

AMERICA 250

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America 250 | CT Commission
Local Committee Meeting
Tuesday, March 17, 2026, at 12:30 p.m.
Virtual via Zoom
Meeting Notes

Recording: <https://youtu.be/54EdfkNUkMO>

1. Welcome
2. America 250 | CT Commission Updates/Reminders
 - a. Feedback from Regional Gatherings
Seven sites, close to 100 attendees, notes will be coming out over the next couple of days, including ideas on how to participate in some of the national initiatives, regional collaborations, and some resources that we'll be putting together
 - b. Planner Gathering - Monday, April 13 in Ridgefield - [Register by April 1](#)
Join us if you're interested in connecting with planners from across New England, New York, and possibly Canada. Plans include optional tours of the Battle of Ridgefield and Keeler Tavern Museum, a welcome from Secretary of the State Stephanie Thomas, and a meeting from 11:00 - 3:30
 - c. July 4, 2026 - tentative schedule & opportunity for tabling
Tentatively: recommitment ceremony for municipalities will be held jointly with the Connecticut Veterans group in the Hall of Flags at the Capitol; likely 9:00 - 10:15. One representative from each municipality is requested, does not need to be an elected official. There will also be an opportunity for municipalities to host a table at Bushnell Park from 12:00 - 6:00ish as part of Hartford Bonanza. Lots of activities happening - music, Veterans' Zone, food trucks, carousel rides, other events around the city - expecting around 50,000 people in downtown Hartford this day.

Also on July 4, ringing bells at 2:00 p.m. is encouraged. We will be creating a template letter that municipalities can share with orgs in their town that they'd like to encourage to participate.
 - d. CTVisit.com webinar - March 24, 11:00 a.m. - [Information & Registration](#)
Events calendar moving to [CTVisit.com](#). This will increase visibility, enable the Connecticut Office of Marketing & Tourism to pull programming to promote via their channels. Attend the webinar to learn how to get set up on/submit events in CT Visit.
 - e. Municipal Independence Day plans [form](#)
Please share your featured plan/event for your town via this form - not limited to July 4. We are using this information to build a calendar that we are sharing with the Governor's office and other elected officials.

- f. Upcoming Deadlines:
- i. [America's Field Trip](#) (National America250) - March 30
 - ii. [Local History Project](#) (Connecticut recognition program) - May 1

Helpful Links

Event Calendar

- [Event Calendar](#)
- Event Bulk Submission (For affiliates & municipalities only): [Google Sheets](#) or [Excel](#)
- [Commission Events](#) (now includes national initiatives)

Commission's Network

- [Municipal Proclamation Template](#)
- [Local Commission Listing](#)
- [Affiliate Program](#)
- [Private Facebook group](#) for planners (municipal & affiliate)

Funding Resources

- [Federal Grants](#)
- [CT Humanities Grants](#)
- [Funding Resources](#)

America250/National Initiatives

- National commission: Logo/Wordmark [Information](#) & [Sublicensing Agreement](#)
- [America250 Playbook](#)
- [America's Potluck](#) - July 5, 2026
- [Spirit of America](#) - July 8, 2026

Planning Resources

- AASLH [Field Guide](#), [Programming Guide](#), and [Local Commission Technical Leaflet](#)
- [Recording from Planning Workshop](#)
- [2025 Conference Recordings](#)
- [Classifieds Board](#) - to share/find services for your programming
- [Media Checklist](#)
- Statewide Exhibit [Interest Survey](#)
- [Our Next 250 Webinar](#)

Education Resources

- Educator [Curriculum](#)
- [Local History Project](#)
- [Flyer](#) for education resources
- [My America](#)

Reporting

- [2026 Programming Report](#)