



American Revolution Commission (VA250)
African American Advisory Council Meeting
Tuesday, March 24, 2026 10:30 AM
Fort Monroe, Virginia
Building 75 (110 Pratt St.)
Agenda

Call to Order and Welcome:

The Honorable Senator Mamie E. Locke - Chair
African Landing Day National Working Group - Goals & Aspirations

Remarks from National Honorary Chair:

Carly Fiorina
Leadership Update
America. Made in Virginia. Signature Events
Inspiring a Season of Civic Renewal
African Landing Day

Introductions:

Dr. Sesha Moon - Commonwealth of Virginia - DEI Officer
JXN Project Film Presentation - Declarations of Independence

Local Committee/Commemorative Partner Updates:

The Honorable Delegate Deloris McQuinn
Envisioning VA250 in Richmond

Connie Harshaw - President - Let Freedom Ring Foundation
The Historic First Baptist Church 250th Anniversary

Dr. Andrea Douglass - Executive Director
The Jefferson School African American Heritage Center 100th Anniversary
African Americans in the American Revolution Exhibit

Melinda Gainer - Cofounder AMC250
Strategic Partnerships

Did you Know: Lancaster County Historical Society - [Free Blacks During the American Revolution](#)

Strategic Communications:

Consultant (JMI/Share More Stories) - James Warren
SEEQ Oral History Platform

Consultant (Cousin) - Travis Young
Freedom Forward Communications

Spotlight on VA250 Signature Events:

VA250 Sr. Advisor - Bill Shermerhorn

Fourth of July @ CW - 250 Years of Forming a More Perfect Union

VA250 Sr. Advisor - Eola Dance

Juneteenth Statewide Invitations

Other Business and Adjournment:

The Honorable Mamie E. Locke, Chair