



THE PHILADELPHIA SOCIETY
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THE PHILADELPHIA SOCIETY'S SPRING MEETING

APRIL 17-19, 2026 • GRAND HYATT TAMPA BAY | TAMPA, FLORIDA

THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE AT 250: THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION THEN AND NOW

Friday, April 17

4:00–7:00	Registration	Main Level Foyer
5:00–6:00	President's Reception (by invitation)	Skylark - 14 th Fl
5:30–6:00	General Fellowship Orientation	Snowy Egret
5:30–6:50	General Reception <i>Hosted with thanks to our sponsors</i>	Audubon Foyer
7:00–9:00	Dinner & Program Does a Nation with Imperfect Origins, a Flawed History, and a Tempestuous Present Have the Right to Celebrate Its Revolutionary Founding? Chair: Joseph A. Morris, President, <i>The Philadelphia Society</i> Keynote: Geoffrey Slaughter, <i>Indiana Supreme Court</i>	Audubon Ballroom

Saturday, April 18

7:30–9:00	Annual Breakfast Meeting of the Membership (Members only)	Audubon Ballroom
9:30–11:00	Session 1: How Did the "American Nation" Come to Be? Chair: Jason Jewell, <i>State University System of Florida</i> Remy Debes, <i>The University of Memphis</i> Wilfred McClay, <i>Hillsdale College</i> C. Bradley Thompson, <i>Clemson University</i>	Audubon Ballroom
12:00–1:30	Baron Award & Luncheon What Does It Mean to Be an American Revolutionary Today? Chair: Robert Alt, <i>The Buckeye Institute</i> Keynote: Danny J. Boggs, <i>U.S. Court of Appeals</i>	Audubon Ballroom
2:00–3:30	Session 2: Can a Revolution Be Lawful? Chair: Jesús María Alvarado Andrade, <i>Universidad Francisco Marroquín</i> Jane Calvert, <i>The John Dickinson Writings Project</i> David Forte, <i>Cleveland State University</i> Michael Lucchese, <i>Pipe Creek Consulting; Law & Liberty</i>	Audubon Ballroom
3:30–4:00	Coffee Break	Audubon Foyer
4:00–5:30	Session 3: Did the Declaration Provide a Firm Ground for the Constitution of a Federal, and Liberty-Protecting Republic? Chair: Steven Hayward, <i>Pepperdine University</i> Amanda Bellows, <i>Lang College – The New School</i> Roger Pilon, <i>Cato Institute</i> Colleen Sheehan, <i>Arizona State University</i>	Audubon Ballroom
5:30–6:45	Reception & Book Signing <i>Hosted with thanks to our sponsors</i>	Audubon Foyer

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Sunday, April 19

8:00–9:00 **Breakfast Buffet** Audubon Ballroom

9:00–11:00 **Roundtable Discussion: Can We Keep the Republic?** Audubon Ballroom

Chair: Joseph A. Morris, President, *The Philadelphia Society*

Robert Alt, Second Vice President, *The Philadelphia Society*

Samuel J. Gregg, Past President (2019-2021), *The Philadelphia Society*

Michael C. Munger, First Vice President, *The Philadelphia Society*

Bradley C. S. Watson, Past President (2024-2025), *The Philadelphia Society*

Hotel check-out at 11:00 am

Concierge can hold luggage for hotel guests only

Save the Date: 2026 Fall Meeting – September 18–19, 2026 in McLean, VA