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MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL AND FLAG OFFICERS

SUBJECT: Bicentennial of The United States Constitution

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Enclosed are materials which we trust you will find helpful in continuing your celebration of the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution.

Particularly, I highlight two items. The first is the new (modified) Department of Defense Bicentennial logo commemorating the continuation of the Constitution Bicentennial through 1991. We are considering these points of emphasis for each year of the celebration to include the Ratification in 1988, with an emphasis on statehood; National Defense in 1989, commemorating the Soldier-Presidents and the establishment of the War Department; The Judiciary and UCMJ in 1990; and the Bill of Rights in 1991, focusing on our Constitution as a living document. May I please have your thoughts regarding these?

Secondly, we enclose the new Department of Defense Bicentennial poster. Distributed worldwide, the poster is available in three sizes (two are included in this mailing). The 11"x17" poster will be distributed to unit level. The smaller card size will be distributed by the senior noncommissioned officer of each service with recommendations for use. A Special Commemorative Edition, 22"x33", will be distributed soon. Additional posters may be obtained by contacting this office.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

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of the United States Constitution

Enclosures

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE OFFICIAL SYMBOL AND THEME  
OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION BICENTENNIAL



Central to the Department of Defense Bicentennial of the United States Constitution Logo is the triquetra (try'kwee tra). Traditionally, the triquetra represents equality, unity and eternity. The triquetra of the Department of Defense design symbolizes the executive, legislative and judicial branches of our representative government "of the people." The Pentagon is symbolic of the Department of Defense support to our government and the American people.

*"To provide for the Common Defense"*

The official theme of the Department of Defense for the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution reflects the mission of the Department of Defense as stated in the Preamble to the Constitution.

**Department of Defense  
Official Symbol  
of the United States  
Constitution Bicentennial**

**Camera-ready art  
(for 3-color)**



**Print outer band of the symbol  
on top of the Pentagon (called a  
triquetra) in Pantone Red 185C.**

**Print inner band of the symbol  
on top of the Pentagon in  
Pantone Blue 293C.**

**Print Pentagon outline in  
Pantone Blue 293C.**

**Print copy 100% black.**



**Department of Defense  
Official Symbol  
of the United States  
Constitution Bicentennial**

**Camera-ready art  
(for 1-color)**



**Print outer band of the symbol  
on top of the Pentagon (called  
a triquetra) in 120 line screen  
(70%).**

**Print remainder of seal 100%  
black.**



**"THE CONSTITUTION" - THE 1987 ARMY THEME  
MODULAR STOCK SPEECH SUITABLE FOR  
INTERNAL & EXTERNAL AUDIENCES**

THEME: THIS STOCK SPEECH IS DESIGNED TO PROMOTE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN BICENTENNIAL OF THE CONSTITUTION CELEBRATIONS AND ENGENDER GREATER AWARENESS OF 1987 ARMY THEME, "THE CONSTITUTION."

**OPENING AMENITIES.**

"I DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR THAT I WILL SUPPORT AND DEFEND THE CONSTITUTION" -- THESE WORDS ARE THE FIRST SPOKEN BY ALL MEN AND WOMEN AS THEY BEGIN THEIR AFFILIATION WITH THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES. THUS, AT THE VERY MOMENT WE IN UNIFORM RAISE OUR HANDS AND TAKE THE ENLISTMENT OATH, THERE BEGINS A SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OURSELVES AND THE U.S. CONSTITUTION.

IN RECOGNITION OF THIS SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP...OF 1987 AS THE BICENTENNIAL OF THE SIGNING OF THE CONSTITUTION...AND OF THE ARMY'S DESIGNATION AS THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EXECUTIVE AGENCY FOR OBSERVANCE OF THE BICENTENNIAL, SECRETARY OF THE ARMY JOHN O. MARSH HAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE ARMY'S THEME FOR 1987 IS "THE CONSTITUTION." THIS ANNOUNCEMENT CONTINUES THE ARMY'S THEME PROGRAM, DESIGNED TO MAKE US TAKE A HARD LOOK AT OURSELVES FOR THE PURPOSE OF BUILDING AN EVEN BETTER ARMY.

BEGINNING WITH THE FIRST THEME, "THE ARMY AT YORKTOWN: SPIRIT OF VICTORY," AND CONTINUING ON THROUGH "FITNESS," "ARMY OF EXCELLENCE," "THE ARMY FAMILY," "LEADERSHIP," AND FINALLY LAST YEAR'S THEME OF "VALUES," THIS PROGRAM HAS CALLED UPON SOME SPECIAL FEATURE OF OUR HERITAGE, OR AN ESPECIALLY DEMANDING NEED, TO SPOTLIGHT FOR EXTRA EMPHASIS DURING THAT YEAR. BUT, EVEN MORE IMPORTANTLY, THESE THEMES BECOME PART OF OUR DAILY ROUTINE...OUR MANNER OF THINKING...OUR WAY OF



DOING BUSINESS. THEY MAKE US MORE AWARE OF OUR WEAKNESSES AND OUR STRENGTHS. THEY HELP EACH OF US, AND THE ARMY AS A WHOLE, "BE ALL THAT WE CAN BE."

THE BICENTENNIAL OF THE U.S. CONSTITUTION CELEBRATES THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DRAFTING, SIGNING AND RATIFICATION OF THIS FUNDAMENTAL DOCUMENT OF OUR GOVERNMENT AND WAY OF LIFE. PRESIDENT REAGAN HAS RECOMMENDED TWENTY-THREE INDIVIDUALS TO COMPOSE THE COMMISSION WHOSE RESPONSIBILITY IT WILL BE TO COORDINATE APPROPRIATE COMMEMORATION OF THIS GREAT HISTORICAL EVENT. THE PRESIDENT HAS ALSO CALLED UPON ALL FEDERAL AGENCIES, AS WELL AS ALL PRIVATE SECTOR ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS, TO ENTHUSIASTICALLY PARTICIPATE IN THESE ACTIVITIES.

THIS COMMISSION, HEADED BY RETIRED SUPREME COURT CHIEF JUSTICE WARREN BURGER, HAS RECOMMENDED THAT CELEBRATION ACTIVITIES BE GROUNDED IN THE ACTUAL EVENTS OF 200 YEARS AGO. FURTHER, THE COMMISSION HAS ENCOURAGED THAT THE OBSERVANCE BE NOT ONLY FESTIVE, BUT ALSO COMMUNICATIVE OF THE TRUE MEANING OF THE CONSTITUTION.

FOLLOWING THIS GUIDANCE, THE KICKOFF EVENT FOR ALL ACTIVITIES WAS ACTUALLY HELD LAST FALL, ON 14 SEPTEMBER 1986, AT FORT MEADE, MARYLAND. THIS CELEBRATION COMMEMORATED THE 1786 ANNAPOLIS CONVENTION WHICH ISSUED THE CALL FOR ALL STATES TO SEND DELEGATES TO A CONVENTION IN PHILADELPHIA FOR THE PURPOSE OF DRAFTING A NEW, MORE WORKABLE CONSTITUTION THAN THEN EXISTED. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS, CONTINUING ON THROUGH 1991, WILL COMMEMORATE CONVENTION MILESTONES SUCH AS THE DRAFTING AND SIGNING OF THE CONSTITUTION, ITS RATIFICATION BY THE STATES, THE BEGINNING OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT, AND THE ADOPTION OF THE BILL OF RIGHTS.

THESE EVENTS ARE AS IMPORTANT AND INFLUENTIAL IN OUR LIVES TODAY AS WAS THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR ITSELF. IN 1776 WE OVERTHREW A GOVERNMENT THAT WAS IMPINGING ON OUR RIGHTS; FROM 1787 TO 1789 WE BUILT A NEW GOVERNMENT FAITHFUL TO THOSE SAME NOBLE PRINCIPLES IN WHOSE BEHALF THE REVOLUTION WAS FOUGHT. IT IS BECAUSE OF THESE EFFORTS BY OUR FOREFATHERS THAT WE LIVE TODAY IN A NATION WHERE GOVERNMENTAL POWER RESTS UPON THE CONSENT OF THE GOVERNED AND WHERE THE NATURAL RIGHTS TO LIFE, LIBERTY AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFULLY SECURED. JUST AS IN 1976, WHEN WE CELEBRATED OUR INDEPENDENCE AND HONORED THOSE WHO FOUGHT FOR OUR FREEDOM AS A NATION, IT IS FITTING THAT WE NOW HONOR THOSE FOUNDING FATHERS WHO FRAMED FOR THIS NATION A GOVERNMENT EQUAL TO THE GOALS OF THE REVOLUTION.

THIS CONSTITUTION, THE FUNDAMENTAL LAW OF OUR LAND, IS QUITE SPECIAL AND UNIQUE. EVEN THOUGH OUR COUNTRY IS RELATIVELY YOUNG AMONG THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD, THE U.S. CONSTITUTION IS THE OLDEST WRITTEN GOVERNING DOCUMENT IN CONTINUOUS USE IN THE WORLD. SIXTY PERCENT OF THE CONSTITUTIONS IN USE IN THE WORLD TODAY HAVE BEEN DRAFTED SINCE 1970. IT HAS DIRECTLY IMPACTED ON THE GOVERNMENTAL STRUCTURES AND PROCESSES OF MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY OF THE WORLD'S NATIONS. IT IS SO MANY DIFFERENT THINGS. IT IS A STATEMENT OF OUR NATIONAL PURPOSE AND OF OUR VALUES AS A PEOPLE. IT IS A CONTRACT BETWEEN A PEOPLE AND THEIR GOVERNMENT - ONE WHICH SERVES AS A WORLDWIDE MODEL OF FINE TUNING AND BALANCE BETWEEN THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE AND THE RIGHTS OF ITS CITIZENS.

AS WE ENTER THIS PERIOD OF CELEBRATION WE LOOK FORWARD TO MORE THAN SPIRITED FESTIVITY. AS IN THE 1976 BICENTENNIAL OF OUR



INDEPENDENCE AND LAST SUMMER'S CENTENNIAL OF THE STATUE OF LIBERTY, WE ARE ALSO SEEKING A NEW AWARENESS OF THE PRINCIPLES UNDERLYING THESE SYMBOLS AND EVENTS. OUR GOAL IS NOT ONLY TO HONOR THE PAST, BUT TO REAFFIRM OUR DEDICATION, AS A NATION AND A PEOPLE, TO A CONTINUED LIVING FULFILLMENT OF THE DREAMS AND VISIONS OF OUR FOREFATHERS.

AS PREVIOUSLY NOTED, THERE IS A SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE ARMY'S SOLDIERS AND THE CONSTITUTION. THIS RELATIONSHIP, WHICH IS FUNDAMENTAL, IS SPOTLIGHTED BY THE 1987 ARMY THEME OF "THE CONSTITUTION" AND THE ARMY'S ROLE AS THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EXECUTIVE AGENCY FOR THE BICENTENNIAL OBSERVANCES. THE CONSTITUTION PROVIDES THE BASIS FOR THOSE VALUES WE, AS SOLDIERS, ADHERE TO IN OUR ROLES AS THE DEFENDERS OF THE DOCUMENT AND THE VALUES FOR WHICH IT STANDS.

LINKS BETWEEN THE ARMY AND THE CONSTITUTION ACTUALLY BEGIN IN THE PREAMBLE. THE FOURTH PURPOSE STATED THERE IS TO PROVIDE FOR THE COMMON DEFENSE AND THE SIXTH IS TO SECURE THE BLESSINGS OF LIBERTY. AS IT IS QUITE IMPOSSIBLE TO SECURE THE BLESSINGS OF LIBERTY WITHOUT HAVING ADEQUATELY PROVIDED FOR THE COMMON DEFENSE, THE ARMY'S FUNDAMENTAL MISSION OF NATIONAL DEFENSE IS WELL-FOUNDED.

THE ARMY HAS CHOSEN AS ITS PARTICULAR THEMES TO BE SPOTLIGHTED DURING THE COMMEMORATIVE OBSERVANCE OF THE BICENTENNIAL THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONCEPT OF THE CIVILIAN CONTROL OF THE MILITARY AND THE TWENTY-THREE OF THE FORTY SIGNERS OF THE CONSTITUTION WHO WERE VETERANS OF THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR. THESE THEMES HIGHLIGHT A VERY BASIC TENET OF THE DURABLE STABILITY OF OUR GOVERNMENT AND THE

INTERTWINING OF SOLDIERING AND STATESMANSHIP THAT MARKED OUR NATION'S EARLY PATRIOTS.

THERE WILL BE A MULTITUDE OF CELEBRATIONS, UNDERWRITTEN BY BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SPONSORS, ALL ACROSS THE LAND DURING THE NEXT FOUR YEARS. THE ARMY WILL BE ACTIVELY INVOLVED. FOR THE BICENTENNIAL OF THE U.S. CONSTITUTION TO BE THE COMMEMORATION OF OUR HERITAGE, AND THE INSPIRATION OF OUR LEGACY TO THE FUTURE, WE MUST ALL WORK TOGETHER. THE MOST LASTING HONOR WE CAN BESTOW ON THE FOUNDING FATHERS WHO GAVE US OUR FORM OF GOVERNMENT IS TO FOSTER AMONG OUR OWN AND FUTURE GENERATIONS A TRUE APPRECIATION AND CLEARER UNDERSTANDING OF THE CONSTITUTION AND ITS IMPACT ON OUR DAILY LIVES.

THIS IS A NOBLE CHALLENGE. I WOULD LIKE TO URGE YOU, AS A GROUP AND AS INDIVIDUALS, TO CONSIDER YOUR INVOLVEMENT IN THIS TRULY GRAND UNDERTAKING. IF WE ALL WORK TOGETHER, WE CAN ENSURE THAT THIS CELEBRATION WILL PRODUCE RICH REWARDS FOR ALL AMERICANS.

REGARDLESS OF OUR POLITICAL PERSUASIONS, THE CONSTITUTION IS A TOUCHSTONE FOR ALL OF US. AS AMERICANS, WE MAINTAIN OUR UNIQUE FREEDOMS ONLY IF WE, AS A PEOPLE, ARE FULLY KNOWLEDGEABLE OF THE MANNER BY WHICH THEY WERE ACHIEVED AND WHAT MUST CONTINUE TO BE DONE TO PRESERVE AND PROTECT THEM. LET US REDISCOVER THE MEANING OF THIS FUNDAMENTAL LAW OF THE LAND AND BEQUEATH IT, IN BOTH WORD AND DEED, TO ALL FUTURE AMERICANS.

I WILL CLOSE THEN WITH THE CHALLENGE THAT YOU JOIN US IN DOING YOUR PART TO ENSURE THAT BENJAMIN FRANKLIN'S WORDS, SPOKEN TWO HUNDRED

YEARS AGO, WILL BE JUST AS PROPHETIC AT THE TRICENTENNIAL AS THEY WERE THEN: "OUR CONSTITUTION IS IN ACTUAL OPERATION: EVERYTHING APPEARS TO PROMISE THAT IT WILL LAST."

THANK YOU.

THE BICENTENNIAL OF THE CONSTITUTION  
(INTERNAL AUDIENCE SPEECH)

1987 MARKS A BICENTENNIAL THAT IS OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE TO ALL AMERICANS, BUT IT BEARS A SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE TO THOSE OF US WHO WEAR THE UNIFORM OF THE MILITARY SERVICES. TWO CENTURIES AGO, IN MAY 1787, AFTER FIGHTING FOR AND WINNING THEIR INDEPENDENCE, REPRESENTATIVES FROM 12 OF THE 13 AMERICAN STATES MET IN PHILADELPHIA TO DEVELOP A DOCUMENT THAT WOULD HELP UNIFY AND BRING ORDER TO THE LOOSE CONFEDERATION OF STATES. FOUR MONTHS LATER, ON SEPTEMBER 17, 1787, THOSE 55 EARLY AMERICAN LEADERS COMPLETED THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES, A DOCUMENT THAT LAID THE FOUNDATION FOR A TRULY DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY IN OUR YOUNG NATION. THAT SAME CONSTITUTION ESTABLISHED A GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE, BY THE PEOPLE AND FOR THE PEOPLE.

TODAY, OUR CONSTITUTION STANDS AS THE OLDEST WRITTEN CONSTITUTION IN THE WORLD. IT HAS IMPACTED ON THE DEVELOPMENT AND STRUCTURE OF GOVERNMENTS IN EVERY CORNER OF THE EARTH, ALTHOUGH ADDITIONS HAVE BEEN MADE TO THE CONSTITUTION THROUGHOUT THOSE TWO CENTURIES, NOT ONE LINE OR WORD FROM THE ORIGINAL MANUSCRIPT HAS BEEN CHANGED OR REMOVED. IT SYMBOLIZES TODAY THE SAME IDEAL THE ORIGINAL SIGNERS WANTED TO INSTILL IN OUR NATION -- FREEDOM, JUSTICE, EQUALITY AND HOPE.

AS SOLDIERS, EVERY ONE OF US HAS TAKEN AN OATH TO "SUPPORT AND DEFEND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES." IN DOING SO, WE JOINED RANKS WITH THE FRAMERS OF THE CONSTITUTION WHO PLEDGED THEIR FORTUNES, THEIR HONOR AND THEIR VERY LIVES IN ITS SUPPORT,

TWENTY-THREE OF THOSE WHO SHARED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION WERE CITIZEN-SOLDIERS. THEY WEREN'T PROFESSIONAL SOLDIERS. THEY CAME FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE. SOME WERE FARMERS, OTHERS WERE MERCHANTS, BANKERS OR LAWYERS. LIKE YOU AND I, THEY FELT A PATRIOTIC RESPONSIBILITY TO FIGHT FOR AND DEFEND THEIR COUNTRY. THEY REFLECTED THEIR OWN PERSONAL SACRIFICE AND THE BLOOD OF THEIR COMRADES-IN-ARMS IN THE WORDS OF THE CONSTITUTION.

IT IS THE CONSTITUTION WHICH GIVES THE ARMY ITS VERY PURPOSE FOR BEING. WITHOUT THE ARMY AND ITS ROLE IN OUR EPIC BATTLE FOR FREEDOM, THERE WOULD BE NO CONSTITUTION. IF THE CONSTITUTION HAD NEVER BEEN WRITTEN, THERE WOULD BE NO FREEDOMS FOR SOLDIERS TO DEFEND.

THE PREAMBLE TO THE CONSTITUTION BEGINS WITH THESE ETERNAL WORDS, "WE THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES." IT PROVIDES US, AS SOLDIERS, WITH A TWOFOLD MISSION, TO "PROVIDE FOR THE COMMON DEFENSE," AND TO "SECURE THE BLESSINGS OF LIBERTY TO OURSELVES AND OUR POSTERITY."

AS AMERICANS, WE ENJOY THE "BLESSINGS OF LIBERTY" TODAY BECAUSE THE MILLIONS WHO PRECEDED US ANSWERED THE CALL TO ARMS WHEN THEY WERE NEEDED. TO MAINTAIN LIBERTY FOR OUR CHILDREN AND OUR CHILDREN'S CHILDREN, IT IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER THAT WE UNDERSTAND THE BASIC CONCEPTS OF THE CONSTITUTION. THOSE CONCEPTS ARE UNDER ATTACK IN COUNTRIES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD AND SOMETIMES, EVEN IN AMERICA ITSELF. THE CONSTITUTION GIVES MEANING TO WORDS OFTEN USED AIMLESSLY ---WORDS LIKE LOYALTY, DUTY, HONOR AND SACRIFICE. IF WE UNDERSTAND THE CONSTITUTIONAL BASIS OF OUR

RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS, WE'LL BE MORE EFFECTIVE CITIZENS AND SOLDIERS.

SECRETARY OF THE ARMY JOHN O. MARSH HAS DESIGNATED "THE CONSTITUTION" AS THE ARMY'S THEME DURING 1987. THIS PROVIDES ALL OF US WITH A SINGULAR OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR PRECIOUS DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT, TO REFLECT ON THE ORIGINS OF OUR FREEDOM; AND, TO PAY TRIBUTE TO THE DOCUMENT THAT GAVE BIRTH TO THE AMERICAN WAY OF LIFE. I JOIN SECRETARY MARSH IN CHALLENGING EACH OF YOU TO BECOME A BETTER CITIZEN AND SOLDIER BY READING THE CONSTITUTION AND BY REDEDICATING YOURSELF TO PRESERVING THE SPIRIT EMBODIED IN THAT DOCUMENT.



THE CONSTITUTION A PEOPLE'S DOCUMENT

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On July 30, 1985, the twenty-three men and women whom President Ronald Reagan had appointed members of the Commission on the Bicentennial of the Constitution of the United States took their seats around the huge table in the cast conference room of the Supreme Court building in Washington, DC. They had just returned from the official swearing-in ceremony at the White House and now prepared to hold their first formal meeting under the chairmanship of Chief Justice Warren E. Burger.

No sooner had the meeting been called to order and the necessary introductions completed when almost everyone agreed that the task of observing the 200th anniversary of the Constitution of the United States was much too important to be left to lawyers and judges. Not that anyone had anything against lawyers and judges. After all, the Commission itself included not only the Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court and a former United States Attorney General, but also a number of prominent federal justices, deans of law schools, constitutional specialists, and well-known corporation counsels.

It was simply that everyone present agreed that as many Americans as possible should be made aware of the fact that the official start of the Bicentennial year would take place on September 17, 1987. That was the date when the majority of delegates to the Philadelphia Convention signed the new framework of government, and sent it to the various states for their eventual approval. Members of the Commission felt that it was one of their primary responsibilities to alert people everywhere of this significant occasion, as well as to dramatize the important role the Constitution plays in the life of every man, woman, and child in the country. The upcoming Bicentennial appeared to be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to give the entire nation, in the words of Chief Justice Burger, "a civics and history lesson" on the origin and meaning of that great document.

Acknowledging the fact that the Constitution has generated all kinds of legal controversy and judicial opinions almost from the very first moment of its ratification, the members of the Bicentennial Commission recognized that the Constitution was not originally designed as a legal brief or composed by constitutional experts. It was a basic framework of government drawn up by plain people of the country, average Americans of their day -- farmers, planters, landowners, merchants, politicians, country lawyers

-- in order to protect their personal rights and civil liberties. Those who wrote and framed the Constitution of the United States were people who had lived most of their lives under an oppressive colonial rule, and who been victimized by lawyers, judges, and government officials.

In their Declaration of Independence, the colonists had listed the numerous ways in which British authorities had violated their basic rights and liberties: They had been made to support religions to which they did not belong. They had been forced to pay taxes passed by a Parliament in which they were not represented. Their homes had been broken into and their belongings plundered without proper search warrants. And many of them had been thrown into jail for indefinite periods of time on unspecified charges. These were only a few of the long list of serious grievances the Americans cited as "causes" which had finally "impelled" them to their "separation" from Great Britain.

Once they had achieved their independence and formed a new government in their own right as the United States of America, the former colonists set out to form a new political society that would never again permit the government -- even one of their own choosing -- to repeat any of those injustices. It is one thing, however, to fight a successful revolution: it is quite another thing to organize a stable

and democratic government after the fighting is over. It is not always possible to transform ambitious ideals and grandiose rhetoric into a coherent theory of responsible government. There are many examples of peoples who fought successfully for their freedom, won their independence, who threw off the yoke of colonial rule -- and who then went on to deny that same freedom to others. So much of human history has centered around the sad and tragic story of how a successful revolution has been followed by the guillotine, the gulag, and the death squad.

The course of History is not inevitable. The framers of the Constitution might well have been content to view the new government in a narrow, selfish, and restrictive fashion. They could have kept the reins of government in their own hands and denied it to others. They could have maintained the original thirteen states as the permanent government of the nation and established future lands as subordinate colonies or as second-class territories. They could easily have restricted social and political opportunities to themselves and to persons of the same social groups or religious persuasions. Indeed, there were a number of delegates at the Philadelphia Convention who feared that people other than themselves were too fickle and too easily swayed to be a part of the new government, and were definitely on guard against the movement toward "popular

rule." Gouverneur Morris, for example, warned his colleagues about the dangers of admitting "strangers into our councils" while George Mason wanted to insert a clause requiring all candidates for public office to show "certain qualifications of landed property." At one point James Madison favored a long term for United States Senators, and several members supported Alexander Hamilton's idea of having Senators elected for life. Elbridge Gerry expressed the fear that ordinary people would be "too little informed" to be trusted with the election of the President, and eventually proposed that the election of the Chief Executive be left to the governors of the various states.

But there were those who had a great deal more faith in the judgments of the "plain folk." Robert Morris refused to believe that the people would be influenced in their political decisions by "little combinations and momentary lies," and Benjamin Franklin wisely pointed out that in a truly free government the rulers are servants, and the people their superiors." By the time work on the Constitution was completed, it was clear that the Framers had approached the new government in a more open and expansive fashion. In considering the addition of new lands, for example, they agreed that such future territory would eventually become full-fledged states and integral parts of the Union with exactly the same rights and privileges as any of the original

thirteen states. Following the same democratic principles, they made it possible for the poorest of citizens and the most recent of immigrants to have exactly the same status as the earliest of settlers and the oldest of statesmen. They decided that it would be "the great body of the people of the United States" who would choose the representatives to the House of Representatives. "Not the rich, more than the poor," wrote James Madison: "not the learned, more than the ignorant; not the haughty heirs of distinguished names, more than the humble sons of obscurity and unpropitious fortune." Although the spirit of the times would not permit the civil and political rights guaranteed by the new Constitution to be extended to women or to Black people, it was the spirit of Madison's egalitarian ideals that would eventually make it possible for these and similar groups to enjoy the full and equal benefits of the law.

Noted academic authorities have gone to great lengths to explore the intellectual origins of the Constitution of the United States and to explain its ideological underpinnings. They have demonstrated the influence of the Magna Carta, the ideals of Montesquieu, and the philosophy of John Locke. In analyzing the framework of the document, they have emphasized the delicate relationship that was constructed between federal authority and states' rights, the skillful interaction of checks and balances, and the thoughtful



interplay of the three different branches of government. These are studies which never fail to attract the attention and enthusiasm of political scientists and constitutional experts. All too often, however, they leave the average reader cold and uninvolved.

But the basic core of the document itself goes much deeper than these purely technical and intellectual aspects, and for this reason the Bicentennial period should certainly arouse the interest and excitement of every American. The truly human appeal of the Constitution comes not so much from learned journals or complex philosophies, but from the emotional sentiments of a people who were "madder than hell" about the way they were treated by Old World customs and procedures, and who weren't going to take it any longer! The heart of the Constitution, the very guts of the thing that even today continues to furnish its vitality and its driving force, is the fierce determination that the liberties which were won in the hard-fought struggle for independence were going to be preserved in such a way that they would never again be threatened by some judge, or revoked by some bureaucrat as had happened so often in the past. The Constitution was the people's way of insuring that the revolutionary principles embodied in the Declaration of Independence became a permanent part of their new nation's political fabric.

In recent times, it has become almost a cliché to categorize the Constitution of the United States as a conservative document. Far from it, however. While constitutional specialists might discuss and debate the issue today, certainly in its own day the Constitution was viewed as extremely radical, if not downright revolutionary, both in its view of the nature of government as well as the rights of people. The very idea, in the 18th century, that the powers of government were limited at all by a written body of law would be considered ridiculous. The notion that government officials derived their powers from the consent of the people and could be held responsible to representatives of the people, would be viewed as nonsense. The idea that powerful heads of government could be turned out of office, or the theory that ordinary citizens had rights and prerogatives that government could not take away -- these were positively revolutionary concepts in an era when absolute monarchs were the rule rather than the exception. In those days, kings and emperors and czars assumed their powers by "divine right," and held themselves answerable only to God.

But the Constitution changed all that. In simple declarative sentences, in language that was plain and simple and clear -- hardly a lawyer's brief -- the document established the fact that in the United States supreme power

would rest with the people. This was something they spelled out in the opening words of the Preamble, when they states: "We, the people of the United States ... do ordain and establish this Constitution...." They were determined that in this country the government would act only with the people's consent, expressed through their own elected representatives.

It is this inner kernel of rage, this central core of determination, that gives most average Americans such instinctive confidence in the sacred nature and inviolable character of the Constitution of the United States. Most Americans may not always understand complicated judicial opinions that are handed down from the bench or obscure legal interpretations found in learned journals. But they have a strong and abiding faith in the Constitution itself. It is a document that deals with such basic issues as human nature, power, freedom, property, the authority of government, the rights of the people.

These are not complicated legal terms. These are fundamental concepts that ordinary people readily understand, and to which they can easily relate. These are people's issues: and they are what make the constitution, at heart, a people's document. Judges may come and go, theories of jurisprudence may go in and out of fashion, the pendulum may

swing from liberalism to conservatism and back again, but most people still hold firmly to the belief that it is this inner core of the Constitution that protects their basic rights and liberties, and that it is this inner core that will never change.

The year 1987 will mark the 200th anniversary of the Constitution of the United States. For two centuries it has provided the framework for the country's government, and is the oldest written national constitution still being used in the world today. The upcoming Bicentennial year provides an ideal occasion for all Americans to take another and more thoughtful look at the Constitution, and to reflect upon the many ways in which that document has enriched their lives and guaranteed their most precious freedoms.

## **The Constitution: Our Common Bond**

During 1987, the Nation will celebrate the Bicentennial of our Constitution, the embodiment of the unique American vision of political organization and social justice. Under the Constitution of the United States, the Army plays a key role as guardian of the nation's independence and security and defender of the Constitution itself.

The Preamble of the Constitution sets forth, as its fourth goal, the mission of the Armed Forces -- "to provide for the Common Defence." Secretary of the Army John O. Marsh, Jr., emphasizes that the fourth goal enables Americans to attain the sixth goal of the Constitution, which is "to secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity." These two goals, Secretary Marsh reminds us, "are interrelated and relate directly to a stable world environment under freedom."

During the 1987-1991 Bicentennial period, the Department of Defense focus is fourfold:

- (1) Role and relationships of military in National Government.
- (2) Educational and historical lessons for soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines, their families and civilian employees.
- (3) Sense of commitment, values, leadership and signers.
- (4) Civilian control over the military.

Our goal is to weave the thread of the Constitution throughout Department of Defense activities conducted during the Bicentennial period, including Armed Forces Day, Service Birthdays, Independence Day, Organization Days and Veteran's Day. Accordingly, "The Constitution" has been designated as the 1987 Army Theme.

In a sense, the 1987 Army Theme continues previous emphasis on developing and maintaining democratic and soldierly values. As the tangible expression of our accepted national values the Constitution demands the commitment of every citizen to support and defend our common heritage. This common bond - an obligation to support and defend a common set of principles and values as embodied in the Constitution - links all Americans, soldiers and civilians



alike. For the soldier particularly, the role of defender of the Constitution provides a common bond with all soldiers, past, present and future, who have served, are serving and will serve to protect our way of life.

It is with this bond in mind that we should remember that twenty-three of the forty signers of the Constitution were veterans of the Revolutionary War. These men had a direct rôle in the defense of liberty and in the codification of that principle in the supreme law of the land. Patriots and leaders in every sense of the word, they fought the war, signed the Constitution and forged the new government. All went on to careers of distinguished public service in the new Republic. Eleven became members of the Senate, seven were members of the House (one would become Speaker), eight were governors, two were cabinet members, two were ministers to foreign countries and, of course, one became President of the United States.

The freezing Continentals at Valley Forge, the men at Chippewa, the frontier Regulars, the Doughboys in France, the nurses on Corregidor, Patton's tankers, the artillerymen in Korea, the helicopter crewman in Vietnam, and Rangers on Grenada are all linked to the soldier of today by the common bond of their selfless service as defenders of the Constitution. Infantrymen and truckers, officers and enlisted, Guardsmen, Reservists, and Regulars are all united by the common bond of their dedication to preserving the Constitution, and the values for which it stands. Our differences are reduced by our commitment to a common purpose and our strength is enhanced by our unity.

The soldier's role as defender of the Constitution carries with it special obligations as well as the rights and privileges enjoyed by all members of a free society under the law. The soldier's special obligation as defender of the Constitution often calls for hardship, separation from family and friends, and danger. In its most extreme form it may even require the ultimate sacrifice. More frequently the cost is simply hard work and an honest attempt to do the best we can at every task, knowing that the sum of our efforts will be our continued freedom and security in a land where equality under the law and dignity of the individual are first principles guaranteed by the Constitution. As defender of the Constitution, the soldier also bears a special obligation of loyalty, not to a man or to an office or to a particular political or social creed, but to the principles and values of which the Constitution is the tangible



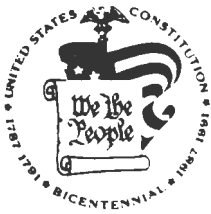
expression. This common bond of obligation is stronger because it is voluntarily assumed. We serve and defend our nation and its Constitution not because we are paid to do so like mercenaries, but because the values of our nation and the Constitution are our values and we are personally committed to their preservation.

Wherever soldiers find themselves around the world during the celebration years, let us renew our commitment as vigilant, selfless defenders of the Constitution strengthened by the knowledge that in so doing we renew our common bond with each other, with the citizens and institutions of this great republic, and with the many valiant soldiers of the past and those yet to serve.

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## "A CELEBRATION OF CITIZENSHIP"

### FACT SHEET

**EVENT:** "A CELEBRATION OF CITIZENSHIP"

**DATE:** September 16, 1987

**TIME:** 1:00 p.m., EDT

**PLACE:** A live broadcast from Washington, D.C., will unite all U. S. citizens, students, parents, and workers in the United States and abroad in a patriotic salute to our Constitution.

66 million students, teachers and administrators will participate in a day-long teach-in on the Constitution. Schools across the country and American schools abroad will design and develop unique activities to help young people celebrate the rights and responsibilities of citizenship. 110,000 schools have been sent education curriculum kits on the Constitution.

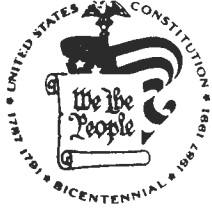
**PARTICIPANTS:** National leaders will join America's youth in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag; Chief Justice Warren E. Burger, Ret., Chairman of the Commission on the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution will lead Americans in a reading of the Preamble to the Constitution.

Students, workers, teachers, parents, government officials, military personnel and business men and women can participate wherever they are on September 16.

**SPONSORS:** Funded by Xerox and Nabisco Brands Inc., and sponsored by The Commission on the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution, The American Newspaper Publishers Association Foundation, and twelve major educational organizations across the country.

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**"A CELEBRATION OF CITIZENSHIP"**  
**SEPTEMBER 16, 1987**

- On September 16, 1987 **A Celebration of Citizenship** will unite all citizens of the United States in a nationwide tribute to our Constitution. This will be a premier event of 1987 honoring our Constitution.
- Funded by Xerox and Nabisco Brands Inc. and sponsored by The Commission on the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution, The American Newspaper Publishers Association Foundation, and twelve major educational organizations in the country, **A Celebration of Citizenship** will commence the multi-year celebration of the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution with a nationwide program encouraging the participation of all Americans, across the nation and around the world.
- National leaders will join America's youth in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag at 1:00 p.m.(EDT), via a live broadcast from Washington, D.C. Chief Justice Warren E. Burger, Ret., Chairman of the Commission on the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution, will lead Americans in a reading of the Preamble to the Constitution.
- **A Celebration of Citizenship** on September 16 will reach out to every school in the United States and to American schools abroad. Teachers will develop unique programs and activities to help young people celebrate the rights and responsibilities of citizenship. Every public and private school has been asked to conduct a day-long teach-in on our Constitution and to join in the national tribute via the Washington, D.C., broadcast. More than 110,000 schools, with 66 million students, teachers and administrators have been invited to participate and to design their own activities.
- **A Celebration of Citizenship** is more than a school program. It's a patriotic salute by all Americans wherever they are on September 16. There's something everyone can do to make this important event a success.
- We encourage those in federal, state, and local governments, defense communities, and those in the private sector to participate with their schools and communities. We hope they will develop their own special ceremonies for this historic commemoration of our Constitution, as well as tune into the Washington, D.C., broadcast program.



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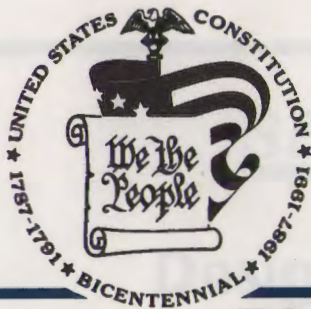


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# STATE / LOCAL AFFAIRS

# UPDATE

JUNE-JULY 1987

## 50 States Aboard Celebration

With summer almost upon us, the days are rapidly dwindling until the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution has its gala event in Philadelphia on Sept. 17. Right now, there are over 1,100 Designated Bicentennial Communities on board, many of them are planning special events for annual July 4th festivities, and with the recent addition of four new state commissions, every state in the Union is on board for the first phase of the commemoration.

This issue of UPDATE is for the June-July period, with the next copy arriving in August, but bearing a September dateline. That issue will focus on Constitution Week activities and details of events in Philadelphia, national TV schedules, and a final recap on the Celebration of Citizenship for Sept. 16.

For new readers, the Sept. 16 events will include President Reagan on television leading students in a nationwide Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. It's not too late to get started or be involved! For information and/or materials about any aspect of the Bicentennial, contact your state commission or State/Local Affairs at the national Commission in Washington, D.C. Our phone number is 202/653-9808.

As for the new state commissions, here with their addresses, chairmen and contacts.

**ARKANSAS:** Arkansas Constitution Bicentennial Commission  
Office of Lt. Gov. Winston Bryant  
State Capital  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

Lt. Gov. Bryant is chairman and Mike Ross is the contact.

**MISSISSIPPI:** U.S. Constitution Bicentennial Commission of Mississippi  
Post Office Box 139  
Jackson, Mississippi 39205

Co-chairmen are Hon. William C. Keady and Hon. Harry Grey Walker. The Bicentennial coordinator is Fred Slabach.

**NEBRASKA:** U.S. Constitution Bicentennial Commission of Nebraska  
Varner Hall, Room 219  
3835 Holdrege Street  
Lincoln, Nebraska 68583

Chairman is Jack Schuetz. Executive director is Julie Garay.

**TENNESSEE:** U.S. Constitution Bicentennial Commission of Tennessee  
c/o Tennessee State Museum  
James K. Polk State Office Building  
505 Deaderick Street  
Nashville, Tennessee 37219

Co-chairmen are Hon. Harry W. Wellford and Hon. Douglas Henry. Mary Sewell is the contact.

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### TEXAS:

Texas Commission on the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution  
Post Office Box 2066  
Brownsville, Texas 78520

Chairman is Hon. Ricardo H. Hinojosa.

## How One College is Involved

Melding community and educational resources into one program offers a challenge that County College of Morris in New Jersey has overcome with ambitious planning and presentations.

The school has scheduled a series of interlocking events that involves academic scholars, high school teachers and pupils, college students, historical society members, and the public. The events, which started last November with a series of workshops on the Constitution, will include a mini-convention of high school students on May 27 and will culminate on Sept. 19 with the re-enactment of the Constitutional Convention.

Dr. Louise A. Mayo, Department Chairperson of History/Political Science at County College of Morris, is one of the event's major coordinators. Mayo states, "It's a shame that as a nation we know so little about our own Constitution. Through these programs, we hope to contribute to a better understanding of the Constitution among the citizens of Morris County and provide the participants with the chance to learn about, as well as experience, history 'in-the-making.'"

To start off events in 1986, a workshop was held in preparation for the celebration. In attendance were high school teachers, the delegates to the mock convention, and County College of Morris Constitutional law students. The workshop featured two keynote speakers. Dr. Carl Prince of New York University spoke on "The U.S. Constitution of 1789: End of One Crisis, Beginning of Another." Dr. Christopher Collier of the University of Connecticut addressed the audience on "Founding Fathers and the Doctrine of Original Intent." The workshops are funded by the New Jersey Historical Society.

On May 27, the anniversary of the convening of the Constitutional Convention, 12 to 14 local high schools attended a mini-convention at the County College of Morris. Each high school represented a different state of the 12 present at the Convention. Two others represented the Federalist and Anti-Federalist forces in New Jersey. Students examined the issues debated at the Constitutional Convention and then reconvene to replicate the Constitutional Convention and hear about how the debate might have gone for ratification in New Jersey. Dr. Mayo explains that the students "...have to do the research to replicate the state's views." For example, though New Jersey voted unanimously in favor of signing the Constitution, the New York delegates were divided in their views.

On Sept. 19, the re-enactment of the Constitutional Convention will be held. Each town in Morris County will send a delegate, in some cases the mayor, who will represent one of the 39 signers of the Constitution or one of the three representatives who attended the Convention, but did not sign. Dr. Gordon Woods of Brown University, noted Constitution expert, will open the convention. The delegates will debate issues and vote before an audience of the general public, student body, and before television cameras. In the afternoon, the entire audience will become the voters of New Jersey and, following a brief discussion about Federalists and Anti-Federalists given by Dr. John J. O'Connor of the New Jersey Institute of Technology, will vote on whether New Jersey should ratify the Constitution.

Funding for the entire program is by the New Jersey Committee on the Humanities and the State Department of Higher Education. The events are sponsored by County College of Morris and the Morris County Historical Society. Richard Irwin of the Morris County Historical Society assisted in coordinating the events.

## A Script for Re-Enactment

Don't worry about celebrating the Bicentennial of the Constitution in Nevada City, California. The civic-minded people there have been honoring the document for 18 years with ceremonies and a parade.

Here's how William Lambert, Bicentennial Chairman, describes that community's re-enactment of the actual signing of the Constitution:

"In 1986, we took special pains to make our signing ceremony more impressive than in years past. A special stage on wheels was borrowed for the occasion, and it was placed in the middle of the main street, in front of the principal

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## SPECIAL UPDATE INSERT

## Designated Communities Top 1,000

One thousand and climbing....

Or, 1,104 to be exact. That's the number of communities across America that have formed local commissions to participate in the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution (as of May 18). When routine approval is afforded by the state and federal Commissions, the local units become Designated Bicentennial Communities (DBC's) and are recognized as the official organization for the celebration. A DBC then is allowed to use the official logo for the duration of the commemoration, through 1991. (The national Commission has been extended to honor the Bicentennial of the Bill of Rights, 1790-91.)

It's easy to become a DBC and be involved in the Bicentennial. Contact your state commission for information or contact us directly at State/Local Affairs (202/653-9808).

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State leaders in DBCs are:

Georgia	82	New Mexico	13
Illinois	66	Oregon	13
New York	58	Pennsylvania	13
Massachusetts	54	Delaware	12
Ohio	54	Maryland	11
Florida	53	South Carolina	11
Missouri	51	Nebraska	9
New Jersey	51	Vermont	8
Virginia	48	Arkansas	7
North Carolina	39	Colorado	7
Indiana	35	Michigan	7
California	33	Alaska	6
New Hampshire	32	West Virginia	6
Utah	30	Iowa	5
Tennessee	25	Kansas	5
Wisconsin	25	Idaho	4
Maine	24	Mississippi	3
Texas	24	Nevada	3
Arizona	22	South Dakota	3
Connecticut	22	North Dakota	2
Louisiana	21	Puerto Rico	1
Alabama	20	American Samoa	0
Wyoming	19	Guam	0
Oklahoma	18	Hawaii	0
Washington	18	Montana	0
Minnesota	16	Rhode Island	0
Kentucky	15	Virgin Islands	0



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### ALABAMA

Alabaster  
Ashville  
Bay Minette  
Demopolis  
Dothan  
Greensboro  
Huntsville-Madison  
County  
Montgomery

### ALASKA

Fairbanks  
Haines  
Houston  
Sitka

### ARIZONA

Benson  
Bisbee  
Holbrook  
Prescott  
Scottsdale  
Tempe  
Yuma

### ARKANSAS

Fort Smith

### CALIFORNIA

Alameda  
Arcadia  
Camarillo  
Cupertino  
El Segundo  
Glendale  
Kern County  
Manteca  
Millbrae  
Milpitas  
Montebello  
San Bernardino  
San Clemente  
San Marcos  
San Mateo County  
Santa Fe Springs  
Santa Monica  
Thousand Oaks  
Ventura County  
Victorville

### COLORADO

Clear Creek County  
La Junta  
Larimer County  
Weld County

### CONNECTICUT

Darien  
Kent  
Newington  
Old Saybrook  
West Hartford  
Weston  
Wethersfield

### DELAWARE

Leipsic  
South Bethany  
Townsend

### FLORIDA

Broward County  
Cocoa  
Deerfield Beach  
Fort Myers  
Longwood  
Miami Shores  
Manatee County  
North Palm Beach  
Naples  
Ocala  
Orlando-Orange County  
Pinellas Park  
Safety Harbor  
Saint Augustine  
Satellite Beach  
Tallahassee-Leon  
County  
Venice  
Waldo  
West Melbourne

### GEORGIA

Americus-Sumter  
County  
Athens-Clarke County  
Augusta-Richmond  
County  
Barrow County  
Bartow County  
Berrien County  
Brantley County  
Burke County  
Calhoun-Gordon County  
Camden County  
Carroll County  
Chatham County  
Chattahoochee County  
Cherokee County  
Clay County  
Columbia County  
Cook County  
Coweta County

### Crawford County

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Dougherty County  
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Griffin-Spalding  
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Union County  
Walker County  
Ware County  
Whitfield County

### IDAHO

Bonneville County  
Pocatello

### ILLINOIS

Bloomington-Normal  
Clarendon Hills  
Crestwood

### Ela

Forest Park  
Fulton County  
Glenwood  
Homewood  
Lansing  
LeRoy  
Lincolnwood  
Northbrook  
Orland Park  
Peoria  
Quincy  
River Forest  
Riverside  
Rockford-Winnebago  
County  
Schaumburg  
South Pekin  
South Roxana  
Stickney  
Vernon Hills  
Wheeling

### INDIANA

Attica  
Bloomington  
Brownsburg  
Chandler  
Covington  
Crawfordsville-  
Montgomery County  
East Chicago  
Evansville  
Greenfield  
Hagerstown  
Huntingburg  
Jennings County  
Lincoln City  
Lowell  
Michigan City  
Mishawaka  
Monticello  
Montpelier  
Muncie  
Noblesville  
Parke County  
Peru  
Richmond  
Syracuse  
Tell City  
Vincennes  
Wakarusa

### IOWA

Clarion  
Decorah  
Everly

North Liberty  
Rodney

### KANSAS

Hillsboro  
Salina

### KENTUCKY

Danville  
Elkton  
Franklin-Simpson  
County  
Monticello  
Owensboro  
Paducah  
Shelbyville

### LOUISIANA

Delhi  
DeQuincy  
Mangham  
Opelousas  
Ouachita Parish  
Ruston  
Slidell  
Ville Platte

### MAINE

Berwick  
Camden-Rockport  
Hebron  
Hermon  
Ocean Park  
Seboeis  
Van Buren

### MARYLAND

Friendsville  
Montgomery County  
Prince George's  
County  
Somerset County  
Williamsport

### MASSACHUSETTS

Attleboro  
Blackstone  
Brookfield  
Chicopee  
Dennis  
Dighton  
Douglas  
Dracut  
Dudley  
Fall River  
Fitchburg  
Gardner

### Grafton

Haverhill  
Holbrook  
Lancaster  
Leominster  
Lexington  
Marion  
Mattapoissett  
Medford  
Middlefield  
Milford  
Milton  
Orleans  
Plainville  
Provincetown  
Rochester  
Rowe  
Salisbury  
Sturbridge  
Topsfield  
Upton  
Wakefield  
Warren  
Webster  
Westborough  
Winthrop

### MICHIGAN

Beverly Hills  
Crawford County  
Southfield  
Wixom

### MINNESOTA

Bertha  
Columbia Heights  
Eagle Bend  
Madison  
Moorhead-Clay County  
Red Wing  
Roseville  
Rush City

### MISSISSIPPI

Calhoun City  
Jackson County

### MISSOURI

Atchison County  
Belton  
Boone County  
Cape Girardeau  
Clayton  
De Soto  
El Dorado Springs  
Garden City  
Graham

### Hamilton

Hannibal  
Howell County  
Huntsville  
Jamesport  
Kahoka  
Kansas City  
Kirksville-Adair  
County  
Lockwood  
New Madrid  
Olivette  
Perryville  
Saint Ann  
Saint Charles  
Saint Joseph  
Saint Louis  
Sedalia  
Sullivan  
Tarkio  
Warrenton-Warren  
County

### NEBRASKA

Scottsbluff-Gering  
York

### NEVADA

Reno  
Reno-Sparks Indian  
Colony

### NEW HAMPSHIRE

Antrim  
Ashland  
Brentwood  
Canaan  
Candia  
Hampton  
Kingston  
Manchester  
Meredith  
New Castle  
Ossipee  
Sullivan  
Unity

### NEW JERSEY

Bergen County  
Berlin  
Bloomfield  
Clementon  
Dover  
Englewood  
Gibbstown  
Glen Ridge  
Green

### Hanover

Hazlet  
Lower Alloways Creek  
Lumberton  
Mantua  
Maplewood  
Medford  
Monroe (Gloucester  
County)  
Montclair  
Morris County  
Mount Olive  
Oakland  
Ramsey  
Ridgefield Park  
South River  
Woodbridge

### NEW MEXICO

Alamogordo  
Carlsbad  
Lincoln County  
Mesilla  
Roswell  
Santa Fe  
Tucumcari

### NEW YORK

Bayville  
Blooming Grove  
Brighton  
Broome County  
Cedarhurst  
Clinton  
Concord  
East Fishkill  
Forestburgh  
Greenburgh  
Hopkinton  
Kirkland  
Lisle  
Lynbrook  
Marion  
New York  
Northport  
Orangetown  
Oyster Bay  
Pawling  
Plattsburgh  
Port Leyden  
Prattsburg  
Round Lake  
Rye  
Somerset  
South Glens Falls  
Southampton  
Stockholm



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Suffern  
Suffolk County  
Tonawanda  
Tuckahoe  
Waddington (Town)  
Waddington (Village)  
Weedsport

### NORTH CAROLINA

Alamance County  
Alexander County  
Beaufort County  
Buncombe County  
Caldwell County  
Charlotte-Mecklenburg  
County

Cleveland County  
Davie County  
Edgecombe County  
Elizabeth City-  
Pasquotank County  
Gates County  
Granville County  
Harnett County  
Haywood County  
Henderson County  
Hyde County  
Iredell County  
Lenoir County  
Onslow County  
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Polk County  
Rockingham County  
Rowan County  
Rutherford County  
Swain County  
Transylvania County  
Tyrrell County  
Union County  
Washington County  
Wilkes County  
Wilson County  
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### OHIO

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Berea  
Canton  
Columbus  
Clyde  
Darke County

Dayton-Montgomery  
County

Defiance  
East Liverpool  
Edgerton  
Gallia County  
Knox County  
Lakewood  
Lorain County  
Marion County  
Middleburg Heights  
Monroe County  
Montgomery  
Poland  
Solon  
Spring Valley  
Wintersville  
Woodlawn

### OKLAHOMA

Collinsville  
Del City  
Duncan  
Shattuck

### OREGON

Ashland  
Beaverton  
Canby  
Clatskanie  
Estacada  
Hermiston  
Hood River County  
Jackson County  
Klamath Falls  
Roseburg  
Wilsonville  
Yamhill County

### PENNSYLVANIA

Allegheny County  
Blair County  
Boyertown  
Clinton County  
Delaware County  
New Hope

### PUERTO RICO

San Juan

### SOUTH CAROLINA

Anderson-Anderson  
County  
Hilton Head Island

Landrum  
Moncks Corner

### SOUTH DAKOTA

Madison  
Wessington Springs

### TENNESSEE

Cross Plains  
Gatlinburg  
Lakeland  
Memphis-Shelby County  
Polk County  
Tipton County

### TEXAS

Breckenridge  
Brownsville  
Fairfield  
Forest Hill  
Grand Prairie  
Grayson County  
Tyler

### UTAH

Cache County  
Davis County  
Duchesne County  
Honeyville  
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Manila  
Murray  
North Salt Lake  
Orem  
Park City  
Price  
Providence  
Salt Lake City  
Washington Terrace  
West Jordan

### VERMONT

Arlington  
Castleton  
Middlebury

### VIRGINIA

Alleghany County  
Bluefield  
Charles City County  
Charlottesville-  
Albemarle County  
Chesapeake

Chesterfield County  
Clifton Forge  
Franklin

Loudoun County  
Lynchburg

Prince Edward County  
Prince George County  
Prince William County  
Salem

Smyth County  
South Boston  
Staunton  
Virginia Beach  
Washington County  
Williamsburg-James  
City County

### WASHINGTON

Adams County  
Pierce County  
Spokane County  
Tacoma  
Yakima County

### WEST VIRGINIA

Sistersville  
Vienna

### WISCONSIN

Ashland  
Beloit  
Brookfield  
Dane County  
Delavan  
Elm Grove  
Marquette County  
Oshkosh  
Stevens Point-Portage  
County  
Tomah

### WYOMING

Basin  
Casper  
Dubois  
Evanston  
Kemmerer  
Manderson  
Rawlins  
Sheridan  
Thermopolis  
Torrington-Goshen  
County  
Washakie County

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reviewing stand (balcony of the town's main hotel). An antique table and the Betsy Ross Flag comprised the only furniture on stage. The emcee narrated all the procedures in preparation for the signing. All of the signers, in authentic colonial costumes, were arranged in the order their names would be called, in the street at stage left. A man with considerable stage experience was selected to play the role of George Washington. The County Band was seated in chairs, on the sidewalk on the opposite side of the street from the reviewing stand. The small table had a copy of the Constitution, a bottle of ink, and a turkey quill pen.

"Just prior to the signing, the Band sounded off with Copeland's 'Fanfare for the Common Man.' Then George Washington announced that the Convention was ready for the signing, read the preamble, and then started calling the roll of delegates by states. Each delegate stepped upon the stage, bowed to Washington, signed the name of the man he represented, with a turkey quill pen, bowed to Washington again, and then left the stage from the opposite side from where he came on.

"As Washington started the roll call of signers, the Band commenced playing softly 'Chester,' composed by the first important American composer, William Billings. Also, at the same time every church bell and the one on the old firehouse commenced ringing. This was arranged by means of walkie-talkie radio. The Band kept playing softly and the bells kept ringing until the last signer had left the stage. Then Washington declared the Constitutional Convention closed."

## One Town Remembers Its Past

Russell Chase, State Representative and Chairman of the New Hampshire Bicentennial Commission, offers this simple yet meaningful idea from the Granite State.

"The New England town meeting maintains its position as the closest example of pure democracy. New Hampshire towns lead in governing themselves by these means. The departments of the community are required to account for their activities in an annual report. These reports are accumulated and printed in book form for distribution to the town folks. Bicentennial recognition of the U.S. Constitution has attracted the attention of New Hampshire communities, such as Tamworth.

"Tamworth has a population of 1,800. It lies between New Hampshire's Lakes Region and the foot hills of the White Mountains. Tamworth's Annual Report for 1986 carries the Bicentennial theme by using both the New Hampshire Logo and the National Logo. A brief statement of the State and Tamworth's participation in the development and ratification of the Constitution is included."

The Tamworth statement:

We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

We the People of New Hampshire were represented at the Constitutional Convention by John Langdon of Portsmouth and Nicholas Gilman of Exeter. As strong supporters of the proposed Constitution they encouraged its ratification by the New Hampshire Convention. Tamworth and Sandwich were represented at the Convention by Daniel Beede, surveyor and proprietors' agent.

We the People of Tamworth two hundred years later believe it is our citizen obligation to read the Constitution, to know and protect it and, of greatest importance, to take an active part in the government it provides.

## Education Program Announced

A \$3 million citizenship education program for elementary schools including student activities, extensive teacher's curriculum and Polaroid instant cameras and film has been announced by the Commission on the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution, the National Association of Elementary School Principals, and Polaroid Corporation.

In Washington, D.C. Polaroid president and chief executive officer I. MacAllister Booth presented the first Constitution camera and educational program as "a gift to the nation's schools" to Chief Justice Warren E. Burger,

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chairman of the Commission on the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution and a group of local elementary school children. More than 58,000 public, parochial, and independent elementary schools will receive Polaroid's "You and the U.S. Constitution"--consisting of detailed curriculum materials for primary and intermediate schools, two school posters, a Constitution version of Polaroid's Sun 600 LMS camera (with "Constitution" logo and seal), Polaroid film and teacher guidelines on how to best utilize the materials.

"With this program, school children from kindergarten through sixth grade may enjoy an added visual element in learning the issues of citizenship exemplified in the Constitution," said I. MacAllister Booth.

Chief Justice Burger called Polaroid's gift and instructional materials "an important contribution to the educational program of the Bicentennial Commission to provide a history and civics lesson on the Constitution's origin and meaning. It is crucial that this lesson begin at the elementary school level. So this program could not be more appropriate and beneficial to the good of the Commission and to the education of the children."

## 'Ratification Walk' Proposed

David Epstein, Chairman of the District of Columbia Bar Committee for the Bicentennial, has outlined a proposal for a "Ratification Walk" that can be duplicated elsewhere.

"The Ratification Walk is to create an occasion for public participation in the District of Columbia which would serve for celebration and for education during this Bicentennial period. Starting on Independence Avenue and concluding on Constitution Avenue, the Ratification Walk would involve the avenues named after the 13 original states which ratified the Constitution to create this new form of government.

"State societies could have booths at various points on these avenues where citizens could gather along with members of Congress from the respective states. Public participation would involve crossing, at some point, each of the avenues named after the original 13 states. For those with greater endurance, a route could be established which would provide crossing the avenues in the order of ratification by the respective states, i.e., Independence to Delaware, and completing with Rhode Island to Constitution. Most of the avenues of the original 13 states are between the Capitol and the White House.

"Educational displays at each avenue would serve to underscore the achievement of the Constitution in bringing together the disparate sovereign states.

"Other cities could adopt a similar approach even without streets named after the original 13 states. No doubt, the Ratification Walk might emphasize how the individual state became part of the Union. Texas, for example, joined after being an independent republic, while the states formed out of the Northwest territories were organized in a pattern that was followed in many of the later territories.

"The time for the Ratification Walk need not coincide with a particular historic occasion. The Fourth of July or the Sunday before or after Sept. 17 would serve very well," Epstein says.

## More Official Licensees

Add to the list of official Constitution licensees and their products: A "Freedom's Light" poster and booklet available with an American Express credit card purchase; a biography of Abraham Baldwin, D.C. Daughters of the American Revolution (202/362-1873); educational material from Field Publications Weekly Reader, Middletown, CT (203/638-2400); patriotic folk music compact disc and audio cassette narrated by Johnny Cash from Folk Era Production, Inc., Naperville, IL (312/961-3559); audio cassettes about the Constitution narrated by Walter Cronkite from Knowledge Products, Nashville, TN (615/889-6223); belt buckle, key chain, and leather coasters, Texoma, Denison, TX (214/786-6131); etched commemorative glassware and crystal from Touch of Glass, Moundsville, WV (304/845-0552); a lucite encased, desk-top copy of the Preamble from Weiner, Jennings & Vane, Washington, DC (202/543-5525); Annin Flag Co., Roseland, NJ (201/228-9400); "The U.S. Constitution: A Design for Democracy" film strip and video from Society for Visual Education, Chicago, IL (312/525-1500); philatelic products utilizing commemorative postage stamps, Unicovery, Cheyenne, WY (307/634-5911).



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## Northwest Ordinance Celebrated for Its Role in U.S. History

A year-long celebration of the 200th anniversary of the Northwest Ordinance -- which had a significant impact on the development of the Constitution -- will be officially launched July 13 in a cooperative effort between the Big Ten Universities Alumni Associations, the state Bicentennial commissions of the Old Northwest Territory and a number of midwestern libraries and historical societies.

The Ordinance -- called the third great document in American history, behind the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence -- was adopted by the Congress of the Confederation on July 13, 1787. The Ordinance ensured a systematic, orderly westward expansion of the young United States, giving the territory northwest of the Ohio River a system of government and a Bill of Rights, and providing

for the eventual division of the region into three to five states.

The 1987-88 Northwest Ordinance celebration will feature several major commemorative programs:

- "The Northwest Ordinance -- Liberty and Justice For All" will include a series of conferences and symposia scheduled by the university alumni associations. Regionally and nationally known scholars have been invited to participate.

- "Liberty's Legacy -- Our Celebration of the Northwest Ordinance and the Constitution" is a multi-million dollar traveling exhibit which includes 120 original historical documents, maps and other artifacts pertaining to the two documents. The exhibit is funded with grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the national Commission, Lilly Endowment Inc., The George and Frances

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## Chief Justice Meets with Diverse Group of Clergymen Religious Leaders Prepare for September



Chief Justice Warren E. Burger, center, discusses proposals for celebrating the Bicentennial with a diverse group of religious leaders at the historic City Tavern in Washington, D.C.

## Congress, President Issue Statements on Ordinance

President Reagan issued a proclamation in June calling upon American citizens to observe the 200th anniversary of the Northwest Ordinance of 1787 with appropriate commemorative programs, ceremonies and activities.

The proclamation was authorized and requested in a joint resolution by both chambers of the U.S. Congress. The resolution noted that the Ordinance provided "an early example of the commitment of the people of the United States to democratic principles, religious freedom, and individual rights."

Religious groups throughout the U.S. are planning a variety of activities to celebrate and honor the nation's Constitution, and nearly a dozen representatives of different denominations and church organizations recently met with Chief Justice Warren E. Burger, national Commission Chairman, to discuss these plans.

Meeting at historic City Tavern in Washington, D.C., the religious leaders reported an assortment of future activities, ranging from sermons and published essays to public service advertisements and youth education programs. The primary focus of many of the programs will be on the First

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## In Honor of the Bicentennial . . .

The 34th annual Miss America Pageant, to be held in Atlantic City, N.J., September 19 -- two days after the anniversary of the Constitution's signing -- will incorporate the theme "The Heart of America," in honor of the Bicentennial.

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As part of the "Plant a Living Legacy to the Constitution" program, the Professional Ground Management Society of Cockeysville, Md., will sponsor the creation of a living legacy at the International Peace Garden on the U.S.-Canadian border. The garden will be planted around the Peace Tower, which stands on the border between North Dakota and Manitoba, Canada.

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The Historical Society of Pennsylvania is seeking donations of constitutions from clubs, associations, fraternal organizations and other groups to display in its Bicentennial exhibit, "A More Perfect Union: The American People and Their Constitution." The constitutions will be used in a display case to show how they draw upon the federal Constitution. The exhibit will run through December 14. For information, contact the Society at (215) 732-6201, ext. 28, or send constitutions to 1300 Locust Street, Philadelphia, Penn. 19107.

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A new musical celebrating the Bicentennial of the Constitution will premiere at the Promised Valley Playhouse of Salt Lake City, Utah, on Independence Day. The book and lyrics are by Michael McLean and Margaret Smoot, with music by K. Newell Dayley. The show will run in repertory with another musical tribute, "America In Revue." The shows will run through September 5.



Selectmen from Hampton, N.H., celebrate becoming a Designated Bicentennial Community by reenacting the town's role in sending a delegate to the state convention, which in turn selected John Langdon and Nicholas Gilman to represent New Hampshire at the Philadelphia Convention of 1787. The skit also included members of the town Bicentennial commission.

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"The Influence of the Torah on the U.S. Constitution" will be a featured program at the 54th Convention of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs on August 9-13, at Kaimesha Lake, N.Y. The organization is encouraging local Jewish men's clubs to incorporate one or more Bicentennial programs into their planning for 1987-88.

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The National Archives is featuring a documentary film series, "The Constitution on Film," exploring U.S. Constitutional history and the role of the document in shaping our legal system. The series, free to visitors every Friday at noon, will run from July through September. For information, call (202) 523-3000.

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Invitations to Constitution Day ceremonies in Philadelphia have been sent by Ambassador Selwa Roosevelt, Chief of Protocol at the State Department, to every recognized foreign Mission with a representative residing in the U.S. The Office of Protocol is arranging

for Chiefs of Missions and their spouses to travel to Philadelphia and, as representatives of their governments, to join Americans in celebrating the 200th anniversary of the Constitution's signing on September 17.

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Organizers of the annual Septemberfest in New Jersey are using the theme "America -- Our Constitution" for this year's event, scheduled for Elizabeth, N.J., on September 19-20.

For the Bicentennial, Septemberfest '87 will use a 5,000-square-foot exhibit, surrounded by the flags of the original 13 states. The pavilion will accommodate educational, historical and legal groups, as well as branches of the armed services, displaying items and providing information related to the Constitution. Visitors will enter the area through "Constitution Walk" and receive a "passport" in the form of a miniature Constitution.

For information, or to help sponsor the program, contact Ed Dambach, Septemberfest Association, P.O. Box 1109, Elizabeth, N.J. 07207. Or call (201) 355-6676.



"We the People" is the official newsletter of the Commission on the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution. Editor: Stephen Gold. Editorial Assistants: Helen Wall, Brooke Reuther.



Federal Hall National Memorial in New York City -- site the passage of the Northwest Ordinance, George Washington's first inauguration and the adoption of the Bill of Rights.

## Federal Hall in New York City Prepares to Open Museum of American Government

The National Park Foundation and the National Park Service are developing a permanent national museum on the U.S. Constitution at the Federal Hall National Memorial, at 26 Wall Street in New York City. Federal Hall was the site of the the passage of the Northwest Ordinance of 1787, the inauguration of George Washington as the first President in 1789, and the adoption of the Bill of Rights the same year.

The museum, to be called "We the People: The Museum of American Government," will divide the history of American Constitu-

tionism into four major galleries:

- *To Form a More Perfect Union*, focusing on citizenship, federalism and political participation.
- *To Secure the Blessing of Liberty*, examining the history of the struggle for civil liberties.
- *To Provide for the Common Defense*, a look at foreign and military policy in our political system.
- *To Promote the General Welfare*, focusing on the nation's economic growth and prosperity.

The museum will use advanced projection techniques to bring the American Constitutional and political process to life for visitors.

## Congressmen Honor 55 Framers in Philadelphia

In honor of the 55 framers of the Constitution, 55 members of the U.S. Congress -- representing the states, territories and the District of Columbia -- will hold a special meeting in Philadelphia on July 16. That date is the 200th anniversary of the Constitutional Convention's Great Compromise, the agreement that allowed for proportional representation for states in the House of Representatives and equal representation in the Senate.

The members have scheduled a special ceremonial session in Independence Hall for the afternoon.

## OPM Hosts Week-long Tribute to Constitution

The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) sponsored a week-long program honoring the Constitution in mid-June for its employees. The program included the opening of OPM's Bicentennial-Civil Service exhibit in Washington, D.C., with Chief Justice Warren E. Burger; a film series on the Constitution for employees; a tree-planting ceremony in honor of the Constitution; and a special ceremony in which OPM employees, with children present, were honored for their importance in our system of government.

## Philadelphia Hosts July Fourth Tribute

Philadelphians continue their summer-long tribute to the Constitution's 200th anniversary with a Fourth of July "Freedom Festival," expected to draw millions of visiting and local participants. The program, organized by We the People 200, the National Park Service and a number of private groups, will last from July 3 - 5 and include:

- "Spirit of America," a pageant of American history to be performed twice-a-day at the Civic Center by the U.S. Army Band.
- A Freedom Festival Parade down Ben Franklin Parkway on July 3.
- A Freedom's Fourth Food Festival at Penn's Landing on July 4 - 5.
- A Bicentennial hot-air balloon race on July 4.
- Constitutional concerts and fireworks on Ben Franklin Parkway all three evenings.

Other Bicentennial plans scheduled in Philadelphia during July:

- A world premiere on July 1 at the Academy of Music of "Missa Pacis" (Peace Mass), an original orchestral-choral work written in honor of the Constitution by noted Austrian composer Roland Baumgartner and Jochen Bauer, and sponsored by Anima International.
- The Constitutional Relays from July 1 - 4, which will include over 2,000 youngsters from around the country competing in track and field events at Franklin Field.
- The opening July 5 of an exhibit at the Philadelphia Museum of Art, titled "The Athens of the Western World: Federal Philadelphia, 1785-1825."
- A conference at the University of Pennsylvania July 19 - 25 titled "Global Perspectives on Women and the Constitution."



## Conference Series Focuses on Ordinance, Constitution

"The Northwest Ordinance -- Liberty and Justice For All," a series of conferences scheduled through 1987 at Big Ten Universities, will examine various aspects of the Northwest Ordinance and its impact on the Constitution. The series was made possible through grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the national Commission, and contributions from the participating Big Ten Universities. The schedule, including conference site, date and contact:

- Indiana University, Sept. 4 - 6. [Dr. Bernard W. Sheehan, Department of History, Bloomington, Ind. 47405.]
- Purdue University, Sept. 10, Oct. 1, Oct. 29 and Nov. 12 (evening program series). [Dr. Donald Berthrong, Department of History, West Lafayette, Ind. 47907.]
- University of Michigan, November 1987. [Dr. Russell Menard, Department of History, Minneapolis, Minn. 55455.]
- Northwestern University, Fall 1987. [Ray Willemain, Alumni Association, Evanston, Ill. 60201.]
- University of Illinois at Chicago, date to be announced. [Dr. Gary Fowler, Department of History, Chicago, Ill. 60680.]
- Ohio State University, Fall 1987. [Dr. Richard Hopkins, Department of History, Columbus, Ohio 43210.]
- University of Wisconsin, Fall 1987, to be held at State Historical Society of Wisconsin. [Ms. Peg Davey, 816 State Street, Madison, Wis. 53706.]

The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and Michigan State University have already held conferences in honor of the Bicentennial.

## Northwest Ordinance Exhibit: July 1987 - June 1988

"Liberty's Legacy -- Our Celebration of the Northwest Ordinance and the Constitution," the multi-million dollar exhibit touring the states of the Old Northwest Territory, will spend two months in each of the six states. The schedule, from July 1, 1987 through June 30, 1988:

- July 1 - Aug. 28: Ohio Historical Society, Columbus, Ohio
- Sept. 4 - Oct. 28: Lilly Library (Indiana University), Bloomington, Ind.
- Nov. 3 - Dec. 31: Clements Library (Univ. of Michigan), Ann Arbor, Mich.
- Jan. 7 - Feb. 26: Newberry Library, Chicago, Ill.
- March 4 - Apr. 27: State Historical Society of Wisconsin, Madison, Wis.
- May 4 - June 30: Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul, Minn.

## National Independence Day Parade in D.C.

## Independence Day Focus is on Constitution

This year's Fourth of July celebrations in the nation's capital will focus as much on Constitutionalism as on independence, as the seventh annual National Independence Day Festival & Parade incorporates the Bicentennial theme "A More Perfect Union" into its plans.

The parade, which proceeds along Constitution Avenue in the District of Columbia, will include about 7,000 participants in 132 units, from nearly two dozen

countries and every state in the Union. The parade, officially recognized by the national Commission, will be televised.

In addition to the parade, there will be an evening of music, with a three-hour concert by several Navy bands near the Washington Monument, while the National Symphony Orchestra performs its annual concert at the other end of the Mall, near the steps of the U.S. Capitol Building.



A series of 12 posters commemorating the Northwest Ordinance's bicentennial has been developed by Ohio Humanities Council.

## Ordinance is Celebrated

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Ball Foundation and the John W. Anderson Foundation.

In addition, churches, schools, government agencies and citizens of the six states of the Old Northwest Territory -- Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio and Wisconsin -- will participate in a "Religious Freedom Weekend" on July 11-13, to observe the Northwest Ordinance's guarantee of freedom of worship -- the first national document to do so.

Religious institutions throughout the region will dedicate sermons to the principle of religious freedom during weekend services. Then, at 12 noon on Monday, July 13, bell-tolling ceremonies will be held and a four-minutes will be set aside to mark freedom of religion.

For further information on the Big Ten Alumni Associations' program, contact Frank Jones, Project Director, The Northwest Ordinance, at (812) 335-5022, or write Indiana Memorial Union, M-17, Bloomington, Ind. 47405. Or contact Max Andrews, Private Programs Coordinator at the national Commission.

## FreedomFair '87 to Honor Bicentennial

An all-day festival dedicated to the Bicentennial and involving close to 100 nonprofit groups is scheduled for September 12 at Myrtle Edwards Park in Seattle, Wash., under the sponsorship of Today's Constitution and You.

FreedomFair '87 will feature an assortment of entertainment, displays, demonstrations and ethnic food booths to highlight the diversity of the Seattle community while showcasing the Constitution. The nonprofit organizations from every aspect of society will help focus visitors on how citizen involvement at the local level supports the way of life established and ensured by the Constitution.

For further information, contact Today's Constitution and You at Metrocenter YMCA, 909 Fourth Avenue, Seattle, Wash. 98104, or call (206) 382-5013.

## Blind Now Prepared to Take Part in Celebration

Thanks to a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, thousands of blind Americans can own their own copy of the Constitution, now available in braille. National Braille Press is making the special editions available without cost to those interested. The nonprofit braille printing and publishing house is located at 88 St. Stephen Street, Boston, Mass. 02115. Or call (617) 266-6160.

In addition, blinded U.S. veterans will have the opportunity to share in the commemoration of the Bicentennial this year, through the efforts of the Blinded American Veterans Foundation. The group, a newly formed nonprofit organization based in Washington, D.C., has mailed audio recordings of the document to every blinded veteran in the nation.



Memorial Day's San Diego Padres-Philadelphia Phillies baseball game at Jack Murphy Stadium in San Diego, Calif., was dedicated to the Bicentennial. Present for opening ceremonies were (from left to right) Dick Freeman, vice president of the Padres; Senator Alan Cranston (D-Calif.), who read the Preamble to the Constitution; Chub Feeney, president emeritus of the National League; chairman of the San Diego Bicentennial Commission Joan Bowes; and co-chairman Betty Hubbard.

## ABC to Feature TV Bicentennial Specials

ABC will feature several specials on the Constitution this fall, in honor of the Bicentennial. On September 16, on the same date as the national "A Celebration of Citizenship" program, ABC will produce a three-hour educational special on the Constitution. Noted scholars will look at the history of the document and the contemporary and potential Constitutional issues.

Then, in October, ABC will present a salute to the Constitution titled "Funny, You Don't Look 200," hosted and co-produced by actor Richard Dreyfuss. The one-hour variety show will include sketches and music by such noted performers as Sir John Gielgud, Lily Tomlin, Henry Winkler, Lisa Bonet and an assortment of animated Disney characters.

## Public Encouraged to Write for a Free Copy of Booklet

Hundreds of Living Legacies to the Constitution -- from gardens and trees to parks -- have been planned around the nation by government agencies, private organizations and individuals. To obtain a free copy of the Commission's *Plant a Living Legacy* booklet, which explains how individuals and groups can become involved in the program, complete the following form and return it to the Commission:

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Your name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address or Box Number \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Send this form to: Plant a Living Legacy  
Commission on the Bicentennial  
of the U.S. Constitution  
736 Jackson Place, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20503



## A Celebration for All Americans -- Events Around the Country

Spring Valley, Ohio, a Designated Bicentennial Community, and the Greene County Park Service are creating a park on the banks of the Little Miami River dedicated to the Constitution and to the early frontiersmen who helped settle the Northwest Territory. General George Rogers Clark, Daniel Boone and Simon Kenton passed through the area in 1787, on a military mission. The park will include an Ohio historical marker, to be dedicated to Clarks' military march on August 22, and a living legacy to the Constitution.



(From left to right) Fr. Val Peter and Marian Bergersen of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, State Sen. Brad Ashford, Nebraska Governor Kay Orr and Nebraska Bicentennial commissioners Julie Gray and Jack Shuet. The officials met to proclaim a "Sign on to the Constitution" weekend in Nebraska. (See story below.)

Dane County, Wis., a Designated Bicentennial Community, is toasting the Constitution in its 200th year with a special exhibit through September at the County Courthouse in Madison. Organized by the Dane County Cultural Affairs Commission and the local Bicentennial commission, the show -- titled "Checks and Balances: By Constitutional Design" -- features specially commissioned artworks by local artists, all based on the theme. Among the works, all by local artists, is one by nationally-known printmaker Warrington Colescott, called "First Amendment -- Exposure Through the Scrutiny of a Free Press."

The theme for the fourth annual Montgomery County, Md., Ethnic Heritage Festival will be "We the People...of Montgomery County," in honor of the Bicentennial. The festival will be held September 20 at Wheaton Regional Park in the county, which is a Designated Bicentennial Community. For information, contact Lisa Mandel-Trupp, Department of Family Resources, 101 Monroe Street, Rockville, Md. 20850. Or call (301) 738-3207.

Through a legislative resolution and a gubernatorial proclamation, July 3 - 5 has been officially proclaimed as "Sign-on to the Constitution" weekend in Nebraska. With the cooperation of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, people across the state will be provided with the opportunity to add their names to those of the original 39 signers to signify their appreciation and understanding of the Constitution.

Several other states and a number of cities have participated in similar programs.

Citizens of Lawrence County, Ohio, are packing their bags and hitting the trail in honor of the 200th birthday of the Constitution and the Northwest Ordinance. Under the leadership of Lawrence County Celebration Commission chairman Ray Howard, residents are planning an overnight wagon train journey from Proctorville to Hanging Rock August 8-9.

The trek will be a reminder of how the Northwest Ordinance and the Constitution made westward expansion possible for Americans.

The Synagogue Council of Delray Beach, Fla., celebrated Flag Day and Freedom Day in mid-June with a special "We the People 200" program at Temple Emeth, in honor of the Bicentennial. Over 600 congregants attended the ceremony, most of them senior citizens.

Participants in the program included interdominational clergy from the community and the attorney general for Florida, Robert Butterworth.

A two-day conference on "Freedom Fettered: Blacks and the Constitutional Era in Maryland, 1776 - 1810," will be held at Morgan State University in Baltimore, Md., on October 1 - 2. The conference will examine various aspects of Afro-American life in Maryland during the early years of the American republic. The conference is a cooperative effort of Morgan State and the Maryland Historical Society, Commission on Afro-American History and Culture, Hall of Records and Humanities Council. For information, contact Elaine Breslaw at (301) 444-3344.

## Special Listing: State Constitution Bicentennial Commissions

The 50 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands have all formed Bicentennial Commissions to oversee the celebration of the Constitution's 200th anniversary within their respective borders. Following is a listing of these commissions, with their addresses and telephone numbers:



Illinois Secretary of State Jim Edgar (right) presents Mayor of Dixon, Ill., James Dixon an award for having one of the first 50 Designated Bicentennial Communities in the nation. There are now over 1,200 DBCs across the nation.

Alabama Bicentennial Task Force  
Governor's Office  
State Capitol  
Montgomery, Ala. 36130  
(205) 261-4361

Alaska Commission to Celebrate the U.S. Constitution  
Office of Management and Budget  
Office of the Governor  
P.O. Box AM  
Juneau, Alaska 99811  
(907) 465-3568

Arizona Commission on the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution  
Arizona Bar Association  
363 North 1st Avenue  
Phoenix, Ariz. 85003  
(602) 254-9163

Arkansas Constitution Bicentennial Commission  
Office of the Governor  
State Capitol  
Little Rock, Ark. 72201  
(501) 371-2345

State of California Commission on the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution  
700 North Brand Boulevard, Ste. 550  
Glendale, Calif. 91203  
(818) 502-1791

Colorado Commission on the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution  
7951 East Maplewood Avenue, Ste. 327  
Englewood, Colo. 80111  
(303) 694-9428

U.S. Constitution Bicentennial Commission for the State of Connecticut  
City Place, 35th Floor  
Hartford, Conn. 06103  
(203) 522-1216

Delaware Heritage Commission  
Carvel State Office Building, 3rd Floor  
820 North French Street  
Wilmington, Del. 19801  
(302) 652-6662

U.S. Constitutional Bicentennial Commission of Florida  
Knott Building  
Florida Department of Education  
Tallahassee, Fla. 32399  
(904) 487-1022

Georgia Commission on the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution  
Secretary of State's Office  
214 State Capitol  
Atlanta, Ga. 30334  
(404) 656-2869

Hawaii Bicentennial Commission  
P.O. Box 26  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96810  
(808) 531-8031

Constitution Bicentennial Commission of Idaho  
217 West State Street  
Boise, Idaho 83720  
(208) 345-1990

Committee to Commemorate the U.S. Constitution in Illinois  
75 East Wacker Drive, Ste. 2100  
Chicago, Ill. 60601  
(312) 726-4853, 726-8775

Indiana Commission on the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution  
Indiana State Library  
140 North Senate  
Indianapolis, Ind. 46204  
(317) 232-3692

Iowa State Commission on the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution  
c/o State Historical Society of Iowa  
402 Iowa Avenue  
Iowa City, Iowa 52240  
(319) 335-3917

Kansas Commission on the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution  
P.O. Box 4929  
Topeka, Kan. 66604  
(913) 235-1787

U.S. Constitution Celebration Project  
Kentucky Department of Education  
Capitol Plaza Tower  
Frankfort, Ky. 40601  
(502) 564-2106

Louisiana Commission on the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution  
P.O. Box 51388  
New Orleans, La. 70151  
(504) 568-5707

Maine Commission to Commemorate the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution  
P.O. Box 4820, Downtown Station  
Portland, Me. 04112  
(207) 879-4792



## Special Listing: State Constitution Bicentennial Commissions

Maryland Office for the Bicentennial of the Constitution of the United States c/o Maryland State Archives Hall of Records, Box 828 Annapolis, Md. 21404 (301) 269-3914	State of New Hampshire Bicentennial Commission on the U.S. Constitution Middletown Road Wolfeboro, N.H. 03894 (603) 569-1827	Oregon Governor's Commission on the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution Circuit Court of Oregon 4th Judicial District Multnomah County Courthouse 1021 Southwest 4th Avenue, Room 206 Portland, Ore. 97204 (503) 248-3198
Massachusetts Advisory Commission to Commemorate the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution State House, Room 114 Boston, Mass. 02133 (617) 727-2068	Constitutional Bicentennial Commission of New Jersey Ramapo College 505 Ramapo Valley Road, Room G431 Mahwah, New Jersey 07430 (201) 529-7401	Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Commission on the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution c/o Pennsylvania Department of Education 333 Market Street Harrisburg, Penn. 17126 (717) 787-7133
Michigan Commission on the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution Department of Management and Budget Lewis Cass Building, 1st Floor Lansing, Mich. 48909 (517) 373-1004	New Mexico Diamond Jubilee/U.S. Constitution Bicentennial Commission 325 Don Gaspar Santa Fe, New Mexico 87503 (505) 827-3800	Puerto Rico Commission on the Bicentennial of the Constitution of the United States Call Box 22-A, Hato Rey Station Hato Rey, Puerto Rico 00919 (809) 763-7319
Minnesota Commission on the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution 200 Ford Building 117 University Avenue St. Paul, Minn. 55155 (612) 296-8997	New York State Commission on the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution Cultural Education Center, Room 9D30 Empire State Plaza Albany, New York 12230 (518) 473-6191	Rhode Island Bicentennial Foundation 189 Wickenden Street Providence, R.I. 02903 (401) 861-5656, 272-1776
U.S. Constitution Bicentennial Commission of Mississippi P.O. Box 139 Jackson, Miss. 39205 (601) 359-3100	Northwest Ordinance and U.S. Constitution Bicentennial Commission (of Ohio) 1987 Velma Avenue Columbus, Ohio 43211 (614) 297-2371	U.S. Constitution Bicentennial Commission of South Carolina Department of Archives and History P.O. Box 11669 Columbia, S.C. 29211 (803) 734-8591
U.S. Constitution Bicentennial Commission of Missouri State Capitol Building, Room 116-3 Jefferson City, Mo. 65101 (314) 751-5938	North Carolina Commission on the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution Jordan House 532 North Wilmington Street Raleigh, N.C. 27604 (919) 733-2050	South Dakota Centennial Commission State Library 800 Governor's Drive Pierre, S.D. 57501 (605) 773-3131
Montana Constitutional Connections Committee Statehood Centennial Office P.O. Box 1989, Capitol Station Helena, Mont. 59620 (406) 444-1989	North Dakota Constitution Celebration Commission Supreme Court of North Dakota State Capitol Building Bismarck, N.D. 58505 (701) 224-2689	U.S. Constitution Bicentennial Commission of Tennessee c/o Tennessee State Museum James K. Polk State Office Building 505 Deaderick Street Nashville, Tenn. 37219 (615) 741-0825
U.S. Constitution Bicentennial Commission of Nebraska Varner Hall, Room 219 3835 Holdrege Street Lincoln, Neb. 68583 (402) 472-2111, ext. 320	Constitution 200 (Oklahoma) Department of Political Science University of Oklahoma 455 West Lindsay Street Norman, Okla. 73019 (405) 325-5910 or Constitution 200 (Oklahoma) Tulsa Junior College 909 South Boston Tulsa, Oklahoma 74119 (918) 587-6561, ext. 172	Texas Commission on the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution P.O. Box 2066 Brownsville, Texas 78520 (512) 548-2570
Nevada Commission on the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution Supreme Court, Capitol Complex Carson City, Nev. 89710 (702) 885-5176		Governor's Commission on Law and Citizenship 110 State Capitol Building Salt Lake City, Utah 84114 (801) 533-5841

## Special Listing: State Constitution Bicentennial Commissions

Vermont Statehood Bicentennial Commission Resolution 1 Mill Street Burlington, Vermont 05401 (802) 862-8881	Constitutions Committee, Washington Centennial Commission 111 West 21st/KL-12 Olympia, Wash. 98504 (206) 586-0373	Wyoming Commission on the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution Herschler Building 1st Floor, East Wing 122 West 25th Cheyenne, Wyo. 82002 (307) 777-5846
Virginia Commission on the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution 207 Minor Hall Institute of Government University of Virginia Charlottesville, Va. 22903 (804) 924-3396	U.S. Constitution Bicentennial Commission of West Virginia Department of Culture and History Cultural Center Capitol Complex Charleston, W.V. 25305 (304) 348-0220	
U.S. Constitution Bicentennial Commission of the Virgin Islands Virgin Islands Humanities Council P.O. Box 1829 St. Thomas, Virgin Islands 00801 (809) 776-4044	Wisconsin Bicentennial Committee on the Constitution Wisconsin Bar Center P.O. Box 7158 Madison, Wis. 53707 (608) 257-3838	

Like the national Commission, state Bicentennial commissions have been created to coordinate and recognize the creation of Constitution-related projects within their regions. Individuals and organizations developing such plans, especially programs with a local or statewide emphasis, are encouraged to contact their state commission.

## Special Listing: Official Designated Bicentennial Communities

The number of Designated Bicentennial Communities (DBC's) nationwide has climbed above 1,200, and is growing at a rate of about 200 per month. DBC's are counties, cities or towns that have formed local commissions dedicated to coordinating Bicentennial plans within their communities, and which have been officially recognized by their state commissions and by the national Commission. Following is a listing of the first 1,200 DBC's:

<b>Alabama:</b> Alabaster, Asheville, Athens/ Limestone County, Bay Minette, Collinsville, Cullman, Demopolis, Dothan, Gadsden/ Etowah County, Gardendale, Greensboro, Huntsville/Madison County, Jacksonville and Montgomery. <b>Alaska:</b> Fairbanks, Haines, Houston, Kenai, St. Paul, Sitka and Wasilla. <b>Arizona:</b> Benson, Bisbee, Buckeye, Duncan, Eagar, Gilbert, Glendale, Holbrook, Kingman, Mesa, Payson, Pinetop/Lakeside, Prescott, St. Johns, Scottsdale, Show Low, Snowflake, Tempe, Tucson, Willcox, Winslow, Youngtown and Yuma. <b>Arkansas:</b> Blytheville, Fort Smith, Hazen, Jacksonville, Parkin, Shirley and Wynne.	Cheshire, Coventry, Darien, Derby, East Hampton, Kent, Lebanon, Litchfield, Madison, Meriden, Naugatuck, Newington, Old Saybrook, Salisbury, Southbury, Stamford, Union, Voluntown, Wallingford, West Hartford, West Haven, Westbrook, Weston and Wethersfield. <b>Delaware:</b> Camden, Delaware City, Laurel, Leipsic, Milford, Millville, Milton, New Castle, Seaford, Smyrna, South Bethany and Townsend. <b>Florida:</b> Alachua County, Broward County, Cedar Key, Cocoa, Cocoa Beach, Coral Springs, Davie, Deerfield Beach, Dunedin, Eustis, Fort Lauderdale, Fort Myers, Fort Pierce, Hallandale, Hardee County, Holly Hill, Hypoluxo, Jacksonville, Key West/ Monroe County, Keystone Heights, Lake County, Lake Worth, Lakeland, Lauderhill, Longboat Key, Longwood, Manatee County, Melbourne, Miami Shores, Mulberry, Naples, Niceville, North Bay Village, North Palm Beach, Oakland Park, Ocala, Ocoee, Orlando/Orange County, Palm Bay, Pembroke Pines, Pensacola, Pinellas County, Pinellas Park, Port Saint Lucie, Redington Shore, Safety Harbor, Saint Augustine, Satellite Beach, Tallahassee/Leon County, Venice, Waldo, Wauchula and West Melbourne.	Chattahoochee County, Chattooga County, Cherokee County, Clay County, Cobb County/Kennesaw College, Cochran/Bleckley County, Colquitt/Miller County, Columbia County, Cook County, Coweta County, Crawford County, Crisp County, Dade County, Darien/McIntosh County, Dawson County, DeKalb County, Dooly County, Dougherty County, Effingham County, Elbert County, Ellaville/Schley County, Emanuel County, Evans County, Fannin County, Fayette County, Forsythe County, Franklin County, Fulton County, Gainesville/Hall County, Gilmer County, Glascock County, Glynn County, Grady County, Greene County, Griffin/Spaulding County, Gwinnett County, Habersham County, Haralson County, Harris County, Hartwell/Hart County, Heard County, Henry County, Houston County, Irwin County, Jackson/Butts County, Jeff Davis County, Jenkins County, Johnson County, Lamar County, Lanier County, Lee County, Macon/Bibb County, Macon County, McDuffie County, Meriwether County, Milledgeville/Baldwin County, Mitchell County, Morgan County, Murray County, Oconee County, Oglethorpe County, Paulding County, Peach County, Pembroke/ Bryan County, Pickens County, Pierce County, Rabun County, Randolph County, Rockdale County, Rome/Floyd County, Screven County, Statesboro/ Bulloch County, Stewart County, Taliaferro County, Tattnall County, Telfair County, Terrell County, Tift County, Toccoa/Stephens County, Towns County, Treutlen County, Troup County, Union County,
<b>California:</b> Alameda, Arcadia, Azusa, Big Bear Lake, Camarillo, Costa Mesa, Cupertino, Del Mar, El Dorado County, El Segundo, Fresno, Glendale, Huntington Beach, Kern County, La Habra, La Mirada, Lafayette, Lancaster, Lawndale, Los Angeles, Manhattan Beach, Manteca, Menlo Park, Millbrae, Milpitas, Montebello, Nevada City, Piedmont, Plymouth, Rancho Palos Verdes, Redlands, Sacramento/Sacramento County, San Bernardino, San Clemente, San Diego County, San Juan Capistrano, San Marcos, San Mateo, San Mateo County, Santa Fe Springs, Santa Monica, South Pasadena, Thousand Oaks, Tracy, Tulare, Vista, Ventura County and Westminster.	<b>Georgia:</b> Alma/Bacon County, Americus/Sumter County, Appling County, Athens/Clarke County, Atkinson County, Augusta/Richmond County, Barrow County, Bartow County, Ben Hill County, Berrien County, Brantley County, Burke County, Calhoun/Gordon County, Camden County, Carroll County, Catoosa County, Chatham County,	
<b>Colorado:</b> Boulder County, Clear Creek County, Colorado Springs, La Junta, Larimer County, Northglenn and Weld County. <b>Connecticut:</b> Beacon Falls, Bethlehem,		



## Special Listing: Official Designated Bicentennial Communities

Walker County, Ware County, Wayne County, Webster County, Whitfield County and Worth County.

**Idaho:** Bonneville County, McCall, Pocatello and Weston. **Illinois:** Aledo, Ashton, Bloomington/Normal, Bollingbrook, Bradford, Canton, Carbon Cliff, Chebanse, Clarendon Hills, Crestwood, Dixon, Downers Grove, Dwight, East Alton, Elia, Flora, Forest Park, Fox Lake, Fulton County, Galesburg, Glenwood, Homewood, Indian Head Park, Itasca, Kendall County, Knoxville, Lansing, La Grange Park, Lee, LeRoy, Lincolnwood, Livingston, Maine, Matteson, McHenry County, Merrionette Park, Morton Grove, Mount Prospect, Murphysboro, Northbrook, Ogle County, Orion, Orland Park, Peoria, Quincy, Rantoul, River Forest, Riverside, Rockford/Winnebago County, Round Lake Beach, Sandwich, Schaumburg, Schiller Park, South Pekin, South Roxana, Stickney, Streamwood, Swansea, Thomson, Tinley Park, Vernon Hills, Warrenville, Wenona, West Chicago, Wheeling, Wilington and Woodlawn. **Indiana:** Attica, Bicknell, Bloomington, Brownsburg, Carroll County, Cedar Lake, Chandler, Covington, Crawfordsville/Montgomery County, East Chicago, Elkhart, Evansville, Greenfield, Hagerstown, Hammond, Huntingburg, Indianapolis, Kokomo, Jennings County, Lebanon/Boone County, Lincoln City, Lowell, Michigan City, Mishawaka, Monticello, Montpelier, Muncie, Noblesville, Parke County, Peru, Pulaski County, Richmond, Salem, South Bend, Syracuse, Tell City, Vincennes and Wakarusa.

**Iowa:** Clarion, Decorah, Evely, North Liberty and Rodney. **Kansas:** Concordia, Hillsboro, Johnson County, Plainville, Salina and Topeka. **Kentucky:** Campbellsville/Taylor County, Carrollton, Danville, Elkton, Elsmere, Eminence, Franklin/Simpson County, Hartford, Louisville/Jefferson County, Madisonville/Hopkins County, Monticello, Owensboro, Paducah, Radcliff and Shelbyville. **Louisiana:** Baton Rouge, Bogalusa, Delhi, Denham Springs, DeQuincy, Eunice, Gonzales, Jamestown, Lafayette, Lake Charles, Mangham, Monroe, New Orleans, Opelousas, Ouachita Parish, Port Barre, Ruston, Shreveport, Slidell, Ville Platte, West Carroll Parish and West Monroe. **Maine:** Alna, Bangor, Bar Harbor, Bath, Berwick, Camden/Rockport, Dresden, East Millinocket, Hebron, Hermon, Jay, Kennebunk, Livermore Falls, Ocean Park, Orono, Paris, Portland, Saco, Sanford, Sebobeis, Skowhegan, Topsham, Van Buren, Westbrook and Wilton.

**Maryland:** Annapolis, Calvert County, Caroline County, Charles County, Crisfield, Friendsville, Montgomery County, Prince George's County, Somerset County, Talbot County and Williamsport. **Massachusetts:** Attleboro, Ayer, Blackstone, Boston, Brookfield, Chicopee, Cohasset, Dennis, Dighton, Douglas, Dover, Dracut, Dudley, Fall River, Fitchburg, Gardner, Grafton, Harvard, Haverhill, Hingham, Holbrook, Hull, Lancaster, Leominster, Lexington, Lunenburg, Lynnfield, Marblehead, Marion, Marlboro, Mattapoisett, Medford, Middlefield, Middleton, Milford,

Milton, Needham, Newton, Northampton, Orleans, Palmer, Plainville, Provincetown, Rochester, Rowe, Salem, Salisbury, Stoneham, Sturbridge, Topsfield, Upton, Wakefield, Wareham, Warren, Webster, Wellfleet, Westborough, Westfield and Winthrop. **Michigan:** Beverly Hills, Crawford County, Flint/Genesee County, Grand Rapids/Kent County, Southfield, Swartz Creek and Wixom.

**Minnesota:** Bertha, Brainerd, Brooklyn Center, Brooklyn Park, Columbia Heights, Eagle Bend, Goodridge, Hopkins, Long Prairie, Madison, Moorhead/Clay County, Red Wing, Roseville, Rush City, Rushford and Winona. **Mississippi:** Biloxi, Calhoun City and Jackson County. **Missouri:** Albany, Atchison County, Belton, Blue Springs, Boone County, Branson, Bridgeton, Cape Girardeau, Chillicothe/Livingston County, Clayton, De Soto, East Prairie, El Dorado Springs, Ferguson, Garden City, Graham, Hamilton, Hannibal, Hermann, Higbee, Houston, Howell County, Huntsville, Independence, Jackson, Jamesport, Jefferson City, Kahoka, Kansas City, Kirksville/Adair County, Kimberling City, Lamar, Lathrop, Lockwood, Maryville, Moberly, Monett, Mount Vernon, New Madrid, Olivette, Osceola, Paris, Perryville, Poplar Bluff, St. Ann, St. Charles, St. Joseph, St. Louis, Sedalia, Sullivan, Tarkio, Warrensburg, Warrenton/ Warren County and Waverly. **Nebraska:** Aurora, Hartington, Logan County, North Platte, O'Neill, Plattsmouth, Scottsbluff/Gering, Seward and York.

**Nevada:** Henderson, Reno, Reno-Sparks Indian Colony and Sparks. **New Hampshire:** Alstead, Amherst, Antrim, Ashland, Berlin, Bethlehem, Bradford, Brentwood, Canaan, Candia, Gilford, Hampton, Hollis, Jefferson, Kingston, Lancaster, Landaff, Londonderry, Manchester, Meredith, Milford, Mt. Vernon, Nashua, New Castle, Orange, Orford, Ossipee, Rindge, Somersworth, Sullivan, Tamworth, Unity, Wakefield, Whitefield, Winchester and Wolfeboro. **New Jersey:** Atlantic City, Beach Haven, Bergen County, Berlin, Bloofield, Boonton, Burlington, Califon, Camden County, Chatham, Clementon, Closter, Cranford, Delran, Dover, Englewood, Gibbstown, Glen Ridge, Glen Rock, Gloucester County, Green, Hanover, Hazlet, Hightstown, Hunterdon County, Jefferson, Jersey City, Lawrence, Lower Alloways Creek, Lumberton, Manasquan, Mantua, Maplewood, Medford, Mendham, Middletown, Millburn, Monmouth County, Monroe (Gloucester County), Monroe (Middlesex County), Montclair, Morris County, Mount Olive, Mountinside, New Providence, Oakland, Ocean City, Old Bridge, Park Ridge, Ramsey, Ridgely Park, Roseland, Sandyston, Sea Isle City, South River, Spring Lake Heights, Teaneck, Wall and Woodbridge.

**New Mexico:** Alamogordo, Albuquerque, Aztec, Bosque Farms, Carlsbad, Gallup/McKinley County, Las Cruces, Lincoln County, Los Alamos County, Mesilla, Roswell, Santa Fe and Tucumcari. **New York:** Albany,

Bayville, Blooming Grove, Brighton, Broome County, Cedarhurst, Clinton, Concord, Dobbs Ferry, Dutchess County, East Fishkill, Forestburgh, Franklinville, Gouverneur, Greenburgh, Hopkinton, Huntington, Ilion, Johnson City, Kirkland, Lisle, Lynbrook, Mamaroneck, Marion, Mount Vernon, New York, Niskayuna, Northport, North Salem, North Tonawanda, Old Brookville, Orangetown, Oyster Bay, Pawling, Plattsburgh, Port Chester, Port Leyden, Port Jervis, Postdam, Prattsburg, Round Lake, Rye, Seneca Falls, Somers, Somerset, Southampton, South Glens Falls, Stockholm, Suffern, Suffolk County, Tonawanda, Tuckahoe, Waddington, Wadlington Village, Weedsport, Westchester County, Whitney Point and Youngtown. **North Carolina:** Alamance County, Alexander County, Beaufort County, Buncombe County, Caldwell County, Caswell County, Charlotte/ Mecklenburg County, Cherokee County, Cleveland County, Currituck County, Davidson County, Davie County, Duplin County, Edgecombe County, Elizabeth City/Pasquotank County, Gates County, Granville County, Harnett County, Haywood County, Henderson County, Herford County, Hoke County, Hyde County, Iredell County, Lenoir County, Onslow County, Pender County, Perquimans County, Polk County, Randolph County, Robeson County, Rockingham County, Rowan County, Rutherford County, Swain County, Transylvania County, Tyrrell County, Union County, Washington County, Wilkes County, Wilmington, Wilson County, Yadkin County and Yancey County.

**North Dakota:** Bismarck and Wahpeton. **Ohio:** Adams County, Adamsville, Ashland County, Aurora, Belpre, Berea, Canton, Chardon, Chillicothe/Ross County, Clermont County, Clyde, Columbus, Crawford County, Darke County, Dayton/Montgomery County, Defiance, East Liverpool, Edgerton, Euclid, Fairborn, Gallia County, Groveport, Hillsboro, Huber Heights, Jefferson County, Kettering, Killbuck, Knox County, Lakewood, Lawrence County, Licking County, Lorain County, Louisville, Mansfield/Richland County, Marietta, Marion County, Medina County, Meigs County, Mercer County, Middleburg Heights, Milford, Mingo Junction, Monroe County, Montgomery, Moraine, Mount Gilead, North Olmstead, Oberlin, Poland, St. Bernard, Solon, Spring Valley, Upper Arlington, Willoughby, Wintersville, Wood County and Woodlawn. **Oklahoma:** Ada, Agra, Broken Arrow, Chickasha, Collinsville, Del City, Duncan, Guthrie, LeFlore County, Marietta, McAlester, Midwest City, Norman, Pawnee, Sac and Fox Tribe of Indians, Sapulpa, Shattuck, Tatum, The Village and Tulsa.

**Oregon:** Ashland, Beaverton, Brookings, Canby, Clatskanie, Estacada, Hermiston, Hood River County, Independence, Jackson County, Klamath Falls, Molalla, Roseburg, Wilsonville and Yamhill County. **Pennsylvania:** Allegheny County, Blair County, Boyertown, Chester County, Clinton County, Delaware County, Fulton County,

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Mercer County, New Hope, Philadelphia, Pike County, Portage and West Chester Borough. **Puerto Rico:** San Juan. **South Carolina:** Aiken, Anderson/Anderson County, Cayce, Charleston, Greenwood County, Hilton Head Island, Landrum, Moncks Corner, Perry, Prosperity and Rock Hill. **South Dakota:** Madison, Sturgis and Wessington Springs. **Tennessee:** Athens, Atwood, Chattanooga, Cleveland/Bradley County, Clinton, Cross Plains, Dayton, East Ridge, Farragut, Galloway, Gatlinburg, Germantown, Hawkins County, Jackson, Johnson City, Knoxville/Knox County, Lakeland, Lawrenceburg, Manchester, Memphis/Shelby County, Polk County, Powell's Crossroads, Red Bank, Tipton County and Woodland Mills.

**Texas:** Bay City, Breckenridge, Brownsville, Blanco, Blanket, Denton, Eagle Pass, Fairfield, Forest Hill, Grand Prairie, Grayson County, La Grulla, Llano County, Martin County, Mesquite, North Richland Hills, Odessa/Ector County, Panola County, Plainview, Shoresacres, Springtown, Stafford, Terrell Hills and Tyler. **Utah:** Big Water, Blanding, Brigham City, Cache County, Cedar City, Davis County, Duchesne County, Green River, Honeysville,

Kanab, Kaysville/Fruit Heights, La Verkin, Manila, Murray, North Salt Lake, Orem, Park City, Payson, Price, Providence, Provo, River Heights, Roy, St. George, Salt Lake City, Salt Lake County, Sandy, Sanpete County, Spanish Fork, Syracuse, Uintah County, Utah County, Washington Terrace and West Jordan. **Vermont:** Arlington, Athens, Castleton, Middlebury, Plainfield, Rutland, Windsor and Winhall.

**Virginia:** Alexandria, Allegheny County, Augusta County, Bluefield, Buckingham County, Carroll County, Charles City County, Charlotte County, Charlottesville/ Albemarle County, Chesapeake, Chesterfield County, Chincoteague, Clifton Forge, Colonial Heights, Covington, Essex County, Fairfax County, Fauquier County, Fluvanna County, Franklin, Gloucester County, Hampton, Hanover County, Harrisonburg/ Rockingham County, Highland County, Hopewell, Loudoun County, Lynchburg, Manassas Park, New Kent County, Nottoway County, Orange County, Petersburg, Portsmouth, Prince Edward County, Prince George County, Prince William County, Roanoke/Roanoke County, Salem, Smyth County, South Boston, Staunton, Suffolk, Virginia Beach, Washington County,

Westmoreland County, Williamsburg/James City County and York County. **Washington:** Adams County, Asotin County, Clallam County, Clark County, Dayton/Columbia County, Grant County, Grays Harbor County, Kittitas County, Lincoln County, Pierce County, San Juan County, Snohomish County, Spokane County, Stevens County, Tacoma, Thurston County, Walla Walla County, Wahkiakum County, Yakima and Yakima County.

**West Virginia:** Aurora, Fairmont, Nitro, Parkersburg, Point Pleasant, Shepardstown, Sistersville and Vienna. **Wisconsin:** Albany, Alma, Ashland, Beloit, Brookfield, Cottage Grove, Dane County, Delavan, Elm Grove, Hartford, Kewaskum, Marinette County, Menomonie, Neenah, Oak Creek, Oshkosh, Sheboygan County, Stevens Point/Portage County, Stratford, Tigerton, Tomah, Two Rivers, Winnebago County, Wisconsin Dells and Woodville. **Wyoming:** Basin, Casper, Cheyenne, Cody, Dubois, Evanston, Gillette, Green River, Kemmerer, Laramie, Lovell, Lusk, Manderson, Rawlins, Saratoga, Sheridan, Shoshoni, Thermopolis, Torrington/Goshen County and Washakie County.

### New Bicentennial Releases...

Garland Publishers Inc. of New York has published a 20-volume series reproducing over 450 of the most important articles on America's Constitutional and legal history. Titled *United States Constitutional and Legal History*, the series of articles -- from some of the best known scholarly reviews and journals in the U.S. -- was edited by legal scholar Kermit L. Hall.

Individual volumes are separately priced. For more information, contact Garland Publishing Inc., 136 Madison Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10016. Or call (212) 686-7492.

A Bicentennial edition of *American Freedoms: A Bicentennial Essay on the Bill of Rights*, first published in 1974, has been re-released by William S. Hein & Co., Inc. Written by Gray L. Dorsey, noted professor of law at Washington University, St. Louis, the book examines the common faith in our system of governance that allows the Constitution and the judicial

system to function. Contact Hein & Co., Inc., 1285 Main Street, Buffalo, N.Y. 14209.

Barnes & Noble Books, a division of Harper & Row, is publishing *A Cartoon Guide to the Constitution of the United States* this summer, to be sold for \$5.95. The book, created by New York-based cartoonist Eric Lurio, takes the reader on an entertaining tour of the Constitution, Article by Article.

Richard Vetterli and Gary Bryner, professors of political science at Brigham Young University in Utah, have written a study on the concept of public virtue in Western civilization, to show the intellectual and ethical forces that have influenced our Constitutional system. Published by Rowman & Littlefield, the book is titled *In Search of the Republic: Public Virtue and the Roots of American Government*. Rowman & Littlefield is located at 81 Adams Drive, Totowa, N.J. 07512.

## Influence of Indians Studied in Program

Native Americans are set to join those whose families made it to this country by other means in honoring Constitutionalism in this country. The Institute for the Development of Indian Law and the Administration for Native Americans (part of the Department of Health and Human Services) have created an "American Indians and the U.S. Constitution" program, to examine the influences of American Indian tribes and governments on the Constitution.

The primary focus of the project is on the influence of American Indians on our republican concepts of initiative, recall, referendum and equal suffrage, as well as self-government.. The Institute, located at 1104 Glyndon Street, S.E., Vienna, Va. 22180, has informational material on the project, including a paperback book by Kirke Kickingbird titled *The American Indian and the U.S. Constitution*.





In part of a recently instituted command-wide Bicentennial program, members of the 81st U.S. Army Reserve Command's 7th Battalion, 9th Field Artillery, reaffirm their allegiance to the Constitution during their annual training at Camp Blanding, Fla.

## Photographic Project Honors Bicentennial

College professors and students from over a dozen educational institutions nationwide participated in a photographic project keyed to the Constitution Bicentennial celebration and titled "America's Uncommon Places: The Blessings of Liberty."

## Ursinus College to Study Antecedents

The 18th annual meeting of the East-Central/American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies will focus on Constitution this year, in honor of the Bicentennial. Scheduled for October 30-31 at Ursinus College, Collegeville, Penn., the theme for the conference will be "We the People. The American Constitution: Its Cultural Sources and Antecedents in Eighteenth-Century Europe and America."

The meeting will feature an exhibit in Fetterolf House of documents relating to the creation of the Constitution, a performance of Haydn's "Creation," and a performance of Susannah Centlivres' play "The Busie Body."

For more information, contact Dr. Peter F. Perreten, Department of English, Ursinus College, Collegeville, Penn. 19426. Or call (215) 489-4111, ext. 2442.

The program, sponsored by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the Society for Photographic Education, and KBDI-TV Broomfield, Colo., was made possible by a grant from Eastman Kodak Company. Teams of photographers focused on 16 historic sites, including factories, bridges, company towns and a synagogue -- each of which represents an important aspect of the nation's growth under the Constitution.

Sixty of the photos will be exhibited at the National Trust's annual conference in Washington, D.C., starting October 6. Following the photographic exhibit's debut, it will travel to major American cities, accompanied by a video account of the program produced by KBDI-TV.

Local National Trust chapters are distributing a catalogue of the exhibit, and KBDI-TV will feature the project on public television.

## Guide for Humanities Projects Available

The Federation of State Humanities Councils, with a \$29,800 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, has prepared a new publication that offers ideas, plans and a step-by-step guide to help groups interested in sponsoring local public Bicentennial programs.

## Hawaiians Work on Public Awareness

The League of Women Voters of Hawaii Education Fund and KHON-TV2 Honolulu are co-sponsoring "...the blessings of liberty..." a series of public service announcements (PSAs) to commemorate the Bicentennial of the Constitution. Twelve 60-second spots are being aired from June through August on KHON-TV2.

The League is also co-sponsoring with KHVH Newsradio 99 (Honolulu) a series of radio PSAs called "The Blessings of Liberty." The one-minute spots are running daily through September 15, 1988.

## Commission, NNA Create Supplement

The Commission on the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution and the National Newspaper Association (NNA) are co-sponsoring publication of an informational and educational newspaper supplement, scheduled for release in July.

The 12-page tabloid is available to the NNA's membership, over 5,000 daily and weekly newspapers nationwide. The supplement, written by the Commission and published by the NNA, will have space for local papers to insert articles on events and programs happening in their community and state.

For information, contact Albert Smith at the NNA, 1627 K Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006.

**Celebrating the Constitution: A Guide for Public Programs in the Humanities** details projects that can be organized by local civic groups, schools, universities and libraries. Copies of the guide may be purchased from the Federation at 1012 14th Street, N.W., Suite 207, Washington, D.C. 20005.

## Debate Competition Set in Pennsylvania

The Legislative Bicentennial Subcommittee of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the state's General Assembly are co-sponsoring a 1987 Statewide Constitution Debate Competition, to be held in the fall in honor of the creation and ratification of the Constitution. Arranged with the assistance of the state Department of Education and the Jefferson Foundation, the contest is open to Pennsylvania students in grades 9-12 during the 1987-88 school year.

The competition will culminate in a reenactment of the ratification convention in Harrisburg, Penn., on December 9-12. For information, contact the Legislative Bicentennial Subcommittee at the Main Capitol Building, Room 145, Harrisburg, Penn. 17120, or call (717) 783-7521.

## Religious Leaders Meet, Discuss Plans for 200th

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Amendment's guarantee of freedom of worship, though some will be on Article IV's prohibition of religious tests for serving in public office.

The national Commission is working with religious groups and houses of worship to encourage nationwide participation in two major projects, a Constitution Weekend program and a Bell Ringing event. The former will include sermons over the weekends of September 11-13 and 18-20 that focus on the Constitution, while the latter will consist of churches ringing their bells and chimes on September 17, the time of the signing of the Constitution 200 years ago.

For more information on these programs, contact Max Andrews, Project Coordinator for private programs at the national Commission.



As part of a Bicentennial program, the Louisiana Supreme Court hears an oral argument at Benjamin Franklin High School in New Orleans. Justice James L. Dennis (second from left), chairman of the Louisiana Bicentennial commission, listens as Chief Justice John A. Dixon (center), also a member of the commission, questions the attorney.

## WNEV, Scholastic Reward Creativity Finalists Selected for Classroom Contest

Scholastic UPDATE magazine and WNEV-TV Boston announced the five finalists in their nationwide "Constitution in the Classroom" Bicentennial Awards competition. The contest encouraged innovative teaching projects that will help high school students understand the Constitution.

Social studies classes in ninth, 10th and 11th grades nationwide participated in the competition. The winning class projects were those of teachers Charles Canning of North Lehigh High School (Slatington, Penn.); Greg Clevenger of Adams High School (Rochester, Mich.); Barbara DeRobbio of New England Academy of Torah (Providence, R.I.); Jacqueline Neal-Sharp of Shaw High School (East Cleveland, Ohio); and Corrine Wright of Hunters Lane High School (Nashville, Tenn.).

Among the finalists' projects:

- A mock Constitutional Convention.
- A tribute to senior citizens and their impact on the Constitution.
- A public opinion poll on Constitutional issues.
- A 90-minute audio-visual presentation of life in 1787 America.

- A series of "rap" song recordings on what the Constitution means for Americans in 1987.

Finalists will travel with a student from their class to Boston for the Bicentennial celebrations in mid-September, to take part in Constitutional workshops and appear in a television special.

## Commission Grants Additional Licenses

Following is a list of the most recent companies licensed by the national Commission to manufacture and market products using the official logo of the Constitution Bicentennial:

- Knowledge Products, Nashville, Tenn. (615-889-6223): video, audio cassette tapes.
- Stonyfield Display Inc., White Plains, N.Y. (914-993-0700): poster and booklet.
- Texoma Leather & Brass, Denison, Texas (214-786-6131): belt buckle, coasters, key rings.
- Touch of Glass, Moundsville, W.V. (304-845-0552): glassware and crystal.
- Weiner, Jennings & Vane, Washington, D.C. (202-543-5525): lucite desk ornament.
- Watercrest China Inc., Nanuet, N.Y. (914-623-1777): eagle plate and poster.



## States Study Own Links to Constitution

### Pennsylvania Exhibit

Pennsylvanians are getting used to seeing a 45-foot tractor trailer parked in shopping malls and schools around the state. The truck is carrying a Constitutional exhibit titled "Indeed It Is Just Beginning: The U. S. Constitution," funded by Mellon Bank in honor of the Bicentennial celebration.

The mobile museum was launched in January, and will tour Pennsylvania for a period of two years. The subject of the exhibit is the Constitution Convention of 1787. Visitors are educated on Pennsylvania's role through the use of graphics, photographs, posters, models and audio-visual displays developed by the State Museum.

### Delaware Exhibit

Visitors to Delaware over the next half year will have the opportunity to explore the lifestyle of 18th-century citizens of that state, at an exhibit titled "Life in Delaware in the 1780s."

The exhibit, which opened March 24, will run through January 8, 1988. It is sponsored by the Historical Society of Delaware and can be seen at the Old Town Hall Museum, 512 Market Street, in Wilmington. Among the topics examined in the exhibit are the lifestyles of poor farmers, middle-class merchants and wealthy landed gentlemen in Delaware during the Constitutional era. A slide show accompanies the exhibit.



School Pictures, Inc., of Jackson, Miss., is promoting the Bicentennial of the Constitution through a program of educational lesson plans and photography. The firm, which works through a nationwide network of independent franchise dealers, is increasing millions of American schoolchildren's awareness of the Constitution's Bicentennial with portraits like the sample above.

## Store Announces Its Contest Champions

Strawbridge & Clothier, a large department chain with stores in Delaware, Pennsylvania and New Jersey, has announced the winners of its Constitution Essay contest. Over 13,500 eighth-grade students from 487 schools in the nine Delaware Valley counties participated, reading the Constitution and then writing a 500-word essay on why the Constitution is alive and well.

County winners will each receive a \$4000 college scholarship. Recipients include:

**Delaware:** Karen Kayetta of New Castle. **New Jersey:** Kimberly Walters of Burlington, Matthew Tallman of Camden and Jeffrey Pierantozzi of Gloucester. **Pennsylvania:** Nicholas Magilton of Bucks, Jacqueline York of Chester, Anne Paul of Delaware, Maureen Nelson of Montgomery and Alana Marie Hoffman of Philadelphia.

## NEH-funded Education Projects Continue

Following is a partial listing of educational seminars and institutes on the Constitution, funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities or its affiliate state humanities councils, and scheduled to start in July:

July 6: Start of a three-week institute,

## Columbia to Host Major Conference

Columbia University in New York City will host a major international symposium on the Constitution in late 1987, which will include a number of participants from around the world. Chief Justice of the United States William H. Rehnquist and Associate Justice William J. Brennan Jr. are expected to be among the participants.

The conference, titled "The Influence of the U.S. Constitution Abroad," is scheduled for November 19-21. Judges from Britain, France, West Germany, Japan, Canada and other countries have been invited.

- July 6: Start of a four-week seminar, "Thomas Jefferson: The Intellectual on a Mission," at Fordham Univ., New York City, for secondary school teachers.
- July 20: Start of a three-week institute, "Understanding the Constitution," at the Univ. of Florida, for 30 secondary school teachers.
- July 20: Start of a three-week seminar, "The Genius of the American Constitution," at Colorado College in Colorado Springs, for law school professors.
- July 27: Start of a one-week institute, "The 1787 Constitutional Convention: Background, Conflicts and Resolution," at Univ. of Hawaii at Manoa, Honolulu, for secondary school teachers and the public.
- July 24: Start of a three-week seminar, "The Origins of Constitutional Supremacy," at New York Univ., for law school professors.

## Re-created Flagship Ready for Parade

A re-created *Federalist* -- the three-masted miniature ship that was built originally in 1788 by the business community of Baltimore, Md., to honor Maryland's ratification of the Constitution -- will make its national debut on a horse-drawn cart in Philadelphia on September 17 as Maryland's entry in the National Constitution Parade.

The symbolic ship of state will be the centerpiece of Maryland's four-year Bicentennial celebration. The re-creation of the *Federalist* is being undertaken by the Maryland Federalist Foundation, chaired by John Driggs of The Driggs Corporation. The Foundation is working in cooperation with the Maryland Office of the Bicentennial.

The little flagship is expected to tour schools, neighborhood museums, country fairs and other sites in Maryland and selected national events. The ship will be retired to a maritime museum in 1991.

## Managers to Look at Past and Future

Public managers will be looking to the future as well as the past at the 1987 Northeast Regional Conference of the American Society of Public Administration. This year's Region I and II conference plans to celebrate 400 years of American Constitutionalism, focusing on the theme "1787 - 2187 -- The Future Starts Now: Public Managers and the Constitution."

The conference will be held at the Roosevelt Hotel in New York City from October 11-13. For more information, contact Stephen Rolandi, Vice President, New York Metropolitan ASPA, at 7304 18th Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11204. Or telephone Dr. Michael Gershowitz, President of the New York Metropolitan Chapter, at (718) 403-1070.

## The Chairman's Corner...

Two centuries ago this month a pivotal event in American history occurred -- not in Philadelphia, where the Convention was being held, but in New York City. On July 13, the Continental Congress adopted the Northwest Ordinance, an enactment little known today by most Americans. It promised a system of government for the Old Northwest Territory, a region of six-and-a-half million acres northwest of the Ohio River.

The Ordinance has been called the third greatest document in American history, after the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence. It provided for the eventual division of the Northwest Territory into three to five states. Eventually five states and part of a sixth were carved out -- Ohio, Illinois, Michigan, Indiana, Wisconsin and part of Minnesota -- and admitted to the Union after attaining a population of 60,000 each.

The people of those states were guaranteed a bill of rights, including the right to freedom of worship, trial by jury and security of contract. The Ordinance stated that "schools and the means of education shall be forever encouraged" in the territory. Very significantly, it banned slavery and opened the way for the systematic, orderly migration of American homesteaders westward.

The timing of the Northwest Ordinance was fortunate, coming as

it did during the Philadelphia Convention. One of the great concerns of some delegates to that Convention was the issue of admitting new states. Few countries granted newly-gained territories equal political or social status; the old pattern was for such territories to become colonies or vassal states. And some delegates to the Convention feared that new states of the western territories would politically overpower the original states.

But others, including James Madison, Roger Sherman, and James Wilson, saw the importance of bringing future states into the Union as equals, and the Convention chose to follow the lead of the Continental Congress. The result was Article IV of the Constitution, which allows new states to enter the Union, guarantees each new state the right to a republican form of government, and ensures that the citizens of new states are granted the same rights and privileges as citizens of the other states.

The Northwest Ordinance is displayed alongside the Constitution in the "Freedom Trailer," which will visit more than 100 cities in 1987.

*William E. Burger*

Chief Justice of the United States, 1969-1986  
Chairman of the Commission

## Bronx Commemorates Ties to Constitution

The Bronx County Historical Society likes to note that if Convention delegate Gouverneur Morris were alive today, his home would be in the Bronx. Therefore, in honor of the Bicentennial and Morris' significant contributions to the Constitution, the Society has published *Signers of the Constitution*, a 128-page book.

Written by C. Edward Quinn, a

professor at Manhattan College, the book examines the personalities, careers, and motives of each of the signers of the document, and includes biographies and original sketches of each.

The book is available for \$12 from the Society, which is located at 3309 Bainbridge Avenue, Bronx, New York 10467. Or call (212) 881-8900.



## Calendar of Bicentennial Events

July 1:	Start of one-year traveling "Liberty's Legacy -- Our Celebration of the Northwest Ordinance and the Constitution" exhibit, at Ohio Historical Society, Columbus, through August.	observance of the Northwest Ordinance's guarantee of freedom of worship.	Youth Leadership Council.
July 3-5:	Freedom Festival in Philadelphia, commemorating the Bicentennial.	July 11: American Legion Constitutional Parade on Ben Franklin Parkway in Philadelphia.	July 16: Special delegation of Congress meets at Independence Hall in Philadelphia to commemorate Great Compromise.
July 4:	National Independence Day Parade and Festival, dedicated to the Constitution, in Washington, D.C.	July 13: Start of year-long observance of 200th anniversary of the Northwest Ordinance, sponsored by the Big Ten Universities Alumni Associations. Includes 12 noon bell-ringing ceremonies in cities throughout Midwest.	July 17: Start of a weekly film festival on the Constitution at the National Archives Theater in Washington, D.C., through September 18.
July 5:	Opening of exhibit at Philadelphia Museum of Art, "The Athens of the Western World: Federal Philadelphia, 1785-1825."	July 14: Start of the 1987 National Young Leaders Conference in Washington, D.C., at which special attention will be paid to the Bicentennial. Sponsored by the Congressional	July 19: Start of a week-long conference at Univ. of Pennsylvania, "Global Perspectives on Women and the Constitution."
July 11:	Start of Religious Freedom Weekend, in		July 22: Start of a week of all-day public lectures and debates examining contemporary Constitutional issues at Penn State University.

## The Real Writers of the United States Constitution

It can be accurately said that all 55 men who attended the 1787 Philadelphia Convention had a part in writing the Constitution. All can be called "framers," but five delegates had perhaps a greater role than others in writing the actual document. These were members of the Committee of Detail, given the task on July 26 of putting the Convention's approved resolutions into the form of a Constitution. The five -- John Rutledge (South Carolina), Edmund Randolph (Virginia), James Wilson (Pennsylvania), Nathaniel Gorham (Massachusetts) and Oliver Ellsworth (Connecticut) -- were given until August 6 to complete their work.

The Committee worked from suggested drafts of the Constitution, including those prepared by

Randolph and Charles Pinckney of South Carolina, as well as from the records of the previous actions taken by the Convention. What they presented to the Convention was not a final document, but became the basis for the U.S. Constitution.

Two centuries later there is still debate over who wrote what. Several statesmen have at one time or another been called the "Father of the Constitution." James Madison was called this because of his influence in writing the Virginia Plan, the first proposal for a new form of government. Benjamin Franklin has been given the title by some due to his overall influence at the Convention. But in truth, several men could probably claim at least claim the title "surrogate father" of the Constitution.

Charles Pinckney's claim to that title has been disputed for 200 years. "Constitution Charlie," as he was derisively called upon his return to Charleston, claimed to have authored much of the document. But his claim spread little further than Charleston until some 30 years after the Convention. An unbiased study would reveal that if "Constitution Charlie" did not in fact write the Constitution, much of his wording was used by the Committee on Detail.

Who wrote the Constitution is not as significant as the fact that men such as Pinckney, Madison, Rutledge and others all played a role in giving us a Constitution that has endured for 200 years.

*Chuck Timanus*

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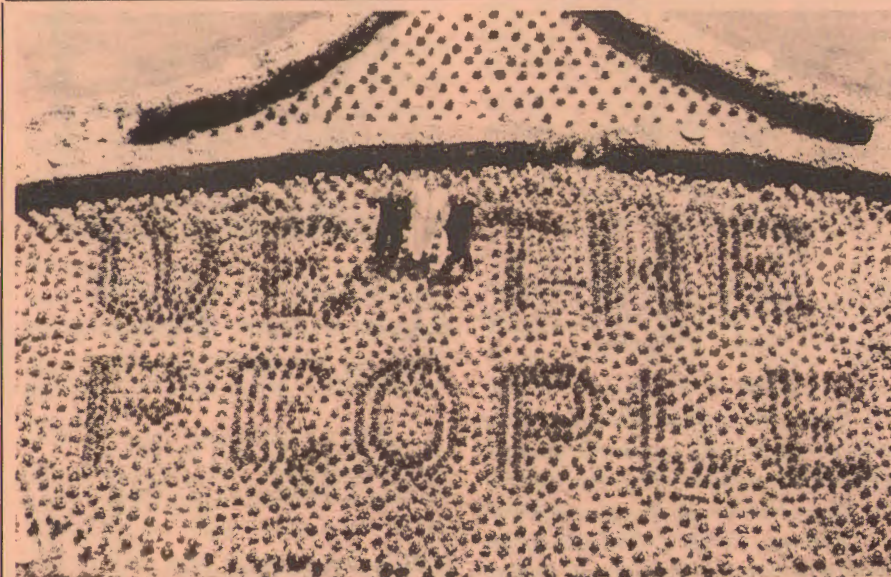
# We the People

*of the United States, in order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common Defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, We do hereby establish this Constitution for the United States of America.*

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"We the People" is in full bloom through September 17 at the Washington Hilton and Towers, in the nation's capital. In recognition of the Bicentennial, 4,899 flowers were planted in front of the hotel to bloom spelling the first three words of the Constitution. The floral concept was developed by Oktay Dikmen (center), and the landscape display itself was created by George Thomas (right) and Jose Galeas (left).

## Essay Winners Invited to Re-enact Federal Convention at Williamsburg, Va.

A representation of the nation's ablest high school students will participate in a re-enactment of the 1787 Constitutional Convention in Colonial Williamsburg, Va., September 4 - 8.

The convention is a joint effort by the Commission on the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution, the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, and the Institute of Bill of Rights Law, part of the College of William & Mary's Marshall-Wythe School of Law. The re-enactment is a focal point of the Commission's educational programs on our two centuries of Constitutionalism.

Winners of the National Bicentennial Writing Competition -- one

from each state, the District of Columbia, and the combined U.S. territories -- will be invited to represent the 55 delegates to the Philadelphia Convention. The contest was sponsored earlier in the year by the Commission, *USA TODAY*/Gannett Company and the American Bar Association.

The students will be awarded an expense-paid trip to the four-day convention. In addition, they will travel to the nation's capital to meet national leaders.

According to Dr. Frederic I. Lederer, professor of law and convention director at William & Mary,

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## "Citizenship Day" Program Expanded

Nabisco, Xerox Participate

The Commission on the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution has announced expanding the scope of "A Celebration of Citizenship," a program that sets aside an entire day for educating American youth and adults about the Constitution and their responsibilities as citizens.

"A Celebration of Citizenship," planned for September 16, the day before the 200th anniversary of the signing of the Constitution, will include a day-long "teach-in" on the Constitution in the nation's schools and in American schools abroad. In addition, the program now offers an opportunity for all Americans, at home and at work, to join the celebration. "A Celebration of Citizenship" offers Americans the opportunity to rededicate themselves to the principles of the Constitution.

Nabisco Brands Inc., and Xerox have committed to fund the national program, which was developed and is being implemented by the Commission, the American Newspaper Publishers Association Foundation, and 12 major national education organizations.

The National Association of Broadcasters is also involved in the program, promoting the event on its video satellite program *TELE-JOURNAL* and coordinating live audio and video coverage of September 16.

At 1 p.m. (EDT) on September 16 national leaders will join

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## Programs Around the Nation In Honor of the Constitution Bicentennial

Citicorp/Citibank, in conjunction with the national Commission, has produced its own pocket-size Constitutions. To date, the corporation has printed 5 million copies, to be distributed to customers through its financial offices and banks.

The Resident Associates Program of the Smithsonian Institution will hold an exclusive party on September 13, called a "Constitution Celebration," at the Octagon Museum in Washington, D.C. The gathering, for members only, will include a variety of activities popular in Madison's day: a handbell concert, an 18th century Constitution game, and an ice cream social. Participants will also watch the premiere of a children's play on the Constitution.

The National Association of Retired Federal Employees dedicated a Bicentennial tree honoring the 200th anniversary of the Constitution at its National Headquarters in downtown Washington, D.C. The Eastern White Pine was planted in a formal ceremony in late June by Rep. Lindy Boggs (D-La.), a member of the national Commission, Office of Personnel Management Director Constance Horner, and NARFE President H.T. Steve Morrissey.

The ceremony is part of the national "Plant a Living Legacy to the Constitution" program sponsored by the Commission.

The National Society Colonial Dames XVII Century have selected Bicentennial themes for its program over the next two years. The theme in 1987-88 will be "The Framing and Ratification of the Constitution," and in 1988-89 will be "The Bill of Rights and the Establishment of the Government Under the Constitution."

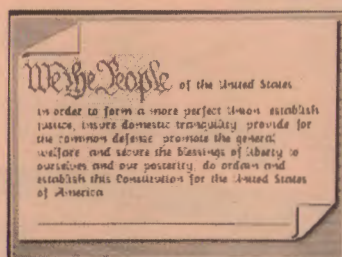
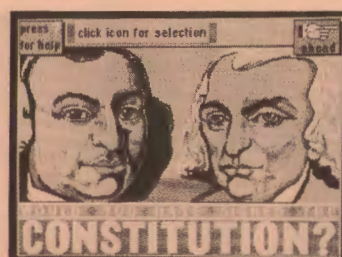
Edison State Community College in Piqua, Ohio, is planning a lively tribute to the Constitution and the Northwest Ordinance, featuring Revolutionary War reenactments, a colonial fife and drum corps, an 18th-century dinner with an appearance by "James Madison," and a symphony concert. The events are scheduled to start on September 17, and continue during the September 19-20 weekend.

Also on tap for the weekend is the presentation of an original play, "Philadelphia and Beyond," by the College's Reader's Theatre.

The Alliance of American Indian Leaders is sponsoring a Bicentennial symposium, "In Search of a More Perfect Union," scheduled for October 10-13 in Philadelphia. The conference -- to include Indian leaders, historians and legal scholars -- is designed to call attention to the history of the American Indian and his relationship with the United States government under the Constitution.

The U.S. Army Field Band will present a free concert in honor of the Bicentennial at 8:30 p.m., September 14, at Concert Hall in the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C. The concert will feature a guest soloist, Richard Stilwell of the New York Metropolitan Opera.

The music from the concert is also available on album. For information, contact Lt. Colonel Ronald Green, Bicentennial Project Officer, at (202) 697-4664.



## Apple/Scholastic Exhibit Computer Program Opens at Archives

The Constitution may be 200-years-old, but the National Archives is helping to commemorate it with computer-age technology. Apple Computers and Scholastic Software pay tribute to the document with a computer-interactive exhibit, which opened July 1.

Titled "Would You Have Signed the Constitution?", the display joins two other exhibits at the Archives, in Washington, D.C. One, "The American Experiment: Creating the Constitution," describes the young U.S. during the founding years, and the other, "The American Experiment: Living With the Constitution," examines the evolution of the document.

The Apple/Scholastic exhibit, which uses an Apple IIGS computer, is designed for individuals of all ages. The visitor considers questions the framers were forced to tackle, studying the pros and cons of each issue. He or she then decides whether to sign the Constitution.



"We the People" is the official newsletter of the Commission on the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution. The Commission was established by Congress to oversee the commemoration of the 200th anniversary of the Constitution through 1991. Newsletter Editor: Stephen Gold. Editorial Assistants: Helen Wall, Brooke Reuther.

## Fifty Designated Bicentennial Defense Communities Join Celebration for 200th

Fifty Designated Bicentennial Defense Communities have been officially recognized by the national Commission, in a program to encourage Constitutional celebrations at U.S. defense installations around the world.

"The action taken by the Commission to create this new category of Designated Defense Communities gives more Americans a chance to take part in the Bicentennial celebration," said Commission Chairman Warren E. Burger. "And who else but those men and women who have taken an oath to defend the Constitution deserve to be recognized for their efforts in celebrating this Bicentennial."

Following is a listing of Designated Bicentennial Defense Communities to date:

### Air Force

Air Force Accounting and Finance Center, Denver, Colo.; Chanute Air Force Base, Ill.

### Army

Baumholder Military Community, FRG; Camp Lincoln, Springfield, Ill.; Darmstadt Military Community, FRG; Fort Belvoir, Va.; Fort Benning, Ga.; Fort Bragg, N.C.; Fort Devens, Mass.; Fort Dix, N.J.; Fort Drum, N.Y.; Fort Eustis, Va.; Fort Gillem, Forest Park, Ga.; Fort Gordon, Ga.; Fort Benjamin

Harrison, Ind.; Fort Sam Houston, Texas; Fort Huachuca, Ariz.; Fort Jackson, S.C.; Fort George G. Meade, Md.; Fort Sheridan, Ill.; Fort Sill, Okla.; Fort Stewart, Ga.

Garmisch Military Community, FRG; The Judge Advocate General's School, Charlottesville, Va.; Karlsruhe Military Community, FRG; Livorno Military Community, Italy; Military Ocean Terminal, Bayonne, N.J.; Schwabisch Gmuend Military Community, FRG; TRADOC Combined Arms Test Activity, Fort Hood, Texas; Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory, Hanover, N.H.; U.S. Army Support Command, Hawaii; U.S. Military Academy, West Point, N.Y.; Vint Hill Farms Station, Warrenton, Va.; Waterways Experiment Station, Vicksburg, Miss.; Yongsan and Area III, ROK; III Corps and Fort Hood, Texas; 8th Infantry Division, FRG.

### Navy and Marines

Naval Training Center, Ill.; Navy Aviation Supply Office, Philadelphia, Penn.; Naval and Marine Corps Reserve Center, Encino, Calif.; Naval and Marine Corps Reserve Center, New Haven, Conn.; U.S. Naval Station, Mayport, Fla.; USS Edson; USS John Hancock; USS Prairie; USS Taurus; USS Wabash.



To commemorate the historic moment when the Constitution was signed, the Commission on the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution is inviting all Americans and every institution to join in "Bells Across America -- A Ringing Tribute to the Constitution."

At 4 p.m. (EDT) on September 17, bells, chimes and carillons will ring for 200 seconds in a resounding tribute to the cornerstone of the American republic. During the 200 seconds, organizations are also invited to release red, white and blue helium-filled balloons into the air. Seven Star, a company in Lincoln Park, Mich., has been officially licensed by the Commission to market packages of 250 red, white and blue balloons for the celebration. Seven Star can be reached at (313) 388-1279.

Notify the Commission of your plans to participate in "Bells Across America." To recognize your organization's participation, the Commission will send you a certificate suitable for framing. Write to:

Bells Across America  
Commission on the Bicentennial of  
the U.S. Constitution  
736 Jackson Place, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20503  
(202) 653-5377

## As the Commemoration Continues, Let Us Know What You're Doing to Celebrate -- and to Educate

The Bicentennial of the United States Constitution (1987-1991) represents an opportunity for a national celebration, and just as important, a nationwide education -- a major reason for the five-year commemorative period. If you or your organization have planned, or are in the process of developing, a Bicentennial project for the latter half of this year or 1988, let us know. The Commission is encouraging local, state and national groups to continue their commitment to the celebration -- and to the education. To notify the Commission of your plans, write:

Bicentennial Clearinghouse  
736 Jackson Place, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20503



## Commission Okays Plan to Allocate \$600,000 for Three Philadelphia Projects

The Commission on the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution has approved a request from We the People 200 to assist in the funding of three of its major commemorative projects.

We the People 200 is the group responsible for developing plans for this year's celebration in Philadelphia in honor of the Bicentennial.

The national Commission agreed to allocate \$600,000 to Philadelphia for highly visible projects or events with national impact.

### Gunston Hall to Show Original Play

Gunston Hall, home of framer George Mason of Virginia, celebrates the Bicentennial in August with an original play, "George Mason of Gunston Hall," produced by the Theatre Wagon of Staunton. The plantation's porch will serve as the stage, and the audience will be seated on the lawn.

Two performances are scheduled on the evenings of August 22-23. The performance lasts 30 minutes, then Dr. Robbins Gates -- who portrays Mason -- will answer questions about the man considered the Father of the Bill of Rights.

### Fourth Degree Promotes Bicentennial

## Knights of Columbus Develops Campaign

The Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus -- the patriotic arm of the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization -- has produced a number of new promotional materials for its commemoration of the Bicentennial.

The Fourth Degree is conducting a full scale educational and membership recruitment campaign during the months leading up to the September Bicentennial and afterwards.

Among the items are:

• A brochure which discusses the role the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus can play in the Bicentennial.

• A four-page newsletter which notes ways members can celebrate the Constitution.

• A proclamation by the Fourth Degree in commemoration of the anniversary.

• A recruitment flyer which offers tribute to the Constitution, reminding readers about the 200th anniversary of the document.

• The Festival of States -- performances by high school bands and choirs from all 50 states during the summer.

• Restoration of a memorial fountain, with recognition of the Commission's support etched in a surrounding wall. The fountain stands at Independence Mall, directly across from the Liberty Bell. Each of the 50 states will contribute a stone to the building of the wall.

• Official ceremonies carried on national television September 17, including a bell ringing event that afternoon.

## New York Sponsors Capitol Days Event

New Yorkers gathered in Albany July 25-28 to pay tribute to the Constitution in a "Capitol Days" celebration. The festival, held at the Empire State Plaza, included an 18th-century fair, entertainment, exhibits and other activities with a Bicentennial theme.

The centerpiece to the festival was the traveling "Roads to Liberty" museum, sponsored by the national Commission, American Express and the Constitution Council of the Thirteen Original States. The exhibit includes the original Lincoln Cathedral Magna Carta of 1215 and an original Constitution.

Albany also served as the site of another celebration earlier in the year, titled "A Salute to the Constitution." Featured as part of the Imagination Celebration at the Empire State Plaza, the festival included an opportunity for people to sign a 50-foot replica of the Constitution.

### Delawarean Salute Ladybugs Join in Bicentennial Event

Dr. Claudia Bushman, executive director of the Delaware Heritage Commission, wanted the schoolchildren of her state to participate in a Bicentennial experience they would always remember.

So, in a special ceremony, children from 60 schools released a million ladybugs -- Delaware's state insect -- into the air to celebrate the Constitution. The children, Dr. Bushman noted, were more likely to remember the Bicentennial if they participated in a colorful ceremony. "They'll probably never forget the day they launched the ladybugs."

The Heritage Commission, responsible for overseeing Delaware's Bicentennial celebration, paid for the Ladybird Beetles and had them delivered from a Pennsylvania nursery.



Boston Mayor Raymond L. Flynn (right) presents a commemorative lantern to former Chief Justice Warren E. Burger during ceremonies aboard the USS Constitution in Boston Harbor.

## Boston Reminds Visitors of Historic Roots

Boston is reminding visitors this summer that "Bean Town" is also the "Cradle of Liberty." Under the leadership of Mayor Raymond L. Flynn, the local Bicentennial commission, has launched a multifaceted program honoring the Constitution's 200th birthday.

Thousands participated in the kick-off of the city's celebration, at the "Bicentennial Unity Picnic: An American Celebration" in late June at Boston Common. Also in June, Boston opened a major Constitution exhibit at the National Park Visitor Center, to run through October.

The National Park Service hosts re-enactments of 18th-century Town Meetings at Faneuil Hall through August, with debates on the ratification of the Constitution.

Plans in September include:

- A concert and fireworks display on the Esplanade (Sept. 12).
- A world-class regatta, a Constitution Ball at Rows Wharf and a Bicentennial cruise on the USS Constitution (Sept. 19).
- A citywide Bicentennial parade (Sept. 20).
- A theatrical production by Copley Square International High School titled "We the People," at Faneuil Hall.

Also, the Boston commission has published a scholarly work, *This Momentous Affair*, written by national Commissioner Thomas H. O'Connor and Alan Rogers, both professors at Boston College.

## Louisiana Requires Teaching Federalist

In honor of the Bicentennial, the Louisiana state legislature has passed a law requiring the teaching of *The Federalist Papers* in high schools throughout the state. The new law amends and reenacts a state law passed in 1948.

In addition, elementary schools throughout Louisiana will be required to teach about the Declaration of Independence.

Written by Alexander Hamilton, James Madison and John Jay, *The Federalist* appeared in New York papers in late 1787 and 1788 as a series of 85 articles arguing for ratification of the Constitution. *The Federalist* is considered the authoritative analysis of the Constitution.

## Project '87 Selects 51 Madison Fellows

Fifty-one teachers from 34 states have received James Madison Fellowships from Project '87, a Bicentennial organization founded by the American Historical Association and the American Political Science Association in 1977. The Fellowship program was established to identify master teachers who could help lead an educational commemoration of the Constitution's Bicentennial.

The Fellowships were awarded on the basis of a national competition to outstanding junior and senior high school teachers of history and government. Each Fellow received an award of \$2,500, support to attend a summer conference on the Constitution, and funds for projects in their communities and schools.

Two summer seminars were held for the Fellows, one hosted by the Graduate School of Education at the University of California at Berkeley, and one by the Social Studies Development Center at Indiana University.

Most funding for the program is provided by the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation and the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

## NFCA Promoting 200th

The National Fraternal Congress of America (NFCA), representing nonprofit fraternal benefit societies in North America, is promoting Bicentennial activities among member societies and state congresses, including distribution of information packets to each society with suggestions for participation.

The organization is developing a Bicentennial essay contest at the national level for secondary school students who are members of NFCA societies. In addition, its annual meeting is expected to include a Constitutional theme.



## American Bar Association Meeting Focuses on Constitution

The annual meeting of the American Bar Association, largest organization of attorneys in the world, has been dedicated to the 200th anniversary of the Constitution, with a Bicentennial showcase of programs.

Fifteen thousand lawyers and their families are expected to attend the week-long conference, to be held August 6 - 13 in San Francisco's Fairmont Hotel.

### Charlie Brown to Study Constitution

Charlie Brown, Snoopy and the gang of the cartoon strip Peanuts will take a look at the Constitutional Convention of 1787 this fall, in the first of a series of historical shows.

The Constitutional segment will mark the start of television's first primetime animated miniseries, titled "Charlie Brown and Snoopy's History of America." The four-hour miniseries, created by cartoonist Charles Schulz, will air during the 1988-89 television series on CBS.

Among the seminars scheduled during the conference:

- "We the People, A Bicentennial Salute to the Constitution," sponsored by the Commission on Public Understanding about the Law, the American Judicature Society, and the National Conference of Bar Presidents.
- "Religion and Politics -- the Enduring Constitutional Question."
- "The Role of the Judiciary in a Modern Society: An International Constitutional Perspective."
- "Federalism in the Third Century."

In addition to the conference, the ABA is sponsoring its annual LAWYERS' EXPO at the Fairmont Hotel and Pacific Center Expo Hall, in which various organizations are invited to set up exhibits and booths. The Commission will sponsor an exhibit at this year's EXPO, including the display of an 11-foot by 6-foot reproduction of the Howard Chandler Christy painting, "Scene at the Signing of the Constitution."

The American Lawyers Auxiliary, an American Bar Association-

related organization comprised of attorneys' spouses, sponsored a national "We the People" videotape competition for grade, middle and high school students.

The program allowed individual students, entire classes and work-shops to write original scripts in play or dramatic form, focusing on "We the People," and to film them on VHS video cassette tape. Professionals and costumes were allowed but not required, and the contest was judged at the three school-levels. Entries will be reviewed and awards given at the annual ABA conference in August.

### Monmouth County Salute

Monmouth County, N.J., a Designated Bicentennial Community, plans a three-day "Let Freedom Ring" celebration in honor of the Constitution, scheduled for September 18 - 20 at the Monmouth County Library Headquarters. Noted historian Henry Steele Commager will deliver the keynote address. Other events include a concert of three centuries of American music and a film festival.

## Second Circuit Celebrating Bicentennial

### Children's Exhibit Featured

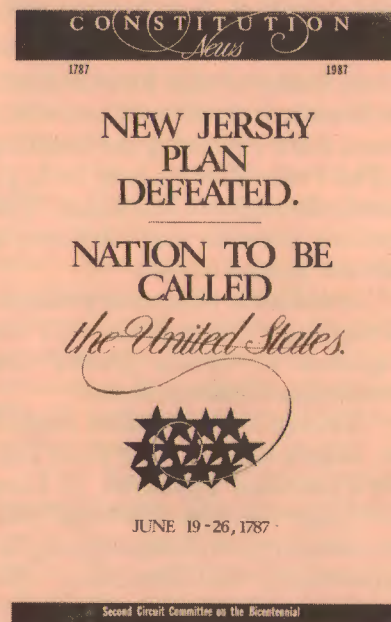
Incorporating the public school system's enthusiastic and creative programming in honor of the 200th anniversary of the Constitution, the Second Circuit Committee on the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution is sponsoring an exhibit titled "The Constitution as the Children See It" at the U.S. Courthouse in New York City.

The exhibit includes posters, maps, essays, dioramas, photographs and puppets. The Second Circuit Committee received assistance from the New York City Board of Education's Division of Curriculum and Instruction.

### Posters Highlight Convention

The Second Circuit Committee on the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution is distributing to all the courthouses and to other public buildings in the Second Circuit weekly news posters announcing key events during the period of the Constitutional Convention of 1787. The black-and-white posters were designed by Julia Precht, a California graphic artist.

The posters highlight the controversies and resolutions of the Convention, which lasted from May 25 to September 17. Also, there are a few personal notes, for the days that the Convention was in recess.



## Bicentennial Captures Corporate Interest, Licensees Multiply

The Marketing Division of the national Commission has licensed several dozen corporations and other commercial groups to manufacture and market products using the official logo of the Constitution Bicentennial. The products must meet several criteria to qualify for licensing:

- Goods or services must relate to the 200th anniversary of the Constitution, the federal government or the Bill of Rights.
- They must have a commemorative or educational purpose.
- They must reflect upon the Constitution or Bill of Rights in an honorable manner.
- Goods must be produced in the U.S.

Following is a list of companies licensed to use the official logo. For more information, contact the Marketing Division at (202) 653-2180.

**Allen Company**, Blanchester, Ohio (513-783-2491): A selected line of glassware, including a candy jar, tankard, beverage glass and ceramic mug.

**Annin Flag Company**, Roseland, N.J. (201-228-9400): A flag with official logo.

**Byron Preiss Visual Publications, Inc.**, New York, N.Y. (212-645-9870): A book titled The Constitution of the U.S. of America, the Bicentennial Keepsake Edition.

**Catania Et Al**, Chicago, Ill. (312-266-2202): A uniquely shaped brass bookmark bearing the official Bicentennial logo.

**Chalk and Vermillion**, New York, N.Y. (212-245-1765): An original painting by Thomas McKnight available in limited edition print and in poster form.

**Charles Goldberg Sales, Ltd.**, Pittsburgh, Penn. (412-963-6688): A collection of wearing apparel bearing the logo, including a T-shirt, sweatshirt, sweater, baseball hat, golf hat and jacket. Glass products, including a glass paperweight, glass mug and glass plate. Also, a logo patch, button, stadium blanket,

magnet, ceramic tankards (mini 3 oz., 16 oz. and 28 oz.), mini frisbee, stickers, pocket mirror, key chain, drinking glass and pen/marker.

**Charleston Mint**, Charleston, S.C. (803-577-2982): Collectible medals of gold, silver, copper, and bronze displaying the logo (obverse side) and the great seal (reverse side).

**Clayhill Corporation**, Highland, Utah (801-756-5463): A bronze sculpture by Dennis Smith depicting the signing of the Constitution.



**Collegeville Flag Company**, Collegeville, Penn. (800-523-5630): A collection of Bicentennial flags, including banners, desk flags, indoor/outdoor flags, and accessories.

**Constitutional Society**, Midlothian, Va. (804-745-8357): A 6-inch pewter plate depicting the signing of the Constitution.

**Creative Imprints Inc.**, New Bedford, Mass. (617-995-6845): Assorted commemoratives including tie tack, tie bar, key fob, pin, pendant, key ring, money clip and belt buckle.

**Custom Pin and Design**, Lake Placid, N.Y. (518-523-2810): One-inch lapel pins in a round and "cut out" design of the logo.

**Design Masters Assoc., Inc.**, Williamsburg, Va. (804-220-4301): Distinc-





tive logo-designed book-mark, Christmas ornament, key chain, lapel pin, tie tack, pendant with chain and money clip.

**Dettra Flag Co., Inc.**, Oaks, Penn. (215-666-5050): Bicentennial logo flags: indoor, outdoor and desktop, available in various sizes.

**Eder Manufacturing Corp.**, Milwaukee, Wis. (414-355-2010): Bicentennial logo flags available in various sizes.

**Folk Era Productions, Inc.**, Naperville, Ill. (312-961-3559): Patriotic songs honoring 200 years of freedom, sung by Johnny Cash and other top-name artists. Available in cassette and compact disc.

**Gallery of the Republic**, Austin, Texas (512-472-7701): Hand-made reproductions of historical flags. Available framed and unframed.

**Heritage Collections Ltd.**, Falls Church, Va. (703-532-0009): Lucite paperweight and pen holder encasing the official U.S. Bicentennial postage stamps.

**Heritage Enterprises**, Philadelphia, Penn. (215-627-4340): Various commemorative items, including stoneware mug, poster, notecard, postcard and lapel pin.

**Heroes Are Forever**, Houston, Texas (713-965-8712): T-shirts, sweatshirts and handbags with portraits of the signers of the Constitution.

**Historic Cards and Prints**, Alexandria, Va. (703-549-1016): Christmas cards, note cards and prints of historic buildings related to the Constitution.



**Knowledge Products**, Nashville, Tenn. (615-889-6223): An audio cassette tape on the Constitution narrated by Walter Cronkite. Two classic volumes (8 tapes) and a reference book, in a deluxe edition. Available in single edition as well.

**Lenox Collections**, Langhorne, Penn. (215-750-6900): An ivory-china bowl embossed with flowers of the original 13 states.

**Lion Brothers Company**, Ellicott City, Md. (301-363-1000): Embroidered emblems, key fob, baseball caps, all bearing the official Bicentennial logo.

**Massillon Plaque Company**, Massillon, Ohio (216-833-8541): Polished stainless steel plaques etched with one of the following: the Constitution, the Declaration of Independence,

or the Bill of Rights, mounted on a walnut base. Desk accessory walnut box with either the "Preamble" or an etching of the first known photo of the U.S. Capitol decorating the top.

**Metro Flag, Inc.**, Dover, N.J. (201-366-1776): Flags, T-shirts and sweatshirts with Bicentennial logo design.

**Orion Marketing**, Manassas, Va. (703-368-7955): 24-karat gold plated Christmas ornament with the Preamble etched into a wreath surrounding a three-dimensional design of Independence Hall.

**Pitney Bowes**, Stamford, Conn. (203-351-7084): Postage meter ads in four Bicentennial commemorative designs.

**Printing Industries of the Carolinas Foundation, Inc. (PICA)**, Charlotte, N.C. (704-527-7422): "We the People...1787" limited-edition reproduction of an original oil painting by Mort Kuntsler. Available framed or un-framed.

**Project Constitution (Hampton Hall)**, Little Falls, N.J. (212-685-2440): Cassette tape of a choral reading of the Constitution available in cassette or album.

**Seven Star**, Lincoln Park, Mich. (313-388-1279): Various commemorative items bearing the official Bicentennial logo including flags, coins, mugs, glasses, lapel pins, stickers, T-shirts, sweatshirts, hats, pens, pencils, license plates and balloons.



**Shamrock Industries Inc.**, Minneapolis, Minn. (612-332-2100): Reusable plastic ice cream containers decorated with a picture of Independence Hall and a message relevant to the Constitution. Available to the industry.

**Silvertip Studios**, Twin Falls, Idaho (208-734-3440): An eagle sculpture available in either bronze or pewter, titled "Articles of Freedom," designed by wildlife artist, D.D. Edwards.

**Society for Visual Education, Inc.**, Chicago, Ill. (312-525-1500): An educational movie titled "The U.S. Constitution: A Design for Democracy," available in videotape or 16 mm film for students grades 4-9.

**Specialty House Candies**, Lindenwold, N.J. (609-783-6151): One pound of traditional saltwater taffy packaged in a commemorative box.

**Spouting Whale**, Fall River, Mass. (617-672-1913): Costume jewelry for men and women made of wood and copper taken from the ship *USS Constitution*.

**Steuben Glass**, New York, N.Y. (212-752-1441): Faceted crystal form saluting the Bicentennial of the Constitution, engraved on the back in calligraphy with the Preamble and the dates 1787-1987. On the four front facts, as a frame to the calligraphy, is a stylized American eagle. By prismatic reflection, the words of the Preamble reflect throughout the form [a limited edition of 200].

**Stonyfield Display Inc.**, White Plains, N.Y. (914-993-0700): A colorful poster titled "Freedoms Light," by artist Tim Hildrenbrandt, available only through a purchase program by American Express.

**T. Foley Designs Ltd.**, New York, N.Y. (212-517-9044): Men's traditional silk neck ties, tastefully designed with the logo.

**TBW Industries Inc.**, Los Gatos, Calif. (408-356-3470): Campaign-style buttons bearing the official Bicentennial logo.

**Texoma Leather & Brass**, Denison, Texas (214-786-6131): Large western-style belt buckle available in solid brass, pewter and 24-karat gold finish. Also available: key chain and leather coasters bearing the official logo.



**Theme Merchandise Inc.**, Attleboro, Mass. (617-226-4717): A selection of commemorative items bearing the logo, including pewter spoon, stowaway jar, round white tile (3.5-inch), tankard, snack bucket, ceramic tile trivet, pencil caddy and white ceramic coffee mugs.

**Touch of Glass**, Moundsville, W.V. (304-845-0552): A collection of 28 high quality glassware items, including crystal and blown glass, all with logo etching. Available in corporate gift sets.

**Tracey-Knifewing Inc.**, Gallup, N.M. (800-458-2500): A 1.5-inch sterling silver Constitution feather pendant/pin and earrings, available in a set or sold separately, designed and sold by Ray Tracey, member of the Navahoe Indian tribe.

**Unicover**, Cheyenne, Wyo. (307-634-5911):

A select line of philatelic products designed especially for the Bicentennial with original artwork.

**U.S. Capitol Historical Society**, Washington, D.C. (202-543-8919): A series of Bicentennial medals in bronze, silver and gold, available in various sizes.

**Valley Forge Flag Co., Inc.**, New York, N.Y. (212-586-1776): Flags in various sizes bearing the Bicentennial logo.

**Watercrest China Inc.**, Nanuet, N.Y. (914-623-1777): A limited edition, 9.25-inch collector's plated by Pickard China, and a 24-inch-by-36-inch poster, each with painting titled "From High Above," by artist Adriano Manacchia.

**Weiner, Jennings & Vane**, Washington, D.C. (202-543-5525): An executive desk ornament attractively displaying the Preamble in lucite, mounted on a walnut base.





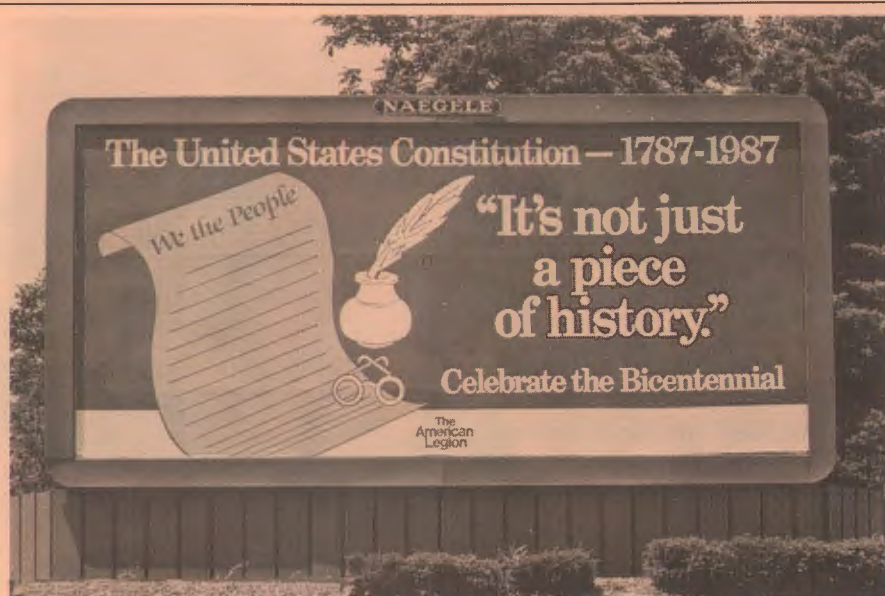
## Foreign Dignitaries Meet Commissioner

A group of foreign dignitaries, participants in a U.S. Information Agency Bicentennial program, met with Commissioner Betty Southard Murphy and officials of the Commission's Federal and International Programs Division to discuss the history of the Constitution and significance of the Bicentennial.

Mrs. Murphy is the chairman of the Commission's International Advisory Committee.

Featured speaker at the meeting, held at the Commission, was Dr. Kenneth Bowling, a historian at George Washington University. Dr. Bowling lectured on the American Revolution, spanning the years from 1763 to 1790, and the issues leading to a call for a federal convention to strengthen the government.

The group of visiting dignitaries included high-ranking officials and leaders from Egypt, Guatemala, India, Lesotho, Malaysia, Mexico, Niger, Norway, Philippines, Romania, South Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe.



American Legion posts have placed Bicentennial Billboards all around the nation, such as this one in Indianapolis, Ind. The organization, comprised of military veterans, has put together a multi-faceted commemorative program, including publication of a one-act play on the Constitution; a Bicentennial coloring book for elementary students, with a brief Constitutional history lesson; and distribution of thousands of pocket-size Constitutions.

## Franklin's London Home to be Restored

The American Franklin Friends Committee (AFFC), a non-profit organization in Washington, D.C., is seeking funds to restore the only surviving residence of Ben-

jamin Franklin -- the Franklin House at 36 Craven Street in London.

The AFFC, whose Patron is former Chief Justice Warren E. Burger, has received cooperation from the national Commission on the project.

The Franklin House, situated near Trafalgar Square, is on loan to the British non-profit group Friends of the Franklin House from British Rail. The organization plans to fully restore the house, and maintain it as a museum dedicated to the American statesman.

Except for a two-year hiatus back in the Colonies, Franklin lived at his Craven home from 1757 to 1775, serving as the American agent in airing political grievances with the English Crown.

Total cost for the project -- to include renovation, furnishings acquisition and endowment -- has been set at \$2.5 million.

The AFFC is located at 3006 32nd Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20008.



Rep. Lindy Boggs (D-La.), a national Bicentennial Commissioner, presides over a ceremonial meeting of the U.S. Congress at Independence Hall in Philadelphia. The special session of Congress -- in which 181 Representatives and 25 Senators participated -- was held July 16, in honor of the 200th anniversary of the Constitutional Convention's Great Compromise, giving states an equal standing in the Senate and proportional representation in the House. Seated at the front with Mrs. Boggs are, from left, Senate Minority Leader Robert Dole (R-Kan.); Senate Majority Leader Robert Byrd (D-W.V.); Speaker of the House Jim Wright (D-Texas); House Minority Leader Robert Michel (R-Ill.); and House Majority Whip Tony Coelho (D-Calif.).

## Summer Teachers Seminars Continue

Summer institutes, seminars and symposia continue to be held nationwide in honor of the Bicentennial, with the support of the National Endowment for the Humanities and affiliate state humanities councils.

Following is a list of those scheduled to start in August:

- Aug. 3-7: Seminar for teachers on the Constitution at Colonial Northampton Intermediate Unit, Nazareth, Penn.
- Aug. 6: Lecture by Mary Lou Lustig, "Remember the Ladies: American Women's Revolutionary Experience, 1776-1789," at Johnson & Johnson Corporate Cafeteria, New Brunswick, N.J.
- Aug. 13: Lecture by Joylon Girard, "The Constitution and the Military in American History," at Slifer House Museum, Lewisburg, Penn.
- Aug. 17-21: Seminar for teachers on the Constitution, at Berks County Intermediate Unit, Reading, Penn.
- Aug. 19: Lecture by William Taylor, "1787-1788: Years of Decision -- Attitudes and Reactions in the Lakes Region," at Gilman Library, Alton, N.H.



Fourth graders from Bancroft Elementary School in Wilmington, Del., learn about farming tools used by Delawareans during the decade that produced the Constitution. "Life in Delaware in the 1780s," a Bicentennial exhibit developed by the Historical Society of Delaware, is on display at Old Town Hall Museum in downtown Wilmington.

## "Founding Fathers" on Community Stages Bicentennial Play Picked Up By Theaters

Several community theaters around the country are preparing to present a new play on the Constitutional Convention of 1787, specially created for this year's Bicentennial celebration.

Written by William Tucker, "Founding Fathers" has three acts, and runs close to three hours. The scene shifts between the Convention floor, a series of formal evening receptions held throughout the

summer, and a few chance encounters between various characters at the City Tavern, a leading drinking establishment in Philadelphia.

Tucker has drawn most of the debate on the Convention floor from James Madison's journals. Outside the Convention, the focus is on delegates Madison, Gouverneur Morris, Alexander Hamilton and James Wilson.

Community theaters in Waco, Texas; Bangor, Maine; and Cheshire, Conn., plan to present the play in late summer.

For more information on the play, contact the playwright at 357 Sixth Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y. 11215, or call (718) 965-3568.

## Constitution's Creation Focus of TV Show

WHYY-TV Philadelphia is producing the pilot program, "The Second American Revolution," for a seven-part series in the Constitution, funded by the M. J. Murdock Charitable Trust of Vancouver, Wash. The series was developed by the Constitution Project, a non-profit educational corporation based in Portland, Ore.

"The Second American Revolution" documents the period from May through September 1787. WHYY will broadcast the pilot during the September 17 celebra-

tion. Afterwards, the entire series will be distributed at cost throughout the nation's school system.

## West Point Band Presents Special Concert

As part of the West Point Military Academy's two-day observance of the Constitution's 200th birthday in September, the West Point Band will present a premiere performance of a new work, titled "Constitution Overture." Lieutenant Colonel Ronald McCowen will

conduct the September 18 concert at Eisenhower Hall.

The piece was written by Dr. Hubert C. Bird, a professor of music at Keene State College. Dr. Bird was also the composer for the official anthem of the 200th anniversary of independence in 1976.



## New Books Continue to Arrive on Market

### Bicentennial Releases Focus on All Aspects of the Celebration

Book-of-the-Month Club is featuring a new release, titled *A Book of Days in American History*, in honor of the Bicentennial of the Constitution.

The book, compiled by the Club and published by Scribners, chronicles noteworthy events in American history for each day of the year, and includes full-color reproductions of many famous paintings and illustrations. Included among the dates are many of the key events during struggle to write and ratify the Constitution and Bill of Rights.

The book, available at local bookstores nationwide, can also be obtained in bulk purchases by calling Scribners at (212) 702-4779.

Late last year, Book-of-the-Month Club featured a rerelease of *Miracle at Philadelphia* by Catherine Drinker Bowen for an unprecedented second time, in honor of the Bicentennial. It had first been featured by the Club in 1966.

The Place in the Woods, a small, independent publisher in Minnesota, is commemorating the Constitution's 200th anniversary, the 20th anniversary of Reading Is Fundamental (RIF), and "1987 -- The Year of the Reader," with a release titled *My Own Book*.

The book, by Roger Hammer, is directed at young readers, and includes a full text of the Constitution. *My Own Book* also includes over 50 stories by child-authors on how their city, state or school got its name; profiles on the oldest reading programs in the nation; and an almanac of facts on each geographic area covered.

The book is available from The Place in the Woods, 3900 Glenwood Avenue, Golden Valley, Minn. 55422, or call (612) 374-2120. Head Start, Migrant Education and RIF

program leaders can receive a discount on the book.

The Indiana Historical Society has published two books to commemorate the 200th anniversaries of the Constitution and the Northwest Ordinance. *We the People: Indiana & the U.S. Constitution* includes transcripts from a Bicentennial lecture series sponsored by the Indiana Association of Historians. *The Northwest Ordinance, 1787: A Bicentennial Handbook*, edited by Robert M. Taylor, Jr., includes essays by Indiana scholars, an annotated Ordinance text, a map of the Old Northwest and a facsimile of the Ordinance.

For information, contact the Indiana Historical Society at 315 West Ohio Street, Indianapolis, Ind. 46202. Or call (317) 232-1877.

Random House, noting the start of the Bicentennial celebration across the country, has rereleased a series of children's history titles, called Landmark Books. The series was first launched in 1950.

Among the 12 titles are the books *Benjamin Franklin of Old Philadelphia*, by Margaret Cousins, and *Our Independence and the Constitution*, by Dorothy Canfield Fisher. Books are available hard-bound or in paperback. Contact Kristina Mickelson of Random House at (212) 572-2778.

A new release for children, *We the People: Bits, Bytes and Highlights of the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights*, is available from Storyviews. The book features two honey bees who play a computer game with the goal of discovering the "miracle" of the Constitution.

For information, write Storyviews at 136 East 55th Street, New York, N.Y. Or call (212) 838-2157.



Bisontennial Ben, mascot of the California Bicentennial celebration, was created specially for the California Bicentennial Foundation by Disney Promotional Products.

## California Prepares Impressive Tribute

Planners of California's tribute to the Bicentennial have created a four-year program of events as colorful and extensive as any in the country. Under the guidance of the California Commission on the Bicentennial and its non-profit Bicentennial Foundation, dozens of projects have been developed to enable every citizen to participate.

Included in the program:

- Distribution of a simplified Spanish-language Constitution, titled *The Constitution of the United States -- For Kids*, including a 10-minute audio cassette tape.
- Distribution of a compendium of trivia on the Constitution to radio broadcasters, and an Official Bicentennial Broadcasters program.
- Marketing of special gold and silver Bicentennial medallions.
- A "We the People" concert in late September and a multi-national salute in July 1988.

The focus of September 17 will be on Buena Park, where a replica of Independence Hall stands. The program will include a naturalization ceremony, a symbolic signing ceremony and a black tie Governor's banquet and ball.

For information on California's Bicentennial tribute, contact the Bicentennial Foundation at 700 N. Brand, Glendale, Calif. 91203, or call (818) 500-1787.

## "Citizenship Day" Program Expanded

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America's youth in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Retired Chief Justice Warren E. Burger -- Chairman of the national Commission -- will lead the nation in a reading of the Preamble to the Constitution. Americans everywhere can participate via a live broadcast by ABC-TV from the west front steps of the U.S. Capitol.

More than 66 million students and educators are expected to participate in the day's educational activities, focusing on the rights and responsibilities of citizenship.

## ACLU Radio Show

An award-winning radio program, "The Bill of Rights Radio Education Project," will be nationally aired on public radio for the second time, in tribute to the 200th birthday of the U.S. Constitution.

Produced by the American Civil Liberties Union and the Pacifica Foundation, the 13-part series examines contemporary Constitutional issues. The programs -- each a half-hour in length -- were first broadcast in 1982 and won four broadcasting awards.

The series, which has since been revised to include recent issues, will be made available free of charge on a first-come, first-serve basis, starting in September. They will also be available for purchase on tape and cassette.

## Michigan Bank Puts Signers on Display

The signers of the Constitution will stand in perpetuity -- at the Alexander Hamilton Life Insurance Company in Farmington Hills, Michigan.

A 14-inch bronze casting of six signers -- Hamilton, James Madi-



Federal government employees at the Defense Personnel Support Center in Philadelphia are hand embroidering three special flags to commemorate the Constitution's Bicentennial. Fifteen skilled women -- from a variety of locations around the globe, though all are now U.S. citizens -- are involved in the effort. Each flag takes more than 240 hours to complete. The first flag was finished in time for the Fourth of July ceremonies in Washington, D.C.

## Geographic to Host Bicentennial Lecture

National Geographic Society is sponsoring a Bicentennial lecture by Pulitzer Prize-winning historian Michael Kammen on the American public's attitudes about the Constitution, scheduled for October 20 at 8 p.m.

"Our Constitution: 200 Years of Reverence and Debate" will be presented at the Society's Grosvenor Auditorium in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Kammen, Newton C. Farr Professor of American History and Culture at Cornell University, is the author of the recently released book on the Constitution, *A Machine That Would Go of Itself*. In

his lecture he will examine the paradoxical attitudes Americans hold toward the Constitution, a document we revere, yet often don't understand.

For more information, write National Geographic Society, 1600 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036. call (202) 857-7133.

## Ideas Seminar Has Bicentennial Theme

The Constitution, economics, and their inter-relationship was the theme of the 11th annual American Ideas Seminar for teachers at Columbia Lakes, Texas, in late July. Approximately 100 teachers participated in the event.

The program, sponsored by the Free Enterprise Education Center of Houston, included speakers from the Heritage Foundation and the Center for the Study of Market Alternatives, as well as other noted Constitutional scholars.



## Williamsburg Hosts Re-enactment of Constitutional Convention

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the students will be assigned roles as delegates of the Convention.

"They will be instructed to assume they are meeting in 1787," said Lederer, "and are currently governed by the Articles of Confederation."

In addition to completing a reading list before arriving in

Williamsburg on September 4, participants will prepare for their deliberations by attending a day of seminars on Constitutional history and development at the Marshall-Wythe School of Law.

At the re-enactment, students will meet for formal floor debates and presentations of resolutions in the reconstructed Capitol Building

at Colonial Williamsburg, seat of Virginia's House of Burgesses during the 18th century. They will be greeted with appropriate pageantry by the President of the Convention, George Washington, portrayed by Rob Nagle, a high school actor and native of Williamsburg. Nagle will preside over the debates.

### First in Annual Series History Forum at Williamsburg, Va.

Scholars, history lovers and concerned citizens alike will get a chance to examine the pre-1787 republican tradition of our founding fathers, at Colonial Williamsburg's first annual History Forum, "The Constitution Makers: Master Craftsmen of Government." The program, developed in honor of the Constitution's Bicentennial, will provide a forum for active dialogue among the audience and scholars on the program about the connections between 17th and 18th centuries and the present.

Syndicated columnist Gary Wills will be the keynote speaker. Nationally renowned scholars from both the U.S. and Great Britain will also participate in the program.

The event is scheduled for November 19-21, 1987. Morning sessions will concentrate on the traditions, the ideas and practices, the events, and the personalities that paved the way for the new federal republic. In the afternoons, visitors will tour sites in Williamsburg's historic district that are specifically associated with such founders as James Madison, Thomas Jefferson, Patrick Henry and George Washington.

For more information, write or call History Forum Registrar, P.O. Box C, Williamsburg, Va. 23187. Or call (804) 220-7255.

### First Foundations Promotes Bicentennial

First Foundations, Inc., a non-profit organization geared to informing the American public about its family, government and religious foundations, has dedicated its work in 1987 to honoring the Constitution.

First Foundations' goal: To get as many Americans as possible to read or hear the entire text of the national charter.

To this end, the group has developed a multi-faceted plan, including:

- Distributing pocket-size Con-

stitutions.

- Distributing an audio cassette of the Constitution.

- Production of a radio show, "The Patriot Dream," a daily, five-minute program promoting responsible citizenship.

- Sponsorship of "Spirit of '87 Read Out," a project in which community leaders in various cities publicly read the Constitution.

For more information on the program, write First Foundations, Inc., P.O. Box 11113, Memphis, Tenn. 38111.

### Texas Salutes Constitution with Concert

The 350-voice Mormon Tabernacle Choir and the 150-voice Vocal Majority teamed recently to offer three-hours of American music in a Texas salute to the Constitution, at Reunion Arena in Dallas.

The nationally renowned mixed choir from Utah and all-male barbershop chorus from Texas joined the Constitution Symphony orchestra in a "We the People" concert, directed and produced by John Weekley. The program featured narratives on the Constitution and patriotic and religious music, including an original Bicentennial work, "So Many Voices Sing America's Song" by award-winning composers Robert F. Brunner and Bruce Belland.

"So Many Voices Sing America's Song" has been a highlight of

several Bicentennial concerts this year, and will be featured at commemorative concerts in Philadelphia, San Diego and Salt Lake City in September.

For information on the Bicentennial work, contact Messrs. Brunner and Belland at 169 North Bolling Green Way, Los Angeles, Calif. 90049, or call (213) 472-5639.

### American Legion Winner

Maryagnes Barbieri of Milton, Mass., a high school junior, was awarded first prize -- a \$16,000 scholarship -- in The American Legion's 50th National High School Oratorical Contest, dedicated to the Bicentennial. Her winning speech was titled "The Bicentennial: Something Worthy of a Celebration."

## Ponca Chief Focus of PBS Docu-drama

In honor of the Constitution's Bicentennial, the Nebraska ETV Network has produced a 90-minute docu-drama on Ponca Indian Chief Standing Bear's efforts to lead his starving tribe back to their Nebraska homeland in defiance of government treaty.

Starring Ivan Naranjo, "The Trial of Standing Bear" recounts the story of the forced removal of the Poncas from their land to the Oklahoma Territory in the 1870s. The program dramatizes the landmark 1879 legal case which established for the first time that Indians were recognized as having protection under the U.S. Constitution.

"The Trial of Standing Bear," scheduled to be aired nationally on the Public Broadcasting Service this winter, was sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, the Enron Corporation and the Robert J. Kutak Foundation.

## Bicentennial Mass Held in Washington

The Archdiocese of Washington, D.C., held a Mass in honor of the Constitution over Fourth of July weekend at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle, with the Archbishop James A. Hickey presiding.

The Reverend Monsignor John Tracy Ellis, a professorial lecturer in Church history at The Catholic University of America, preached a homily of appreciation, giving an account of the events of the summer of 1787. He spoke of "the singular blessings that have derived for all Americans," and offered thanks to "God and the Founding Fathers...for the religious freedom that has flourished for Americans of every denomination, and of none, under the aegis of the Constitution."

## The Chairman's Corner...

The American business community is actively supporting the commemoration of our Constitution's 200th anniversary. As the following examples show, the five-year celebration offers the private enterprise sector an excellent opportunity to "market" the Constitution so that more Americans will understand our system.

- American Express has sponsored the "Roads to Liberty: Magna Carta to the Constitution" tour since March. The traveling museum of "freedom documents" has toured the Midwest and South, and is presently stopping at sites in the original 13 states. On the present schedule it will reach 134 cities by September 14.

- USA TODAY/Gannett funded and sponsored a successful essay contest for high school students on the subject of separation of powers, while West Publishing sponsored a law school essay contest on separation of powers and federalism.

- Nabisco Brands and Xerox will fund the Commission's "Celebration of Citizenship" program on September 16, an all-day "teach-in" on the Constitution in which President Reagan will participate. Poloroid has developed educational materials on the Constitution, and will provide a camera and film to approximately 50,000 grade schools reaching millions of students, so they can preserve a record of Citizenship Day.

- General Mills is placing historical vignettes about the Constitution and the framers on 100 million cereal boxes, for distribution nationwide. And McDonald's is printing a series of tray liners

containing the Preamble, educational articles and pictures about the Constitutional Convention.

- Merrill Lynch, having funded a public television series on the Constitution for KQED-TV San Francisco, is sponsoring programs for all 50 states commemorating their ratification of the Constitution or their entry into the Union. Citicorp, Phillips Petroleum, General Dynamics, GTE, Kemper Group, West Publishing and other corporations have printed and distributed millions of pocket-size Constitutions for the public. Many other companies -- including IBM, AT&T and Time, Inc., to name a few -- have helped in other ways.

We are now working on plans for conferences and symposia at the college level over the next four years and for summer seminars in every state to help teachers develop instructional materials on the Constitution. The Commission has already provided nearly \$1 million in grants for 22 such seminars, and we will be seeking corporate sponsors for these and other programs in the years ahead. We are working with the State Department and the U.S. Information Agency in creating Bicentennial programs in other countries, and every American embassy and major consulates will host a Bicentennial reception.

These examples show that the business community can contribute to making this Bicentennial a "history and civics lesson" on the Constitution.

*William E. Burger*

Chief Justice of the  
United States, 1969-1986  
Chairman of the Commission

## Re-enactment at County College Morris Scheduled

The County College of Morris, N.J., will host a re-enactment of the Constitutional Convention September 19. The 42 delegates remaining on the last day of the Convention.

will be represented by a delegate from each town in Morris County. In the end, the audience will be allowed to vote on whether the state should ratify the Constitution.



## Calendar of Bicentennial Events

Aug. 1:	Start of month-long Bicentennial exhibit at Boston City Hall: "Heritage of Greater Boston -- A Salute to Freedom."	Aug. 6:	Start of week-long American Bar Association annual conference in San Francisco, with Bicentennial theme.	Aug. 18:	Start of National Youth Conference on the Constitution, sponsored by National Conference of Christians and Jews, in Philadelphia.
Aug. 2:	Start of week-long National Conference of Chief Justices and State Court Administrators, to focus on Bicentennial theme, in Rapid City, S.D.	Aug. 9:	"The Influence of the Torah on the U.S. Constitution," a featured program at the convention of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs, at Kaimesha Lake, N.Y.	Aug. 22:	Riverfront gala celebrating the Constitution, at Delaware City, Del.
Aug. 6:	Start of World Association of World Federalists' Congress, with tribute to the U.S. Constitution. At University of Pennsylvania.	Aug. 26:	Start of American Legislative Exchange Council annual meeting, incorporating Bicentennial theme, in Washington, D.C.		

## The U.S. Constitution's South Carolina Connection

It is sometimes difficult, even 200 years later, to determine the most influential men at the Constitutional Convention. Historians will argue many hours over who played the key roles at the Convention: Madison, Hamilton, Franklin and Washington. Many times the argument may be tainted by the historian's political philosophy or geographic location.

But few will argue that the Pinckney family of South Carolina wasn't the most prominent family at the Convention. Coupled with John Rutledge, it gave the Palmetto State a powerful delegation at the Constitution Convention.

Nearly a year before the Convention Charles Pinckney, a member of the Confederation Congress, called for revising the Articles of

Confederation. On August 7, 1786, he introduced seven amendments. These would give Congress power to regulate commerce; to collect taxes if the states failed to do so; to punish traitors; to set up a seven-member federal court for cases referred from state courts; and to enforce attendance on members of Congress. Many of his ideas would be incorporated into the new Constitution.

Another member of the South Carolina delegation was Charles Cotesworth Pinckney, a cousin to Charles Pinckney. Both played key roles in the compromise over slavery, making certain that southern interests were protected.

The family ties did not end with a surname. John Rutledge and Pierce Butler were the other members of South Carolina's delegation.

Rutledge's brother was Charles Cotesworth Pinckney's brother-in-law, and Butler's wife was a cousin to the wives of the both Cotesworth Pinckney and Rutledge.

Rutledge's key contribution to the Convention was to chair the committee that put into writing the proposals for a new Constitution. This was presented to the Convention on August 6, 1787, almost a year to the day that Charles Pinckney proposed his amendments to the Articles of Confederation.

Many contributed to our Constitution, but the part played by the South Carolina delegation, bound closely by family and social ties, is unique. Their's is one of the most interesting stories surrounding the birth of the Constitution.

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