



*In 2023 the Arlington County Board designated the Arlington Historical Society (AHS) to chair Arlington's VA250 Committee to coordinate planning for the commemoration period and communicate Arlington's activities to VA 250.*



## ***Find Your Place in History***

A marketing campaign that will allow local neighborhoods, historic locations, and business districts to participate in 2026 commemorative celebrations via the display of flags, historic images, and other banners.





## ***250 Traveling Trunk and Digital History Kit***

AHS will provide a "Traveling Trunk," for schools and special neighborhood events. These trunks will contain reproductions of artifacts and documents from the Revolutionary War era and other periods, providing a tangible connection to the past. AHS will also provide a digital history kit that will help with July 4<sup>th</sup> commemoration activities.





## ***We The People***

In early 2026, AHS will host a temporary exhibit on its second floor, “We the People.” This exhibition will explore the many people who, over centuries, have made Virginia, the unique place it is in America and in the world, and the dramatic impact of the immigrant experience throughout Virginia’s history as people arrived from the four corners of the globe.







## 250 by 2026

Local historians and educators can submit story ideas, including the people, places, and events that have had a significant historical impact on Arlington and the country. 250 by 2026 will be accessible on both a website, an app, as well as a planned commemorative newspaper.

[arlhist.org/arlington-va250/250-by-2026/](http://arlhist.org/arlington-va250/250-by-2026/)





## ***HistoryFest 250***

A heritage festival scheduled for Saturday, May 9, 2026, at Kenmore Middle School. It will feature dozens of outdoor exhibits highlighting Arlington's collective history. The event will include living history demonstrations, live music, food vendors, and presentations sponsored by civic, neighborhood, and historical organizations.

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