



Independence Day, commonly known as the Fourth of July or July Fourth, commemorates the adoption of the Declaration of Independence from Great Britain. On July 4, 1776, the signers of the Declaration of Independence asserted that all are “created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.” With these words, our forefathers formed a new nation and put forth a vision of liberty and democracy that would forever alter history. Every Fourth of July, Americans celebrate this pivotal moment in our history, which set into motion the development of a land of freedom and opportunity unequalled in the world.

Along with the celebrations containing fireworks and picnics there are parades. Please remember if you are conducting or a part of the flag line for a parade or any other event containing a color guard there is a Military Flags of Order of Precedence. This can be confusing for many so according to The Department of Defense guidelines, military flags should be displayed (from left to right) Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force, Space Force and Coast Guard.

Parading and saluting the US flag

- When carried in a procession, the flag should be to the right of the marchers.
- When other flags are carried, the flag of the United States may be centered in front of the others or carried to their right. When the flag passes in a procession, or when it is hoisted or lowered, all should face the flag and salute.
- To salute, all persons come to attention.
 - Those in uniform give the appropriate formal salute.
 - Members of the Armed Forces and veterans who are present but not in uniform may render the military salute.
 - Citizens not in uniform salute by placing their right hand over the heart and men with head cover should remove it and hold it to left shoulder, hand over the heart.
 - Members of uniformed organizations in formation salute upon command of the person in charge.

Americanism dates for JULY:

2nd - Us Army Air Corp established

4th - Independence Day - 1776 forefathers signed Declaration of Independence

27th-National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day

28th- National Buffalo Soldiers Day

29th Army Chaplain Corps Anniversary

Have a happy and safe 4th of July and see you for more details at the S of I in Russell in August!
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