Recognized as the birthplace of American democracy, Philadelphia’s Independence National Historical Park is located on the site where Patriots founded a new nation. Each year, more than 4.3 million people tour the Liberty Bell Center, Independence Hall, Congress Hall, the New Hall Military Museum, Franklin Court, the Bishop White House and other buildings that celebrate the founding of our nation.

The Schuylkill River Trail runs from Philadelphia to Valley Forge National Historical Park. The 26.5-mile trail welcomes more than 2.7 million runners, bikers and commuters each year and was named the number one urban trail in the country in the 2015 USA TODAY Readers’ Choice Awards.

The trail begins at Bartram’s Garden, the oldest surviving botanical garden in North America. More than 46 acres in size, it includes an arboretum that was established c. 1728. The garden is a National Historic Landmark, outdoor classroom, living laboratory and conservancy group with 40,000 members.

The path continues to Valley Forge, where Washington’s army marched, tired, cold and ill-equipped in December 1777. Six months later, the ordered ranks, martial appearance, revived spirit and fighting skill of the American soldiers proved a transformation occurred amidst the cold, sickness and hardship at Valley Forge. The park commemorates the sacrifices and perseverance of the Revolutionary War generation and honors the ability of our citizens to pull together to overcome adversity.

In preparation for our nation’s approaching 250th birthday, please join us in this exciting project to continue our commitment to this important work and celebrate our nation’s semiquincentennial!

Your opportunity to sponsor a living tribute to honor the memory and the spirit of the men and women who achieved American Independence!

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As an extension of the 76 trees planted at Independence National Historical Park during the Dillon Administration, this project affords the privilege of planting 250 trees along the trail AND adopting them in memory of Revolutionary War Patriots.

How will my Patriot be acknowledged? These 250 Patriots will be featured in a companion online resource in order to raise awareness of those who achieved American Independence. In time, a website with mobile capabilities will display the location and donor of each tree, as well as a 50-word biography of the Patriot it honors.

How can I help make this gift possible? DAR will be the primary financial sponsor of the DAR Pathway of the Patriots project, and will receive branding and signage promotion as result of this highly commemorative opportunity. DAR states, chapters, clubs and individuals are welcome to adopt a tree in memory of a Patriot. The 250 trees and their respective Patriots will be available for reservation on a first-come, first-served basis.

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