

# A REVOLUTIONARY CELEBRATION



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Great Egg Harbor Township Historical Society Museum and Research Library vice chair Pamela Tyson and historian Lynn Wood talked with attendees during Atlantic County's celebration Saturday at Estell Manor Park in Mays Landing to count down to America's 250th anniversary.

## Atlantic County kicks off America 250 countdown at Estell Manor Park

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**E**STELL MANOR — Atlantic County on Saturday kicked off its countdown to celebrating America 250.

The free event marked the first in a series of planned community programs leading up to the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

"America remains the world's oldest continuous democracy and this anniversary provides an opportunity to reflect on the principles that hold us together for the greater good," County Executive Dennis Levinson said ahead of the event.

Presented by the Atlantic County Historical Society, the celebration highlighted the region's Revolutionary War history, including the role of the Jersey Shore during the nation's founding. Historical society members portrayed Revolutionary War figures and shared period stories.

There we also colonial-era children's games, a Revolutionary War sites activity book, musical entertainment from a privateer reenactment group, food trucks, crafters and giveaways.

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Patrick Philpot, 11, of Dorothy, plays a game of ring toss called the Game of Graces.



The Seadogs, a New Jersey-based band and privateer re-enactment group, sang period music Saturday.



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