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MARION COUNTY, FL

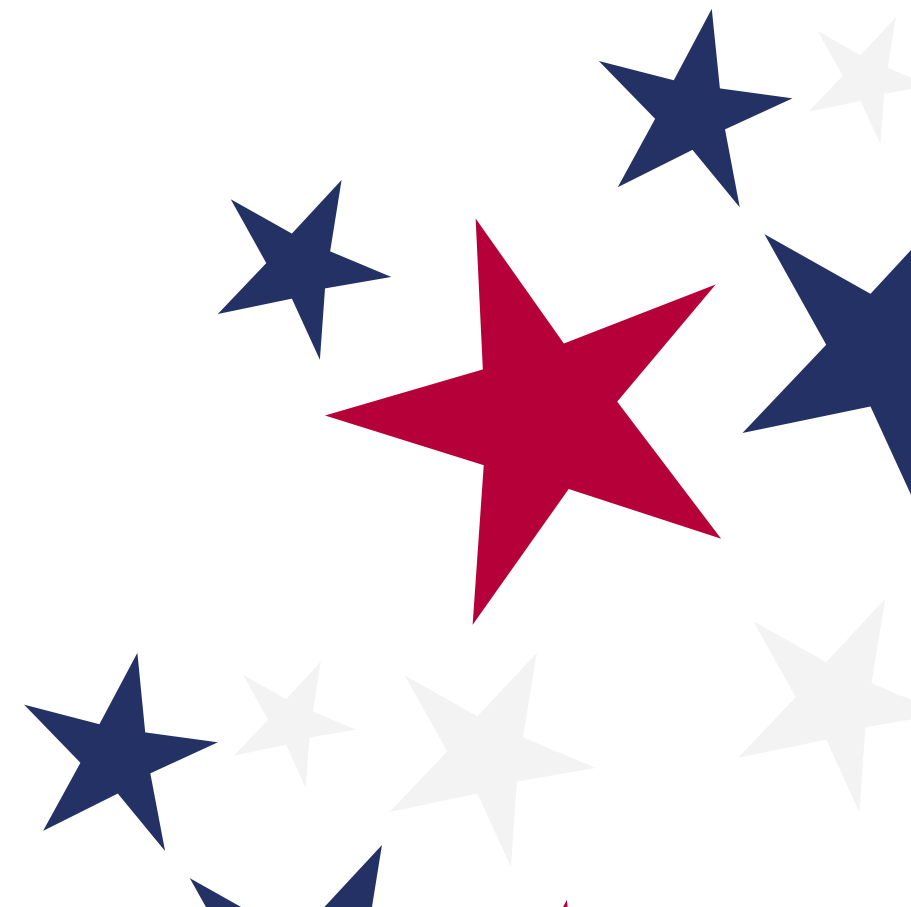
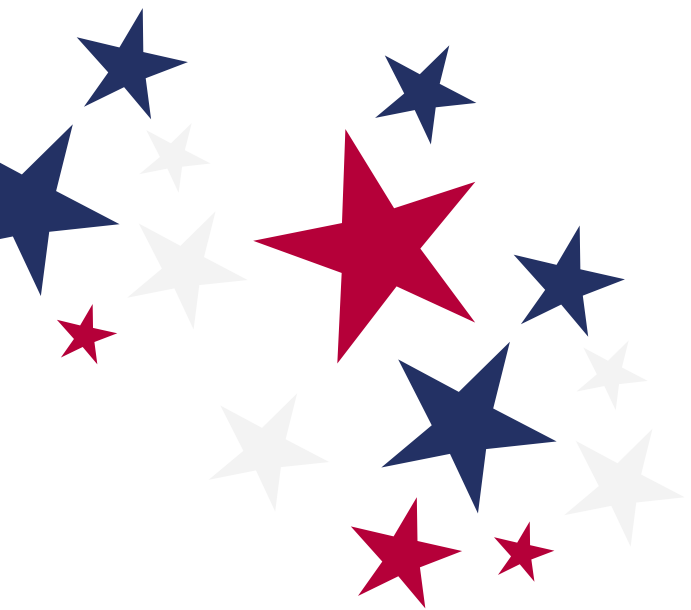


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**Marion County's Community
America 250 Celebration**



Why is this important?





Why is this **important**?

- **Preserves** and celebrates America's founding ideals
- **Honors** veterans and first responders
- **Fosters** civic education for youth and community members
- **Strengthens** unity through cultural diversity and shared purpose
- **Inspires** future generations to protect and participate in democracy





Public Impact



REACH
500,000+
RESIDENTS &
VISITORS



EDUCATION
40,000+
STUDENTS &
PATRONS



**ECONOMIC
IMPACT**
LOCAL
BUSINESS



LEGACY
STRENGTHEN
CIVIC PRIDE



Steering Committee

- County leaders
- All local municipalities
- Marion County Public School System
- Nonprofits & civic organizations
- Business community

**Demonstrates collaboration
and shared purpose.**



What's been done **so far?**





One Nation, Many Stories

Our Public Library has already begun the work of capturing the stories of our local veterans.





America Prays Initiative

- Encourages weekly prayer for the nation
- Weekly prayer meetings are being proposed starting **January 2026**
- Will hold a meeting with the faith community to help spread this message.





Sir Francis Marion **Plaque**



**Proposed creation of a Sir Francis Marion
“Swamp Fox” plaque to be placed at
Ocala/Marion Veterans Memorial Park
near the Daughters of the American
Revolution freedom tree.**



\$15,000 grant



Marion County Day 2026



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2026

- 15,000 + in attendance
- Highlighting county departments and local agencies/groups



MCPS

MARION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

"Helping Every Student Succeed"

SPECIAL MCPS BATTLE OF THE BANDS & ART COMPETITION



Proposed Events & Activities

- Civic **education** programs (workshops, school visits)
- Freedom-focused **celebrations**
 - Independence Day, Bill of Rights Day
- Veteran & first responder **recognition ceremonies**
- Local groups to share history through **storytelling**
- Youth **Contests** & Engagement Programs on social media
- **Voter** Registration Drives
- America 250 **Ball**
- Patriot **Parade**
- **4** for the **Fourth** 



Finale Event

Week of July 4, 2026

**Patriotic Parade leading up to a
fireworks show in multiple locations.**

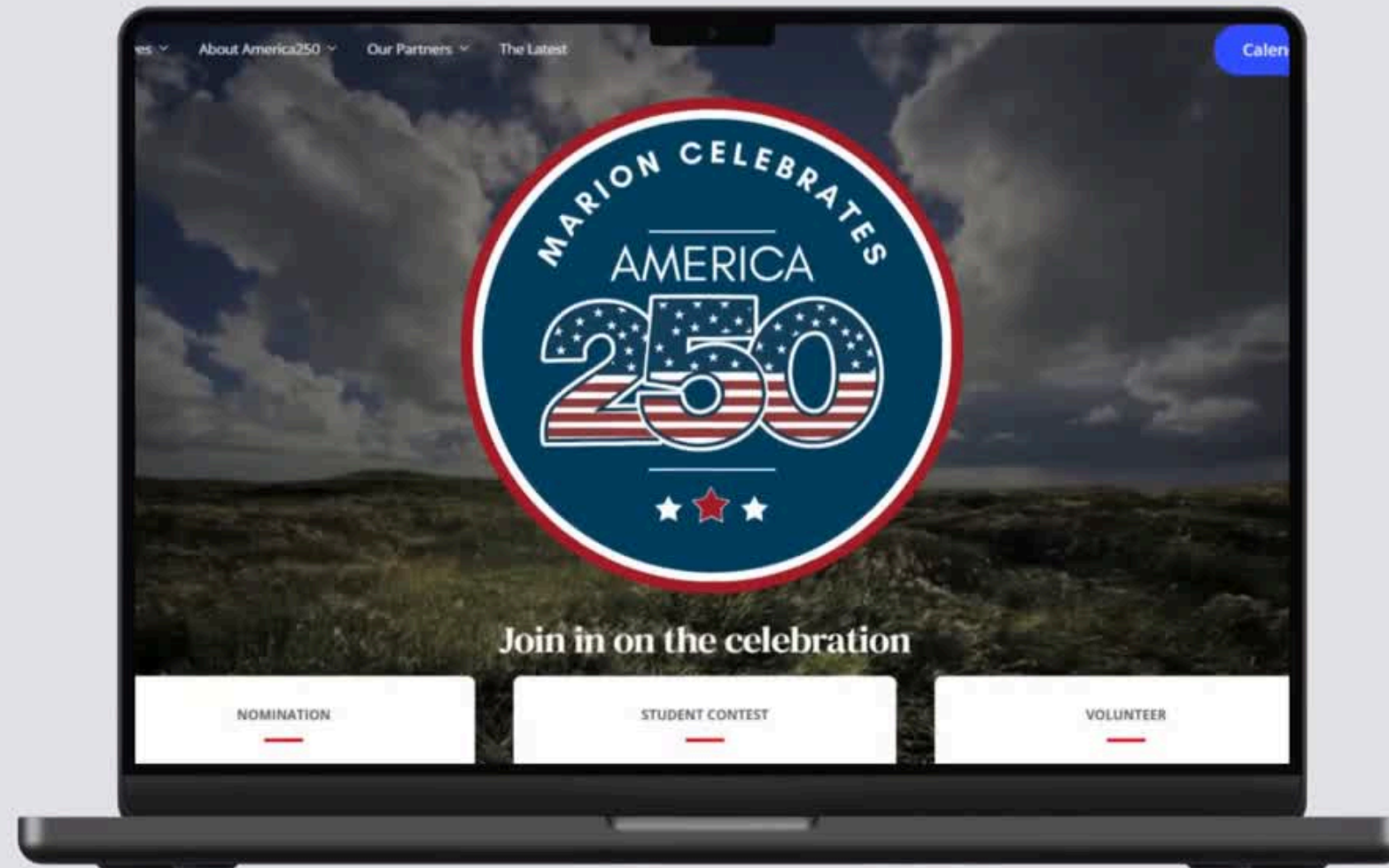


Proposed Logos





Webpage & Social





Potential Funding Sources

- Tourism Development Council Funding
- Tourism Grant(s) such as Visit Florida
- Fund Raising Opportunities
- America 250 Ball
- Sponsorships



Estimated Budget & Cost

- Educational Materials
- Event Expenses
- Historical Speakers/Guides
- Recognition Programs
- Firework show on the 4th of July

ESTIMATED TOTAL: \$250,000



Sponsorships

- **The local community will be invited to take part!**
- **Sponsorships will help offset the costs of the celebration.**





Sponsorship Options



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**HERITAGE
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The journey toward this historic milestone is an opportunity to pause and reflect on our nation's past, honor the contributions of all Americans, and look ahead toward the future we want to create for the next generation and beyond.

