MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
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What is the Museum of the American Revolution?

The Museum of the American Revolution is a non-profit, cultural organization dedicated to engaging the public in the history and significance of the American Revolution and its enduring legacy. The mission of the Museum is to inspire learning about the history of the American Revolution and the significance of the founding ideals of the Declaration of Independence for Americans and people around the world.

The Museum is documenting, preserving, researching and preparing its distinguished collection of objects, artifacts, manuscripts, and printed works from the period of the American Revolution in preparation for display in the new Museum of the American Revolution. The Museum will be built just steps from Independence Hall in the historic area of Philadelphia. The Museum is actively collaborating with other institutions and organizations in the United States and around the world to explore and promote the American Revolution.

What is in the collection?

Over the course of a century, the Museum of the American Revolution and its predecessor, the Valley Forge Historical Society, assembled a rich collection of objects, art, manuscripts, and printed works from the period of the American Revolution. The collection began with the 1909 purchase of General George Washington?s marquee (sleeping tent and office) from Martha Washington?s great-great-granddaughter, Mary Custis Lee.

Other collection highlights include:

- George Washington?s Silver Camp Cups
- General Muhlenberg?s Holster Pistols
- American Orderly Books
- English Law Books of Patrick Henry
- French Royal Presentation Sword
- *The March to Valley Forge* by William Trego

- Washington's Commander-in-Chief Standard
- Hessian Cap Fragments
- Powder Horns, Canteens, Clothing

Why is the American Revolution important today?

The American Revolution gave birth to the United States and created our enduring form of representative government. Across the globe those who struggle for freedom still invoke the powerful ideas of the American Revolution. Far from being a remote episode in the distant past, the American Revolution is the most important event in the history of the modern world--and an ongoing experiment that requires the informed participation of all citizens.