



ANNUAL REPORT 2025



★ INDIANA SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL COMMISSION'S MISSION ★

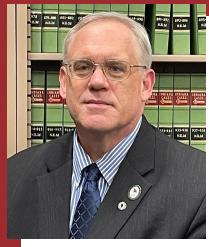
The Indiana Semiquicentennial Commission aims to commemorate Indiana and the United States of America on the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. We intend to renew patriotism, honor diversity, strengthen service to our community, state, and country with the intention to enhance belief in the world's oldest continually existing Constitutional Republic and its future.

★ FULL COMMISSION ★



Charlotte Hurd Blair

IN-Daughters of the American Revolution (ISC Co-Chair)



Bruce Kolb

Civil War Reenactment (ISC Secretary)



Tom Whiteman

IN-Sons of the American Revolution (ISC Co-Chair)



Sen. Fady Qaddoura

Senate District 30 (ISC Treasurer)

ISC MEMBERS

Mike Braun

Micah Beckwith

Brigadier General Lawrence Muennich

Jacob Adams

Brigadier General J. Stewart Goodwin (Ret.)

INDIANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATORS

Rep. Matt Lehman

Rep. Renee Pack

Sen. Jeff Raatz

MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR

Sheila Corcoran

Bernard Olsen

Amanda Holmquist

Danielle Shockey

Dustin Warren

Jody Blankenship

Beth Brandon

Edward Frantz

Nicole C. Owens

Robert Sloman

Elizabeth Bostleman

THE ISC EXTENDS ITS ONGOING GRATITUDE TO:

- ★ Brigadier General J. Stewart Goodwin (Ret.) and the Indiana War Memorial & Museum staff for accommodating the commission's meetings and other logistical needs.
- ★ The Indiana Department of Veteran's Affairs, the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, and the Indiana Government Grant Administration for staff support.

★ ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR THE INDIANA SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL COMMISSION (ISC) IN 2025: ★

1. June 14, 2025 Kick-Off Program at the Indiana War Memorial on Flag Day
 - b. Keynote Speaker Lynn Forney Young – America 250 Commission Member
 - c. Historical Viewpoint – Jody Blakenship – President of the Indiana Historical Society
4. Establishment of an America 250 Committee to serve each Indiana County
5. Awarded Edward D Pullen, Veteran and Direct Descendant of Captain John Pulling – Vestryman of North Church Boston – Honorary Membership on the ISC
6. Over \$50,000 raised through Nov. 2025 from sales of the ISC License Plate
7. Held two 'ISC Days' as the Indiana State Capitol to raise awareness of the ISC during the Indiana Legislative Session

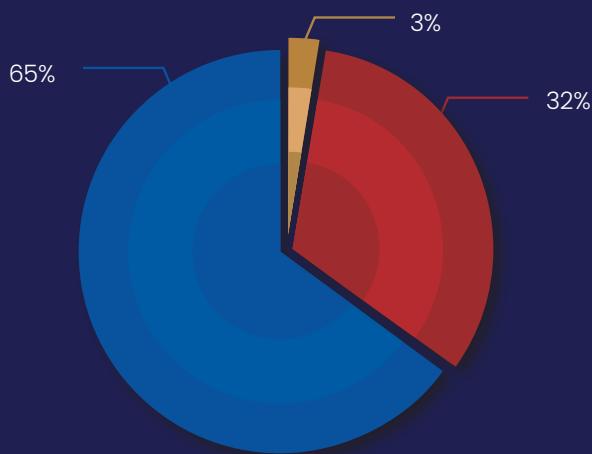
★ INDIANA'S STATEWIDE SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS ★



Voyageur Ancient Fife and Drum Corps –
ISC Kick-Off Program

The ISC has established county committees in all Indiana counties to ensure the semiquincentennial celebrations are available to all Hoosiers. Throughout 2026, county committees will submit related America 250 events to the ISC website, where they will be listed by both county location and date. Find all semiquincentennial events on our ISC website at in.gov/usa250/news-and-events. Join the ISC in our celebratory events commemorating America's 250th anniversary!

★ ISC GRANTS ★



ISC "Seed Grant" of \$10,000 was provided by the America 250 Foundation. The 2023 and 2025 Indiana Legislative Sessions have provided the ISC with State administrative grants to support efforts. The first was through the IDVA for \$125,000 in 2023. The second is through the IDNR for \$250,000 in 2025.

- █ Department of Natural Resources (2025)
- █ Department of Veterans Affairs (2023)
- █ America 250 Foundation

★ ISC EVENTS - 2025 ★



Indiana Semiquincentennial Commission Kickoff Program

Indiana War Memorial & Museum, Pershing Auditorium
June 14, 2025

Indiana Semiquincentennial Commission Days Indiana State Capitol Feb. 18 and March 18, 2025



★ ISC MEETING DATES - 2026 ★

Meetings take place at 1:00pm on Mondays

- ★ February 23, 2026
- ★ May 18, 2026
- ★ August 24, 2026
- ★ November 23, 2026



Indiana War Memorial & Museum
55 E Michigan St, Indianapolis, IN 46204

★ AMERICA 250 LICENSE PLATES ★

Indiana residents can support ISC's mission through the purchase of America 250 license plates, available on the BMV website (in.gov/bmv). The ISC receives \$20 for each license plate purchased by Hoosiers.

\$54,560 - Total money raised



★ ISC FINANCIALS - 2025 ★

Detailed financial records for all Indiana Semiquincentennial Commission activities are available upon request. The ISC's 990EZ non-profit tax form is also available on the ISC website (in.gov/usa250).

ISC INCOME TO DATE

American 250 Foundation \$10,000

By Dept of Veterans Affairs Grants \$125,000 (Received)

By Dept of Natural Resources Grants \$250,000 (Pending)

Indiana American 250 License Plate Sales \$53,000

Donations

Individuals \$4,300

Businesses/Organizations \$0

Total \$442,300

ISC EXPENSES TO DATE

Website \$31,000

Hirons Marketing \$80,000

Accounting/Legal/Insurance \$5,000

Mailing/Materials \$5,000

Total \$126,500

BALANCE (Income minus Expenses) \$442,300 - \$126,500 = \$315,800

★ ISC ORGANIZATION & BUSINESS DONORS ★

DONATION LEVELS

Patriot Level ★ \$5 - \$500

Founder Level ★★ \$501 - \$1,000

Signer Level ★★★ \$1,001 - \$2,500

Above \$2,500 ★★★★ Please contact our representative below.



On July 4, 2026, our nation will commemorate and celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The journey toward this historic milestone is an opportunity to pause and reflect on our nation's past, honor the contributions of all Americans, and look ahead toward the future we want to create for the next generation and beyond.

★ AMERICA 250 INDIANA KICK-OFF ★

Edward D. Pullen, Veteran of WWII and the Korean War, Age 98 of Marshall County Indiana.

Edward is a direct decendent of Captain John Pulling, a Boston Merchant, member of Boston's Committee of Correspondence, close friend of Paul Revere and Vestryman of the Old North Church in Boston.

John Pulling was the person who lit and hung the two lanterns in the steeple of Old North Church.

'One if by land and two if by water'



Edward D Pullen with ISC Co-Chair Charlotte Hurd Blair

★ ISC INDIVIDUAL DONOR LEVELS ★ ★ AND HONORARY PLAQUE ★



Individual donor level



Honorary Certificate presented to Mr. Pullen as part of the ISC Kick-off Program 14 June 2025

DONATION LEVELS

Red	★★★	\$1 - \$100
White	☆☆☆	\$101 - \$250
Blue	★★★	\$251 - \$500
Hoosier	★★★	\$501 - \$1000
Above \$1,000	★☆★	Please contact our representative below.

★ CONTACT US ★

Website: in.gov/usa250

Donate: in.gov/usa250/donate

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★ RECOGNIZED INDIVIDUAL DONORS - 2025 ★

- ★ Elaine E. Kops-Bedel & Eric J. Bedel
- ★ Charlotte Hurd Blair
- ★ Bruce R. & Laura B. Kolb
- ★ Thomas S. & Juliet Whiteman