



# SAR 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

## Liberty Tree Program

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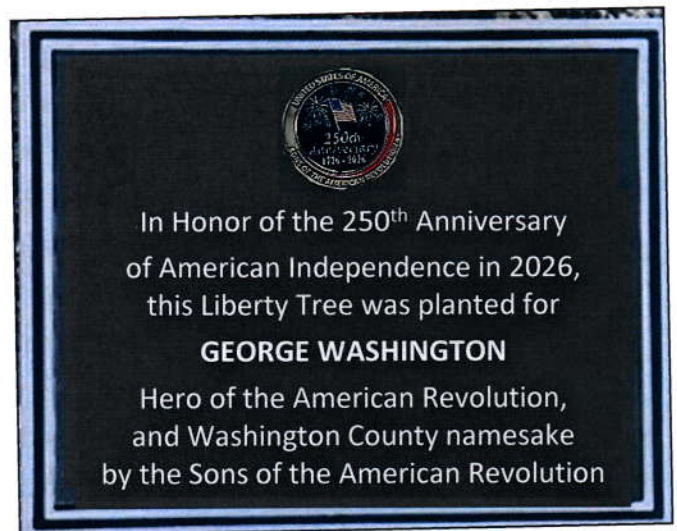


## 250 Liberty Trees for the 250th

### Meets SAR 5-Year Historical Program Goals



**Tribute Plaque (All Sites)**



**Patriot Plaque (Site Specific)**

### 475 Counties in 40 States are named for a Patriot

### *Princeton American Elm Tree*

*Order directly through your local nursery  
The Boston Liberty Tree was an American Elm*

### *Custom Cast Aluminum Plaque*

*Opportunity to honor your county/city namesake  
With a lasting symbol of the American Revolution*



### *For More Information:*

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## **ENSURING THE LONG-TERM SUCCESS OF YOUR LIBERTY TREE**

*By John Trussell, Georgia SAR, Certified Tree Farmer*

1. Consider getting a tree from a local nursery in a 5-gallon tub. These can be purchased year-round while bare root trees ordered through the mail can only be shipped in the winter. Trees ordered through the mail are very small and can take 10 plus years to achieve notable size. These trees are also shipped bare root, which means the roots have been trimmed down for shipping, and it takes 2-3 years to recover. Chapters can buy the same type Princeton Elm tree from a local nursery and get a much larger tree for the same cost.
2. When planting, the hole should be twice the size of the tub to insure good root growth. A small sack of soil amendments can be mixed in if the soil is of poor quality. The tree should be planted at the same depth as it is in the tub.
3. Consider a protective wire cage around the tree that extends in a circle at least 18 inches from the tree's center. If suburban deer are a problem, the tree should be at least 6 feet tall. The wire cage will prevent deer from eating out the top of the tree or rubbing their antlers on the tree, both of which can kill it. The cage also protects the tree from line trimmers which will strip the bark off the tree and prevents dogs from "watering" the tree which can damage it.
4. Watering the tree for the first 1-3 years is required to get it off to a good start. The first year is critically important and the tree should be centered in a very shallow dirt bowl to hold water so that it can soak into the root area. Water just sprayed on the surface will just run off and not reach the root area effectively. Add 1-3 inches of mulch around the base of the tree to retain moisture. The tree should be watered at least every 30 days during the critical hot summer period for the first two years.
5. Only use Liquid Miracle Grow, not pellet type fertilizer, mixed in the proper ratio, one spoon per gallon of water. Only fertilize about every 60 days during the summer growing period. Once established, it's not necessary to fertilize.

### **THE LIBERTY TREE**

The Liberty Tree (1646-1775) was a famous elm tree that stood in Boston near Boston Common, in the years before the American Revolution. In 1765, colonists in Boston staged the first act of defiance against the British government at the tree. The tree became a rallying point for the growing resistance to the rule of Britain over the American colonies.

*History of the Liberty Tree on Georgia SAR Plaque*





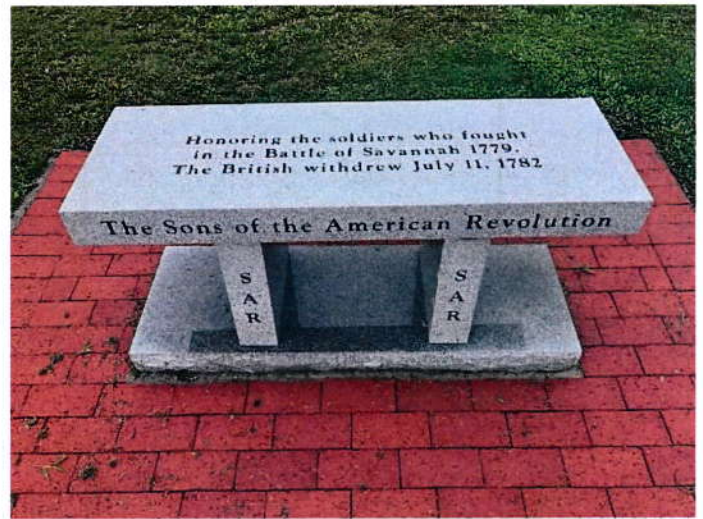
# SAR 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Memorial Bench Program Partner with the DAR, C.A.R.



**One Bench in Every State By 2026**  
**Courthouse, Square, Park, Historic Site, Cemetery**



**250th Message (All Sites)**



**Custom Message (Site Specific)**

**Meets SAR 5-Year Historical Program Goal**

## ***Just Four Easy Steps***

- Step 1: Choose a Site and Contact the History Committee***
- Step 2: Select a Monument Company for the Granite Bench***
- Step 3: Secure the Required Local Site Approvals***
- Step 4: Partner and Raise the Required Funds***

## ***For More Information:***

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Celebrating 250 years of  
American freedom 1776 - 2026

The Sons of the American Revolution

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Grey Granite - Black Litho  
all polished 4-0 bench

STEEDLEY MONUMENT WORKS

APPROVED

AS SHOWN AS CHANGED

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legs front  
and back

Front and  
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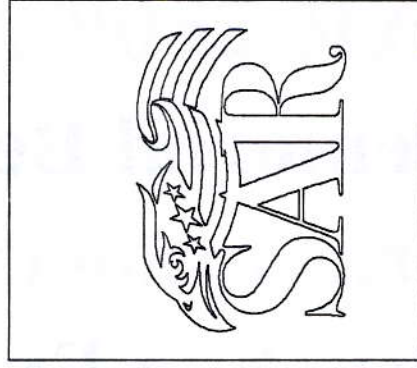
### Bench Dimensions

#### TOP

4 feet length X 18-inch width X 4-inch depth

#### LEGS

2 feet height X 18-inch width X 4-inch depth



bench legs sides