

Big Watch Film Screening & Discussion

Official Program Description

Join us to commemorate and reflect upon the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence with a film screening and discussion! Together, we'll watch a short excerpt from THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, a new film directed by Ken Burns, Sarah Botstein and David Schmidt, followed by a community discussion. The featured segment from THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, "The Spirit of Service," explores service as a core American value, from the nation's founding through to the present day – examining volunteerism, civic participation, public leadership, and more.

Expert facilitators will guide thoughtful conversations about "remembering together," considering questions such as:

- What moments from our past define who we are and point to a shared future?
- What are the key historical moments in your town's or community's history?
- How does focusing on these moments shape your sense of your community's future?

Interested in watching the entire film series? Learn more here: [The American Revolution | All Episodes Now Streaming | Ken Burns | PBS](#)

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