



*“Establishing The Museum of the American Revolution is an immensely exciting and important project. The need for wider, deeper understanding of the Revolution, and respect for those who championed the cause at the time, has never been greater than now.”*

David McCullough

## FACT SHEET

### The American Revolution Center is...

- \* A non-partisan, not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization, dedicated to engaging the public in the history and significance of the American Revolution and its enduring legacy;
- \* The owner of a distinguished collection of national treasures;
- \* Establishing *The Museum of the American Revolution* on its historic site in Philadelphia to house its collection;
- \* Led by a national Board of Directors chaired by H.F. (Gerry) Lenfest.

### The Museum of the American Revolution will be...

- \* The first national museum to commemorate the entire story of the American Revolution;
- \* Located in historic Philadelphia, at Third and Chestnut Streets, just steps away from Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell;
- \* Developed with a world-class architect, signature exhibit design team, and esteemed scholars.
- \* A place that will engage and inspire visitors of all ages through state-of-the-art exhibitry and dramatic presentations.

### The Center’s collection includes...

Firearms, textiles, rare books, artwork, objects and manuscripts from the period of the American Revolution. Highlights include:

- \* General George Washington’s sleeping and office tent, purchased from Martha Washington’s great-great-granddaughter, Mary Custis Lee
- \* Washington’s silver camp cups
- \* Letters from Washington and other officers and soldiers
- \* Commander-in-Chief Standard, the earliest surviving 13-star American flag
- \* William Trego’s iconic painting *The March to Valley Forge* shown below



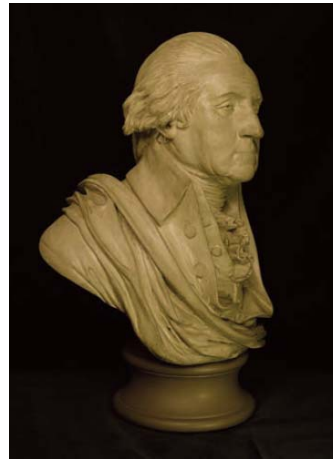
## The Importance of Building *The Museum of the American Revolution*

Incredibly, there is still no national museum that tells the entire story of the American Revolution. Yet far from being a remote episode in the distant past, the American Revolution is the most important event in the history of the modern world, and an ongoing experiment in self government that requires the informed participation of its citizens.

With rising generations increasingly disconnected to our founding history, American needs a museum dedicated to the people, events and ideas that have inspired our greatest achievements as a nation, sustained us through our darkest moments, and challenged us to keep the spirit of the American Revolution alive.



*"1778 - 1943: Americans will always fight for liberty."  
B. Perlin. Washington, D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office, 1943. Collection of The American Revolution Center.*



*"George Washington," c. 1817, by William Rush. Collection of The American Revolution Center.*



*Silver camp cups used by General Washington during the War of Independence. Collection of The American Revolution Center.*

## Make a Gift

The convergence of need and opportunity make this the time to build *The Museum of the American Revolution*. Your gift will support ongoing operations, collection preservation, and costs associated with the completion of architectural and exhibit design for the new museum.

To make a gift, please send your check, payable to The American Revolution Center, to the Philadelphia office at the address below.

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