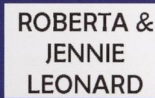
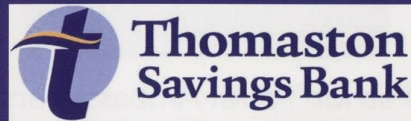




*Patriots' Day is the 3rd Monday in April and marks the historic Battles of Lexington and Concord, April 19, 1775. Poet Ralph Waldo Emerson describes the first shot fired by Patriots at the North Bridge in his "Concord Hymn" historically known as the "shot heard around the world." It was the first battle that started the American Revolutionary War, paving our path to freedom.*

## Thanks to Our Supporters



# PATRIOTS' DAY INITIATIVE

## Sparking Patriotism Across Connecticut



How are you spending your American Inheritance? Invite the director and founder of the Patriots' Day Initiative, Stacy Perrone-Petta, to speak on this patriotic topic, and the importance of embracing our American Heritage & History.

For more information on how you can promote Patriots' Day in your area call: 203.228.7305 or email: patriotsdayct@aol.com  
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Together Let Us Celebrate Connecticut's New State Holiday



# CELEBRATE



PATRIOTS' DAY BECAME AN OFFICIAL HOLIDAY ON JULY 10, 2017, IN THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT. WE NOW JOIN THE THREE OTHER STATES OF MAINE, MASSACHUSETTS, AND WISCONSIN WHO ALREADY CELEBRATE WITH PRIDE.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO FORMER SENATOR JOE MARKLEY (16TH DISTRICT), REP. ROB SAMPSON (80TH DISTRICT), HISTORIAN ALEX BUGAEFF (ELLINGTON, CT) AND STACY PERRONE-PETTA WHO HELPED TO INITIATE THE DAY AS AN OFFICIAL HOLIDAY IN CONNECTICUT.

NOW MORE THAN EVER WE NEED TO CELEBRATE OUR NATION, INSPIRE HOPE AND COME TOGETHER. IT IS OUR GOAL TO VISIT ALL 169 CONNECTICUT TOWNS, CITIES AND BOROUGHS TO ENCOURAGE THIS ANNUAL CELEBRATION. THE "PATRIOTS' DAY INITIATIVE" WAS CREATED TO SPARK MORE PATRIOTISM ACROSS OUR GREAT STATE AND HELP ALL AGES TO LEARN MORE OF AMERICAN HISTORY.



# COMMUNITY EFFORTS



Patriot Youth Ambassadors

WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO CREATE YOUR OWN PATRIOTS' DAY ACTIVITIES SUCH AS: HISTORICAL REENACTMENTS, AWARDS CEREMONIES, PUBLIC FORUMS, ART OR ESSAY CONTESTS AND THEATRICAL PRESENTATIONS.



A Patriots' Day Art Contest was hosted in Wolcott, Connecticut to raise funds and awareness for the Patriots' Day Initiative. The grand prize winners artwork was displayed on chocolate bars sold to benefit local educational programs and promotional materials.



Judith Kalaora  
Actress/Historian  
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Alex Bugaeff  
Historian

# MISSION

**Our mission is to celebrate Patriots' Day across Connecticut, the 3rd Monday of every April, in a continuous effort to spark patriotism in the hearts of citizens while honoring and educating about American History.**

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