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City announces VA250 Mobile Museum Experience

The Danville Office of Economic Development & Tourism (DOEDT) announced that the VA250 Mobile Museum Experience, an immersive, hands-on “museum on wheels,” will be on display at the Danville Museum of Fine Arts and History (DMFAH) May 21-22, 2025.

Tilted, “Out of Many, One,” this interactive exhibit is housed in a quad-expendable tractor trailer and celebrates the history of the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution, the Revolutionary War, and the independence of the United States in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Admission to the Mobile Museum is free and open to the public.

“It is an honor to be designated as liaison to work with the VA250 Commission and members of our Local VA250 Committee as we commemorate the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution, the Revolutionary War, and the Independence of the United States in the Commonwealth of Virginia,” said Lisa Meriwether, DOEDT Tourism Manager. “These exhibits will kick-off the work of our local committee in conjunction with the statewide initiative of the VA250 Commission and I am deeply grateful for the support from Sonja Ingram, Executive Director, and her team at the Danville Museum of Fine Arts & History for hosting.”

In addition, the DMFAH will also host a month-long traveling exhibit, “Give Me Liberty & The Forging of a Nation,” from May 20 - June 30, highlighting key events and figures from the Revolutionary era.

Sonja Ingram, DMFAH Executive Director, shared her excitement, “The Danville Museum of Fine Arts and History is proud to host the VA250 Mobile Museum and the Give Me Liberty exhibit. These two exhibitions offer a compelling look at Virginia’s pivotal role in the fight for American independence, its leaders, and post-Revolutionary Virginians who helped shape and expand the ideals of liberty. ”

The DOEDT is a proud commemorative partner of the Virginia American Revolution Commission and operates its own local VA250 Committee. Members include the following:

- **Lisa Meriwether**, Tourism Manager, DOEDT, *VA250 Local Committee Liaison*
- **Lisa Greer**, Visitor Center Manager, DOEDT
- **Aliki Leonard**, Tourism Sales Coordinator, DOEDT
- **Sonja Ingram**, Executive Director, Danville Museum of Fine Arts & History
- **Sarah Latham**, President of the Board, Danville Historical Society
- **Cathy Nesselroade**, Regent, Dorothea Henry Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution
- **Rhonda Griffin**, Director, Pittsylvania County Public Library
- **Karice Luck-Brimmer**, Community Initiatives Associate, Virginia Humanities
- **Bill Guerrant**, President, Pittsylvania County Historical Society
- **Diane Moon**, Vice President, Pittsylvania County Historical Society
- **Gary Hall**, Local Chapter President, Sons of the American Revolution
- **Thomas Kilian**, Owner, Kilian Ware Pottery

To learn more about VA250 and events statewide, click here:

<https://www.visitsosi.com/events/va250/>

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About the Danville Office of Economic Development & Tourism

The Danville Office of Economic Development & Tourism is responsible for leading the city of Danville's tourism efforts by branding and promoting the city and Pittsylvania County to differentiate it from other regional competitors through advertising, promotions, trade events, and visitor experience initiatives to stimulate economic growth for the region. To learn more about the Visit SoSi brand and regional attractions, visit <https://www.visitsosi.com/>.

About the American Revolution 250 Commission (VA250)

Established by the General Assembly in 2020, VA250 serves to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution, the Revolutionary War, and the Independence of the United States in the Commonwealth of Virginia. From its founding ideals to its leading figures, more of what made America happen happened here in Virginia. Which makes Virginia the ideal place to learn about our nation's beginnings, no matter what state you call home. As America prepares to mark 250 years of Independence, the VA250 invites you to come and reconnect with your country, in the place that made it possible. Join us at VA250.org.