

# AMERICA 250

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America 250 | CT Commission

Local Committee Meeting

Tuesday, October 28, 2025 at 12:00 p.m.

Virtual via Zoom ([Link](#))

Meeting Notes

Recording: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C5rSvxUvR7M>

1. Welcome & Introduction of New Committees
  - a. Curt Leng introduced himself as the new contact for Wethersfield
2. America 250 | CT Commission Updates/Reminders
  - a. Give 250 Connecticut - Live through Friday, 10/31! Resources for participating municipalities [here](#) and [here](#)
  - b. Event Calendars - Bulk submissions now available via [Google Sheets](#) or [Excel](#). Instructions on how to submit are included in the templates. Beginning in January, the commission will be sending out monthly event e-newsletters to highlight events around the state.
  - c. [Classifieds Board](#) - This board is new, and will allow individuals, organizations, or businesses to post services they offer that may be of interest for organizations or communities planning 250th programming (i.e., musicians, re-enactors, etc). In the near future, it will be more widely publicized. Feel free to submit services and/or return to this page when you are planning programming to see what is available.
  - d. Teaching "The American Revolution," a film by Ken Burns, Sarah Botstein & David Schmidt - The education subcommittee is hosting a webinar for educators to share some preview clips, available resources, and ways to incorporate the series in the classroom on Wednesday, 11/12 at 7:00 p.m. It will not be recorded.  
[Register](#)
  - e. [Flyer](#) for education resources - This flyer includes the currently available resources for teaching the 250th. Please share with educators in your municipality.
  - f. Opportunities on July 4, 2026 - Plans for the recommitment ceremony in Hartford are moving forward. We will be inviting a representative from each municipality to Hartford to participate - this does not need to be an elected official. We are also working with the City of Hartford and Hartford Bonanza on opportunities to have a presence at Hartford Bonanza - affiliates and local committees will be invited to have a table at the event and potentially some other ways to get involved as well. More information will be available in the coming months.
  - g. Tabling Kit and/or Parade banner - Veterans' Day or other events - Please contact [info@ct250.org](mailto:info@ct250.org) with the dates needed, location, and primary contact person.

- h. America250/National updates - The national commission and White House Task Force 250 will be coming to Connecticut for some of their initiatives, but more information on this is still forthcoming. Please note that anything that uses the "America250" wordmark or logo cannot be sold for commercial purposes, and we recommend not using it on giveaway items in case licensing comes into question. Contact [info@ct250.org](mailto:info@ct250.org) if you have questions about using the logo/wordmark on your materials.

3. Questions & Discussion

  - a. The America 250 | CT Tourism trail is still in the works; there are likely to be some updates on this, along with the statewide exhibit in the next meeting.
  - b. Alice from Litchfield shared that the Northwest Corner planners are working together on developing a regional calendar and collaborating with one another - contact her if you're in the region and would like to join the group. Jennifer from Westport is willing to coordinate a similar group in Fairfield County. A spreadsheet of contacts available [here](#).
  - c. Taneisha from Hartford shared that they are hoping to coordinate a water taxi with neighboring towns in July 2026.

## Helpful Links:

- [Event Calendar](#)
  - [Local Commission Listing](#)
  - [Affiliate Program](#)
  - [Federal Grants](#)
  - [CT Humanities Grants](#)
  - AASLH [Field Guide](#), [Programming Guide](#), and [Local Commission Technical Leaflet](#)
  - [Funding Resources](#)
  - [Private Facebook group](#)
  - [Recording from Planning Workshop](#)
  - [2025 Conference Recordings](#)
  - [Give 250 Connecticut Resources](#)
  - [Commission Events](#) (now includes national initiatives)
  - Educator [Curriculum](#)
  - [Local History Project](#)
  - Event Bulk Submission form (For affiliates & local committees only): [Google Sheets](#) or [Excel](#) template
  - [Classifieds Board](#)