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### FREEDOM 250 CREATION LEADERSHIP AND EVENTS

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The foundation for what became Freedom 250 began as an executive order<sup>1</sup> that President Donald Trump signed shortly after his second term<sup>2</sup> began, with the establishment of “Task Force 250.”

In a video message, Trump said the “public-private partnership” was meant to fulfill<sup>3</sup> his campaign pledge<sup>4</sup> “to give America the most spectacular birthday party the world has ever seen for America’s 250th anniversary.” Trump is the chair of the task force, and Vice President JD Vance serves as vice chair.

While America250 lists its organization’s leaders online, Freedom 250 does not explicitly identify who is managing the group on a day-to-day basis<sup>5</sup>. Much of the work is being done by Event Strategies Inc. and its Managing Partner Justin Caporale. ESI produced the Jan. 6, 2021, rally<sup>6</sup> on the Ellipse that preceded the attack on the U.S. Capitol. Caporale is a longtime Trump ally and worked on Trump’s 2024 campaign events.

Freedom 250 is responsible for several major events in Washington, including the Great American State Fair on the National Mall, the Salute to America fireworks<sup>7</sup> celebration and the Patriot Games.

The Patriot Games will be a physical fitness competition featuring male and female high school athletes from every state and territory. Two winners will split a \$250,000 grand prize<sup>8</sup>. Another signature event, “Rededicate 250,” was a national prayer celebration on the National Mall.

#### Vocabulary

**1 executive order** décret présidentiel • **2 term** mandat • **3 to fulfill** tenir / réaliser • **4 campaign pledge** promesse de campagne • **5 on a day-to-day basis** au quotidien • **6 rally** rassemblement politique • **7 fireworks** feu d’artifice • **8 grand prize** prix principal