**(Name) American Legion Post #**

**123 Main St.**

**Anytown, Any State, ZIP code**

**Phone number**

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American Legion urges participation in “Two Lights for Tomorrow”

**(City or town)**residents encouraged to take part in a kickoff event to begin celebrating the nation’s 250th anniversary

**(CITY) (Month date, year)** – On **(day/s, April date/s)**, **(Name)** American Legion Post **###** will take part in “Two Lights for Tomorrow,” the first event under the U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission, the national body tasked with organizing the celebration of America’s 250th birthday in 2026.

The American Legion is asking others in the community – including government offices, businesses, civic organizations, churches and private residences – to join the commemoration April 18-19, 2025.

On the night of April 18, 1775, Boston silversmith Paul Revere rode to Lexington, Mass., warning minutemen and households about the approach of British forces. Behind him, the North Church was shining the agreed-upon code from its steeple via lanterns: “One if by land, and two if by sea,” according to Henry Wadsworth Longfellow’s famous poem “Paul Revere’s Ride.” The next day were the battles of Lexington and Concord, and the colonists were well prepared. In that spirit, the commission’s America250 program, which works in coordination with The American Legion, has called on state capitol buildings to display two lights on the evening of Friday, April 18 – and on schools, offices, churches, individual homes and more to shine two lights of their own, along with other promotions of the 2026 birthday.

Post **###** will display two lights in its **(post home or other location)**, and encourages residents of **(city or town)** to do the same. Related activities planned by the post include **(event/s, day/s, time/s, location/s)**, which the public is invited to attend. The American Legion is participating in Two Lights for Tomorrow in coordination with America250 commissions on the national, state and local levels across the country.

**About The American Legion**

The American Legion is the largest U.S. veterans organization, with more than 1.6 million members in more than 12,000 posts across the nation and in foreign countries. Chartered by Congress in 1919, it is dedicated to the motto of “Veterans Strengthening America.” Legionnaires accomplish this through the organization’s four founding pillars of Americanism, Youth, Defense and Veterans.

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