

2026

A YEAR OF CELEBRATION



Saluting 250 years of America 1776

EVENTS RELATED TO 1776/THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION:

2026: A CELEBRATORY YEAR IN 10 OBJECTS

Wed, February 11th | 6:00–7:30 pm | Norwell Public Library Community Room

Join the Norwell Historical Society for our 2026 kick-off event! Historian Stephen O'Neill will showcase 10 items that speak to this historic year. Stories about the Revolutionary War, the Jacobs Farmhouse, and King Philip's War will be told through artifacts in the Society's collection. Sign up on the NPL website under EVENTS.

COLONIAL MILITARY FESTIVAL ON THE JACOBS HOMESTEAD FIELDS

Sun, June 28th | Time TBD | Jacobs Homestead Fields + Jacobs Farmhouse Museum

Talk with re-enactors, observe military training and living history demonstrations, and shop with period and local vendors. This open air event will celebrate America, the Jacobs' family military veterans, and the Jacobs Farmhouse.

THE JACOBS BROTHERS DISCUSS THE WAR: A PLAY IN THE WEST BARN

Sun, Jun 28th, Tue, June 30th + Thu, July 2nd | 5:00–6:00 pm | Jacobs West Barn

James Jacobs, who in 1776 lives in the Jacobs Farmhouse with his wife Deborah, has returned from fighting with the Scituate Militia. Join him in his barn as he tends to his cows and discusses the trials of war with his brother Joshua, who just completed his service in Col. Bailey's Regiment, and his brother John, who is on leave as a field officer in the Continental Army.

REVOLUTIONARY CONCERT + COMMUNITY EVENT

Wed, August 12th | 6:45–8:15 pm | Norwell Town Common

History lives on the Town Green in Norwell Center! Stop by to listen to an interactive concert featuring the Middlesex County Volunteers Fife & Drum Corps, visit with the farm animals from the South Shore Farm-tastic 4-H'ers, and take a photo at the kids' "Dress Like a Colonial" station.

FIRST PARISH COMES ALIVE! CEMETERY TOUR: REVOLUTION EDITION

Sat, October 24th | noon–3:00 pm | First Parish Cemetery, Norwell Center

The 7th annual re-enactment tour will feature portrayals of historic individuals who are related to the American Revolution. Patriots were not only soldiers—meet the historians, diplomats, and women who also supported the cause.