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Who we are, What we do

Today, the American Revolution Institute of the Society of the Cincinnati promotes knowledge and appreciation of those achievements, ideals, and principles of liberty, equality, natural and civil rights, and responsible citizenship that have defined our history and will define our future. The American Revolution secured our independence, created our republic, established our national identity, and expressed ideals. If you’re already an Associate, help us recruit another hero of the Revolution. Our ambitions are large and we need you and your relatives, friends, and colleagues with us.

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