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CALL FOR PAPERS **Revolution in Their Words** EXHIBITION CATALOG

The DAR Museum invites submissions in the form of abstracts of original scholarship from historians, scholars and museum professionals for inclusion in the Museum's 2026 catalog to accompany the exhibition, *Revolution in Their Words* (working title). Focusing on ordinary people from varying backgrounds rather than battles and military heroes, this exhibit will illustrate how people reconciled their own feelings with the larger narrative of the powerful politicians. Giving attention to people who have been left out of traditional stories of the War for Independence, the exhibit will show how they situated themselves in the conflict. Using quotes, newspapers, pamphlets, diaries and other written sources, the exhibition will focus on the themes of the home, the printed word, camp life, and diplomacy. Objects featured in the exhibit include a hammer pole tomahawk engraved with the words "To your arms Solder and Feight," John Hancock's letterbox, oaths of allegiance, diaries and journals, and an engraved powder horn and more. Newspaper articles, petitions, political cartoons and more will be featured as graphics.

Abstracts of 300-500 words can address topics such as Black agency through the written word, Native American perspectives, women's roles in supporting the Revolution through boycotts, pamphlets or other written efforts, or decorative arts items featuring the written word connected to the American Revolution. Topics should stress the importance of the written word just before and during the American Revolution.

Call for Paper Details:

Abstract Submission Deadline:	<u>Tuesday, July 15, 2025</u>
Abstract Length:	300-500 words
Award Notification:	<u>Friday, August 1, 2025</u>
Catalog Article Submission Deadline:	<u>Thursday, January 1, 2026</u>
Catalog Article Length:	2,000 - 4,000 words
Stipend Award:	\$750
Expected Publication:	Early Summer 2026

Please review the above schedule before submitting your abstract to ensure that you can comply with the stated deadlines. These deadlines will be strictly enforced and stipends will not be awarded if the deadlines are not met.

Submit this completed form **along with your resume or CV** detailing your research and/work experience as it relates to your presentation to:

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