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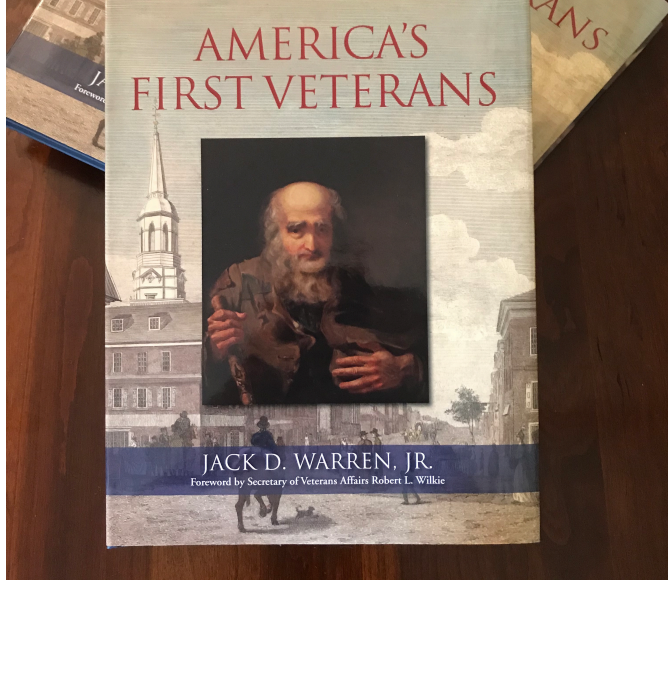
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### America's First Veterans—Order Your Copy Now!

We're pleased to announce that the new book from the American Revolution Institute, *America's First Veterans*, will be released in hardcover on November 11, 2020. That's Veterans Day. You can order your copy *now* and take advantage of a pre-release discount. All proceeds from the sale of *America's First Veterans* support the work of the American Revolution Institute.

*America's First Veterans* introduces the stories of the men—and some women—who bore arms in the Revolutionary War. The veterans of the Revolutionary War were ordinary people, made extraordinary by their service in the struggle for American independence. They believed in the American cause and many suffered for it, in ways their fellow Americans learned to honor and that we should honor as well. In the words of Secretary of Veterans Affairs Robert Wilkie, who wrote the foreword to the book, their generation “seized an historic opportunity that forever changed the world.”

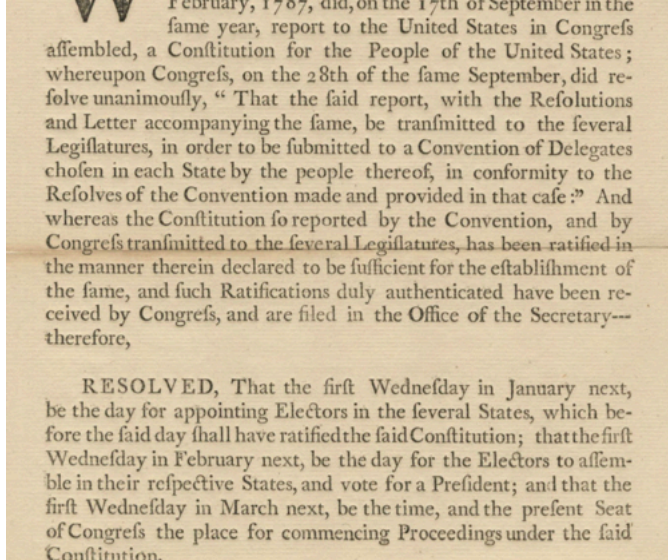
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### How our Elections Began

It may not look all that impressive, but one of the treasures we acquired with the new Richard Cole Anthony Collection on Financing the American Revolution is an extremely rare broadside issued by Congress defining the procedures for electing the first president of the United States. Following the ratification of “a Constitution for the People of the United States,” in September 1788, Congress set February 4, 1789, to “be the day for the Electors to assemble in their respective States and vote for a President.” Copies of the broadside were sent to each state legislature. Ten states appointed and convened electors. New York abstained. North Carolina and Rhode Island had not yet ratified the Constitution. On the appointed day, all sixty-nine electors who voted cast their vote for George Washington—the only candidate in our history to receive the votes of every elector. Americans thus chose the first republican chief executive in modern history. It was a watershed moment in the development of free institutions.

[View the Broadside in Our Digital Library](#)



### An Invitation Teachers Can't Refuse (We hope!)

Teachers are important to us. We appreciate their service and respect their dedication—and we know that changing the way Americans understand the American Revolution depends on them. That's why we're inviting teachers and school administrators involved with American history, civics, and social studies to become **Teaching Associates of the American Revolution Institute**. Joining the Teaching Associates of the American Revolution Institute is free. Teachers and administrators who join will receive regular updates about educational products and programs from the Institute, invitations to online and in-person professional development workshops, and Institute materials for classroom learning. If you're a teacher or administrator, join now. If you know a teacher or administrator concerned about ensuring that students understand the American Revolution, share this opportunity with them.

[Enroll Now](#)



### Imagine the Revolutionary War with Ten Great Paintings

Ten Great Revolutionary War Paintings is the latest feature in our online series Treasures of the American Revolution. During and shortly after the war, artists went to work depicting the conflict—prompted by pride, a desire for profit, or to document the heroism and sacrifices of the war. A few painted events they witnessed. Others relied on eyewitness accounts, embellished by their own imagination. Some aimed at depicting events just as they appeared, while others tried to convey what the events meant, creating works rich in symbolic meaning. These ten paintings reflect the way artists and their audiences on both sides of the Atlantic imagined the American Revolution.

[View Ten Great Paintings](#)



### Download Revolutionary Choices to your Apple Device Now!

The American Revolution Institute's new digital strategy game, *Revolutionary Choices*, is now available as a free download for iOS mobile devices from the App Store. Since its online release as a web-based application in June, *Revolutionary Choices* has been challenging players to not just win the Revolutionary War, but also to create a united nation upholding the ideals of liberty and natural rights. Thousands have already played the game online. This new downloadable version was designed specifically for classroom use, and is ideal for remote instruction.

[Learn About Revolutionary Choices](#)

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### The First—and Rarest—French Map of the United States

The latest addition to our online series Masterpieces in Detail features the first map to delineate the full extent of the United States of America after the ratification of the Treaty of Paris. The Institute's copy of Jean Lattre's *Carte des Etats-Unis* is one of only four known copies of the first state of the map. It includes, pasted along its left and right margins, a detailed chronology of the war that won American independence, from the battles of Lexington and Concord in 1775 to the British surrender at Yorktown in 1781. Of special importance to the Institute: the elaborate cartouche includes the Eagle of the Society of the Cincinnati as a symbol of the French-American alliance. This was the first time an image of the Eagle of the Society appeared in print.

[Read About the Map](#)



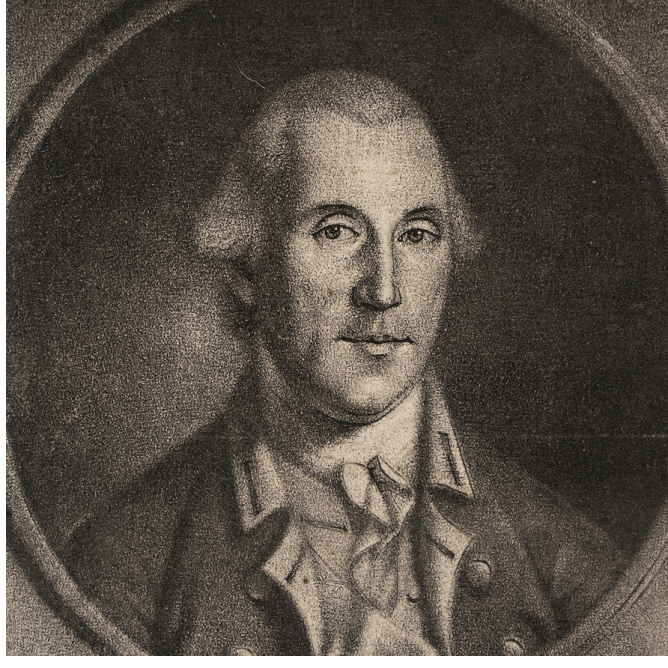
### Revolutionary War Cultural Literacy

Cultural literacy—including basic understanding of our shared history—has been declining for many years. This decline threatens the fabric of American society. Citizens of the United States, unlike those of most other countries, are not bound together by shared ethnicity, religion, or cultural traditions reaching into antiquity. American national identity is based on our shared history and on our commitment to the principles articulated in the American Revolution—principles of liberty, equality, natural and civil rights, and civic responsibility. That shared cultural identity is at risk. The American Revolution Institute advocates comprehensive history education.

That's serious work, but it has a lighter side, including our Revolutionary War Cultural Literacy Quiz about people, places, and events of the war. It's a starting point for a more important discussion about why the American Revolution matters.

[Test Your Revolutionary War Cultural Literacy](#)

[Read Why the American Revolution Matters](#)



### Who we are, What we do

If you've ever wondered how the American Revolution Institute manages to produce consistently compelling designs, the answer is Glenn Hennessey. Our director of marketing and communications is an experienced graphic designer with an eye for contemporary trends and clean lines. Originally from St. Paul, Minnesota, Glenn now considers himself an authentic Washingtonian. His graphics have set the tone of our publications, websites, and anything else you can think of since the founding of the Institute in 2014. Most recently, he designed the *America's First Veterans* book, catalog, and exhibition. He's been doing design work for the Society of the Cincinnati since 2003.

Glenn is a member of the Society of the Cincinnati and is fully engaged in the work of the Institute. Although he was not a scholar of history when he first joined our team, he now conducts his own research and enjoys exploring our robust archives. When he's not putting a sophisticated polish on our publications, Glenn also manages Anderson House events, responsible for a vital part of the income that supports the American Revolution Institute.



### Give the Gift of History

Our new American Revolution Institute desk calendar is now available in a twelve-month version, at a reduced price. Give a gift to another lover of history, while supporting the Institute's vital mission. This calendar showcases twelve important images from our collections, displayed one month at a time, on a wooden easel. The flip side of each month includes a detailed description so your budding historian will be informed as to why it's important to our country.



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*The American Revolution secured our independence, created our republic, established our national identity, and expressed ideals of liberty, equality, natural and civil rights, and responsible citizenship that have defined our history and will define our future. The American Revolution Institute of the Society of the Cincinnati promotes knowledge and appreciation of those achievements, fulfilling the aim of the Continental Army officers who founded the Society of the Cincinnati in 1783 to perpetuate the memory of that vast event. The Institute supports advanced study, presents exhibitions and other public programs, advocates effective classroom instruction, and provides resources to teachers and students to enrich understanding of the American Revolution and the principles of the men and women who secured the liberty of the American people.*

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