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LOCAL DAR CHAPTERS HOST AMERICAN REVOLUTION EXPERIENCE TRAVELING EXHIBIT

Innovative Revolutionary War Exhibition is Collaborative Project of the American Battlefield Trust and the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution

Phoenix, Arizona — The Arizona State Society Daughters of the American Revolution (ASDAR) is excited to announce the opening of the American Revolution Experience across Arizona from February 3 to mid-March.

The innovative pop-up exhibition includes display panels and interactive digital kiosks that use storytelling, illustration, technology and unique artifacts and primary accounts to connect modern audiences with the people and places that shaped the birth of our nation. Created through a collaboration between the American Battlefield Trust and the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, the exhibit is also made possible by generous matching funds from the National Park Service's American Battlefield Protection Program battlefield interpretation grants.

The free exhibit will be available to the public at the Anthem Civic Building in Anthem from February 3-8. The exhibit will also be displayed privately in schools in Surprise and Lake Havasu City. The Mohave County Library will display the exhibit March 3-8 in Lake Havasu. Watch ASDAR's social media for additional updates. Exhibit admission is free thanks to the local DAR chapters: Agua Fria, Anasazi, Apache Trail, Havasu and Ocotillo.

"We are thrilled to welcome the American Experience Exhibit to Arizona. Our chapters are excited to have their friends, family, and neighbors come enjoy this interactive exhibit," said Arizona DAR State Regent Sarah Ziker. "The Semiquincentennial is coming soon and the exhibit is a great way to remind and educate about the events 250 years ago."

The traveling exhibit includes 12 panels highlighting thematic connections between profiled individuals and three interactive kiosks that connect to the full digital biographies, provide documentary context on the Revolutionary War and offer information on how to visit the places tied to these individuals today. Both online and on-site, the American Revolution Experience features custom illustrations by South Carolina-based artist Dale Watson. The exhibit also draws from documents and objects in DAR's collection, as well as the Trust's industry leading digital interpretation resources.

“Independence may have been declared in Philadelphia by the Declaration’s 56 signers, but it was hard-won on the battlefields we protect by the thousands of Patriot soldiers from whom today’s Daughters trace descent,” said Trust President David Duncan. “Together, our organizations bear witness to the fact that we are not so far removed from those impactful events that there are meaningful ways to bridge those 250 years.”

The Arizona sites are among the scores of libraries, historical societies and museums that will host the American Revolution Experience through 2025, introducing visitors to a cast of historical characters with diverse experiences throughout the conflict and the places they visited on their journey. A longer-term mounting of the exhibit will remain at DAR’s national headquarters in Washington, D.C. The touring calendar is available at www.battlefields.org/ontour.

“The American Revolution would not have happened without the decisions, sacrifices, and valor of ordinary people,” said DAR President General Pamela Rouse Wright. “DAR is honored to have collaborated with the American Battlefield Trust on this initiative to highlight some of our Patriots and their roles in the founding of this great country. We are thrilled for people in communities across the country to learn more about these individuals.”

The American Revolution Experience invites visitors to consider the choice faced by members of the revolutionary generation as tensions mounted in the 1770s: Would these ordinary citizens risk their lives and livelihoods in pursuit of liberty? Or would they remain loyal subjects of the British crown, coming into conflict with neighbors and family? The exhibit surfaces diverse viewpoints and experiences, touching on the journeys — both literal and figurative — of Patriots and Loyalists, men and women, Black and Native populations and even international allies. Rather than focusing only on generals and famous statesmen, it introduces audiences to drummer boys, military mapmakers and other ordinary people who were impacted by global events.

About the Organizations

The American Battlefield Trust has grown into one of the most successful land preservation and education organizations in the nation. The Trust has protected almost 60,000 acres associated with the Revolutionary War, War of 1812 and Civil War, representing 160 sites in 25 states from Massachusetts to New Mexico. Its 350,000 members and supporters believe in the power of place and the continued relevance of our shared history to modern American society. Learn more at www.battlefields.org.

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution was founded in 1890 to promote historic preservation, education, and patriotism. Its members are descended from the patriots who won American independence during the Revolutionary War. There are over 40 DAR chapters and 3000+ members across Arizona. Learn more at www.arizonadar.org.

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