

# **MD Two Fifty Commission**

## **Planning, Encouraging & Executing the US Semiquincentennial in Maryland**

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**Metropolitan Washington  
Council of Governments**



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**MD Two Fifty** envisions an **inclusive** and **nonpartisan statewide** reflection on our **past** that honors the contribution of **all Marylanders**, that unites us in purpose to **serve**, to **engage civically**, and to shape the **future** of Maryland and our nation for the next generation.



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## 34 Commissioners; staff of 5.



## **MD Two Fifty Commission: our work**

- **Focus: local 250 Commissions/ small grants/ info support**
- **Legacy programs: Citizen academies & MD Two Fifty Fellows**
- **Freedom of the Press project**
- **MD Two Fifty Revolutionary Baseball**
- **MD Two Fifty Civics Moonshot**
- **MD Two Fifty Celebration of Service**
- **Readying MD for future commemorations**



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## Key Partner Events and Programs

- **Sail250 MD and Airshow Baltimore**
- **MD 400 and Battle of Brooklyn (NY)**
- **Monument: Black Rev War Patriots**
- **Jayla Elise: The Heart of MD**
- **250 Miles for MD**
- **MD Two Fifty lottery game**
- **MD Liberty Tree project**
- **MD State Ethnic Commission celebrations**



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# MD Two Fifty Commission: international partnerships



France



Liberia



Indonesia



Japan



Canada



Italy

# 2026 Calendar



- **March/April:** MD Day, Rebels & Redcoats, Talbot Day
- **May:** Preakness, PG250 Block Party
- **June:** Juneteenth, Sail250MD
- **July 4<sup>th</sup> week:** events statewide, America's Potluck, Sharing the Spirit of America
- **Aug/Sept:** MD 400/Battle of Brooklyn, Monument, MD State Fair, Labor Day, Constitution Day
- **November:** Emancipation Day, Veterans Day, American Indian Heritage Day, Election Day, Freedom of the Press



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## Questions?

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**Thank you!**



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