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William P. Duval DAR Chapter donates Liberty Tree in Winter Park, FL to celebrate America 250

*Dedication ceremony is on Florida Arbor Day, Friday January 16, 2026,
in Central Park, near Bandstand.*

Winter Park, FL – January 5, 2026 – The William P. Duval Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) is donating a Liberty Tree to the City of Winter Park for the City's America 250 Committee celebrations. The first Liberty Tree was an Elm planted in Boston around the year 1646. It became a symbol of freedom of speech. In 1765, Stamp Act protests were staged under the tree. The Sons of Liberty continued to meet there to plan protests to the presence of British troops. In retribution, Boston Loyalists and British soldiers cut down the stately elm tree and burned it, in 1775. The Winter Park Liberty Tree will be a mature live oak and feature a bronze plaque honoring the history of the Liberty Tree and its significance in American History. It will be located on the path at the north end of the park where residents and visitors will have the opportunity to learn of this historic symbol of American Independence. The Dedication ceremony will be held on Florida's Arbor Day, Friday January 16 at 11am, featuring the Junior ROTC Color Guard and the Winter Park High School Brass Quintet. City Officials, DAR State and local officers, and DAR members will attend the dedication.

This event is open to the public. The Liberty Tree dedication is the first of many 2026 events, between January and July, planned by the City of Winter Park America 250 Committee, with contributions from the William P. Duval DAR Chapter, to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. The full schedule of Winter Park events may be found here: <https://cityofwinterpark.org/america-250/>

Winter Park Liberty Tree Event Details

- **Dedication Ceremony:** 11:00 AM
- **Open to the Public:** Free admission, no registration required
- Click [here](#) for directions.

The focus of the DAR's commemorative efforts across the country are to celebrate the nation's rich history and diversity of experiences by honoring all men and women who helped achieve American independence. DAR members, inspired by the service of their Revolutionary War ancestors, are celebrating through acts of community service and hosting educational events. Local community support is critical as our nation celebrates the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 2026. "Daughters have always had a heart for community volunteerism so expanding our work to mark the Semiquincentennial is a natural extension of the work we have done locally for more than 135 years," said Ginnie Sebastian Storage, DAR President General. "As part of our organization's mission to preserve and promote American history, education, and patriotism, DAR's focus on volunteer community service to improve the lives of all Americans is the perfect way to celebrate the 250th anniversary of our country."

About the National Society DAR

One of the largest patriotic women's service organizations in the world, DAR has close to 190,000 members in approximately 3,000 chapters across the country and several foreign countries. DAR members promote historic preservation, education and patriotism via commemorative events, scholarships and educational initiatives, citizenship programs, service to veterans, meaningful community service and more. For additional information about DAR and its relevant mission, visit www.dar.org.

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