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Museum of the American Revolution to Open on Anniversary of the War's Inception

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On April 19, 1775, the first shot of the Revolutionary War was fired at Concord, Mass; on April 19, 2017, the Museum of the American Revolution will open in Philadelphia at Third and Chestnut Streets. The museum will contain a collection of Revolutionary-era weapons, documents, and rare and historic artifacts including uniforms, flags, personal diaries, paintings and sculpture, manuscripts and books. Among the highlights are George Washington's Headquarters Tent and the first newspaper printing of the Declaration of Independence. In addition to exhibits, the Museum will offer immersive experiences where visitors can feel like participants in key moments of that period.

The Museum is still working on completing its campaign goal of \$150 million. Board Chairman H.F. (Gerry) Lenfest has given a challenge grant of \$10 million, in addition to his previous gift of \$40 million which has been fully matched. Supporters in every state have contributed \$148 million as of January 17, 2017.

It's not too late to become a Founding Member. Founding Members will be invited to a special Members-Only Preview Weekend April 15

to 16. Museum members receive free general admission all year, invitations to lectures and programs, members-only e-newsletter, and discounts on programs, store merchandise, cafe and parking. www.amrevmuseum.org/membership

An article about the Museum appeared in the *Center City Quarterly*, Winter, 2015, p. 11. http://www.centercityresidents.org/resources/Documents/24344_CCRA_Winter_Newsletter_WEB.pdf

For more information, to read historical excerpts, to join the email list, and to donate, please go to <https://www.amrevmuseum.org/>



Costumed historical reenactors from the American Revolution period.

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