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America250PA Becomes First Official State Partner of National America 250

Partnership will increase visibility and awareness of the United States' 250th birthday.

Washington, DC – The America 250 Foundation today announced an official partnership with America250PA to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States of America. The partnership will expand the reach and visibility of America 250, a multiyear initiative to inspire the American spirit leading up to the largest and most inclusive commemoration in our nation's history in 2026.

The America 250 Foundation is the official nonprofit partner of the U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission, a federal commission formed by Congress to plan for our country's greatest milestone yet. The Pennsylvania Commission for the United States Semiquincentennial, also known as America250PA, was formed by the Pennsylvania General Assembly to lead planning for the commemoration in the Commonwealth.

“The important role Pennsylvania played in the birth of our nation as one of the 13 colonies and throughout the history of our country cannot be overstated,” said Daniel M. DiLella, Chairman of the U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission. “As the first official state partner to join the national effort, Pennsylvania is setting a positive precedent to further our organizations' shared vision of engaging each and every American while representing the diverse perspectives and contributions of their state.”

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Highlights



Cassandra Coleman, Executive Director

CASSANDRA'S UPDATE

"When I was appointed to this position, just short of 18 months ago, I believed in the potential of this project, but I continue to be amazed each and every day at the amazing people, places and #PAPride across the Commonwealth. It is so important that this commemoration is one of the most inclusive in history and we are working each and every day to ensure that with #EveryPennsylvanian in #EveryCounty. The last year has been tough for so many Pennsylvanians and Pennsylvania organizations, but it seems as though, finally, there is a light at the end of the tunnel. I am so excited to begin traveling this beautiful Commonwealth of ours again. Just last month I spent a few days in the Pittsburgh region with our Semiquin Founders' Circle sponsors, Cabot Oil & Gas. We met with legislators, saw some remarkable historic locations and talked all things America250PA with anyone who would listen. Pennsylvanians are excited for this historic moment that is just five short years away and we hope to be able to meet so many more of you as we travel and update you on some of the impactful projects and programs we are working on. I encourage each and every one of you to #JoinUs and #BecomeAPartofHistory."

COMMISSIONER'S CORNER

"It is truly incredible to see how far we have come and the milestones that we have achieved in just the last 18 months. I commend everyone for their tremendous efforts, collaboration, and dedication to America250PA. Moving forward, it should be our goal to get EVERY Pennsylvanian involved in this initiative. I challenge myself and my fellow America250PA supporters to keep this goal in mind as we continue to build out our roadmap to the 2026 commemoration. Let's continue to build momentum as we plan to educate, preserve, innovate and celebrate the 250th anniversary of the founding of our great nation."



Pat Burns, America250PA Chair

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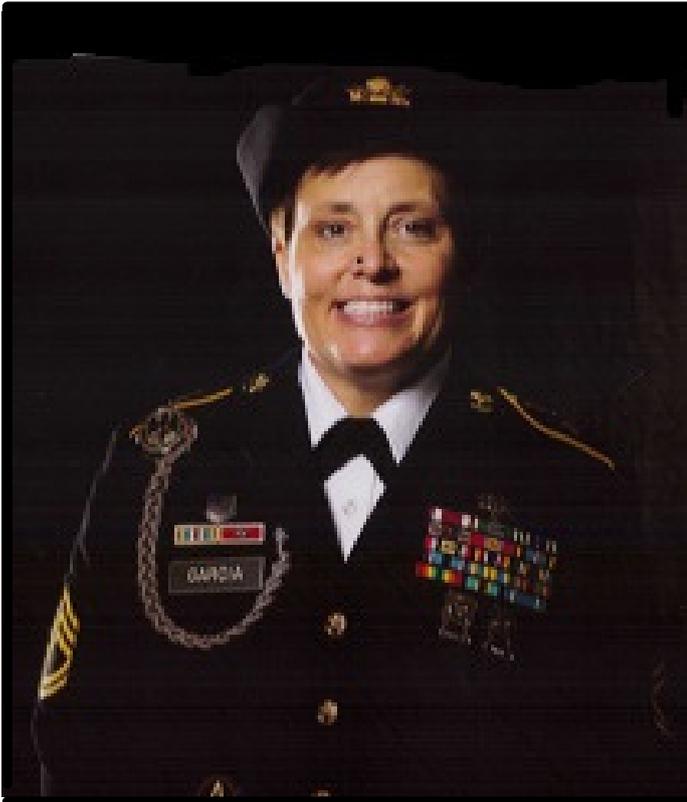
Spotlight

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SFC. SARAH GARCIA, ARMY COMBAT MEDIC

BEDFORD COUNTY

SFC Sarah Garcia is from Bedford County PA and served the United States Army as a medic for 23 years. During her time in the Army, she served three combat tours -- 2 in Iraq and 1 in Africa. She is currently retired from the Army but remains involved with Mission 22, where she helped organize their first Suicide Awareness Picnic.



VETERAN FLAG MEMORIAL

Please join America250PA in honoring Pennsylvania's fallen heroes as we place flags on veteran gravesites across the Commonwealth. For \$2.50/flag, you can help show our deepest respect for their sacrifices through this commemorative state-wide flag initiative. Find more information at www.America250PA.org/veteran-flag-memorial

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THE LONGEST DAY[®]

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The Longest Day is the day with the most light — the summer solstice. On June 20, people from across the world will fight the darkness of Alzheimer's through a fundraising activity of their choice. Whether you're participating at home, online or in-person, we have plenty of fun ideas to engage family and friends in The Longest Day.

It's easy — choose an activity you like to do and turn it into a fundraiser to fight Alzheimer's! Get started in three easy steps:

1. REGISTER

Sign up and select the fundraising activity you'd like to do at this link:
alz.org/tld

2. FUNDRAISE

Set up your fundraising page and add details about your activity.

3. INVITE OTHERS

Ask others to fundraise with you or simply donate to help you meet your goal.

Please contact Nathaniel at nasofranko@alz.org with questions

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