn more at:

<https://nationalflagfoundation.org/light-to-unite/>



2026 BELL RINGING

July 4, 2026 | 12 p.m. (EDT)

One nation. One moment. One sound.

America250PA encourages communities in all states and territories to ring their bells at noon (EDT) on July 4, 2026, in a shared moment honoring 250 years of American independence.



AMERICA'S POTLUCK

July 5, 2026

"America's Potluck is an opportunity for neighbors to join with one another to share a fun, communal meal, creating a sense of connection and belonging and fostering interactions among people from all walks of life.

2026 marks the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the document that tied our nation together. The tradition of Sunday dinner invites us to slow down, serve others, and connect with one another. Through dialogue and a shared meal, we can promote our common bonds and honor the freedoms we enjoy as Americans."

Learn more and sign-up at:

<https://america250.utah.gov/americaspotluck/>



SHARING THE SPIRIT OF AMERICA

July 8, 2026 | 6 p.m. (EDT)

"Just as the Declaration of Independence was read to the people on July 8, 1776, now, 250-years later, Americans in all 50 States, 5 Territories, the District of Columbia, and Minor Outlying Islands of the United States will read the Declaration of Independence 'together'.

Even though the United States is spread across thousands of miles and ten different time zones, all of us in America may read the Declaration of Independence 'together', at the 'same' time. Unlike the extent of the Colonies in 1776, today, America spans about 9,500-miles from one extreme to the other (the Caribbean across North America to the western edge of the Pacific)."

Learn more at:

<https://hawaiiamerica250.org/sharing-the-spirit-of-america>

