



Beacon REV250 Celebration Committee

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**BEACON REV250 COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES JULY 4 CELEBRATION
OF 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE**

Beacon, NY: The Beacon REV250 Committee will present a special Independence Day celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence on July 4 at 11 am at the Veterans Memorial Building in Beacon.

The July 4 ceremony, honoring **250 Years of American Liberty: 1776-2026**, will feature a color guard and a historical introduction to “Declaring Independence” by Colonel Seanegan Sculley, Associate Professor in the Department of History and War Studies at West Point. There will be a reading of the Declaration of Independence by Beacon Mayor Lee Kyriacou, and Ruth Danon, Poet Laureate of Beacon and Dutchess County, will read “Nebraska,” a new poem composed in honor of the occasion. The ceremony will be followed by refreshments. Admission is free and open to all.

This is a busy weekend for REV250 events. In addition to the July 4 celebration, the City of Beacon Annual fireworks display will take place on Friday July 3 at Memorial Park. REV250 Illuminated by Beacon BonfireWORKS will present animated digital illumination displays on the evenings of July 3, 4 and 5 projected onto City Buildings across Beacon, including the Veterans Memorial Building and the Beacon Central Fire Station. Also on July 3, the classic film “1776” will be screened at Bannerman Island. On July 4, Madam Brett Homestead will sponsor an Ice Cream Social at 1pm and there will be an annual reading of the Declaration of Independence on at 12pm at City Hall. On July 5, Colonel Sculley will be the featured speaker at “Cannons & Cocktails” a conversation with Scott Ramsey exploring the Declaration of Independence, the courage of 1776, and the choices that changed history, at the Veterans Memorial Building.

The REV250 Committee represents a range of community volunteer groups who have worked together to create a series of “REV250” events in Beacon throughout 2026 to celebrate, educate and inspire the community. For more information, all REV250 events are listed in an online calendar at

<https://sites.google.com/view/beacon-rev250-events-calendar?usp=sharing>

About Beacon’s REV250 Committee:

The Beacon REV250 Committee brings together community service groups with the shared mission to commemorate the 250th Anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 1776, and to celebrate our local region’s history in shaping our Nation during the American Revolution (1775-1783). Member organizations include the Veterans Memorial Building, the Beacon Historical Society, Beacon BonfireWORKS, the Melzingah Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Tioronda Garden Club, Bannerman Castle Trust, Beacon Tree Committee, Beacon Elks, the City of Beacon and the Beacon Recreational Department, along with support from Destination Dutchess and The Beacon Beacon.

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c/o Veterans Memorial Building | 413 Main St., Beacon, NY 12508

[Beacon REV250 Event Calendar](#)