



The 2019 American Evolution Commemoration Commission wants to hear from you.



The Honorable Nancy Rodrigues

"We want to put a face on the American dream," said the Hon. Nancy Rodrigues. "We want VGEA members to tell about their lives, their public service, their ancestors and how they came to Virginia, their successes and failures. We want to showcase where history meets real life."

Rodrigues, a VGEA member and Deputy Director of 2019 Commemoration, said the stories - which can be recorded at home on computers or cell phones - will be collected and archived. The initiative is part of the Commonwealth's quatercentenary commemoration. Four hundred years ago, the New world's first representative legislative assembly met in Virginia. At about the same time, the first Africans and the first substantial number of women arrived in English North America and joined with Native Americans to sow the seeds of our government and our way of life.

To tell your story, click here: <https://www.americanevolution2019.com/engage/ae-stories-2/visit>.

There are sample stories on this page.



Governor Ralph Northam signs the

"So much is much happening next year," Rodrigues said. "We are spending \$25 million to showcase this commemoration. Special exhibits, documentary films, scholarly works, interpretive centers and digital applications will show our collective achievements and our tremendous potential."

In May 2019, the Global Pathfinder Summit in Charlottesville will showcase how the young pioneers who founded Jamestown changed the world. There will be special opportunities for those 21 to 35 years of age to participate in

document to launch the 2019 American Evolution. this event. **The participation deadline is December 19, 2018.** Register and learn more by visiting www.americanevolution2019.com. We will share other ways to become involved in the commemorative celebration in upcoming editions of the eNews.



Participants of the Statewide Partner Summit in May 2018 discuss ways to engage Virginians in the commemorative celebration.

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