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# What the Fourth of July Means to Me

By Anesa K. Chastain Jones - Advertising Insights with Anesa Oklahoma's *Choice Weekly*

Every year when the Fourth of July rolls around, I find myself thinking about what this day really means.

Of course, I love the fireworks, the cookouts, the parades, the American flags waving in the wind. Those are traditions worth holding onto.

But for me, Independence Day has always been about something much deeper.

It is about freedom.

Not the kind of freedom we casually mention in conversation, but the kind that generations of Americans fought, sacrificed, and died to preserve. The freedom to speak our minds. The freedom to worship. The freedom to chase an idea that nobody else can see yet. The freedom to build a business, raise a family, and leave this country a little better than we found it.

As a business owner and someone who has spent decades helping other businesses tell their stories, I never forget that none of what I do would be possible without those freedoms.

Every advertisement we publish, every website we build, every entrepreneur who decides to open their doors, and every dream that becomes a reality begins with the opportunity that living in America provides.

That doesn't mean life is always easy. It isn't.

Business is hard. Families face challenges. Communities go through difficult seasons. We don't always agree with one another, and we certainly don't all see the world the same way.

But one thing that has always made America remarkable is that we have the freedom to keep trying. To keep building. To keep improving. To believe tomorrow can be better than today.

I think that's something worth celebrating.

As our nation marks 250 years of independence, I hope we all take a moment to remember the people who came before us. The men and women who stood their ground so future generations could have opportunities they would never personally enjoy.

Freedom isn't free. It never has been.

This Fourth of July, while the fireworks light up the night sky, I hope we remember that they represent something far greater than a holiday. They remind us of courage, sacrifice, resilience, and the enduring spirit of a nation that continues to believe in possibility.

For me, that's what the Fourth of July means.

**Happy Independence Day, and may God continue to bless America.**

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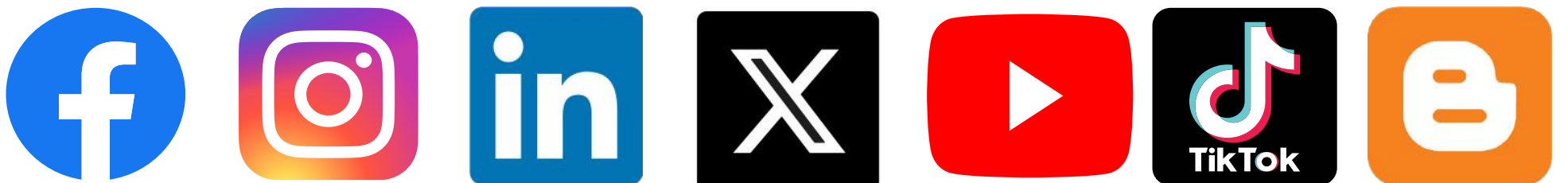
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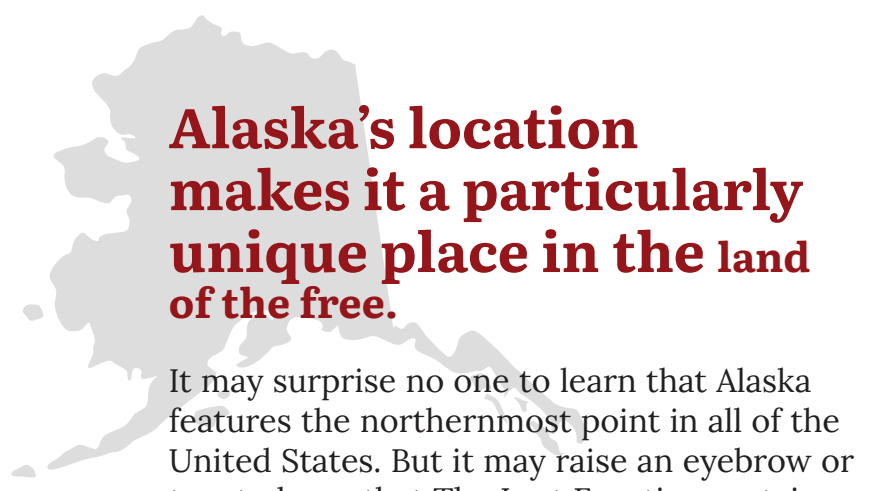
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The United States of America is often characterized as “the land of the free,” a characterization that serves as a feather in the cap of the nation that will celebrate its two hundred and fiftieth anniversary in 2026. Upon hearing the phrase “land of the free,” it’s understandable if thoughts immediately go to protected rights like freedom of speech, freedom of religion and freedom of the press. But what about the “land” in the land of free? As Americans prepare to celebrate their nation’s semiquincentennial, recognition of various geographical features of the land of the free can underscore why the United States of America is such a unique place to call home.



**Alaska’s location makes it a particularly unique place in the land of the free.**

It may surprise no one to learn that Alaska features the northernmost point in all of the United States. But it may raise an eyebrow or two to learn that The Last Frontier contains both the easternmost and westernmost points in the country. The Prime Meridian is an imaginary line that divides the Earth into the eastern and western hemispheres. According to The State of Alaska, the westernmost point in the state, and thus the entire country, is Amatignak Island. Seventy miles away and still in Alaska, but on the other side of the meridian and thus technically in the eastern hemisphere, sits Pochnoi Point on Semisopchnoi Island, which is the easternmost point in the country.

**The tallest mountain in the world is in America.**

Climbers who train for years in the hopes of one day making their way up Mount Everest might be surprised to learn the mountain located on the border between Koshi Province, Nepal and the Tibet Autonomous Region is not, in fact, the world’s tallest mountain. While Mount Everest is the highest mountain above sea level, the world’s tallest mountain is Mauna Kea, which is in the Hawaiian islands. According to the American Geography Portal, when measured from its base on the sea floor to its summit, Mauna Kea is more than 32,000 feet tall, topping Mount Everest by a few thousand feet.

**Oregon is home to one of the world’s deepest lakes.**

With a depth of approximately 1,950 feet, Crater Lake in south-central Oregon is the eleventh deepest lake in the world and the second deepest lake in North America. The National Park Service notes that Crater Lake, fed by rain and snow, is among the most pristine lakes on Earth, making it a popular destination for artists, photographers and sightseers.

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We also see them in the families who support local businesses, attend community events, cheer from the sidelines, lend a helping hand to a neighbor, and work together to build stronger communities for future generations.

As fireworks light up the Oklahoma sky this Fourth of July, we hope everyone takes a moment to reflect on the blessings we share, the freedoms we enjoy, and the sacrifices made by those who came before us.

From all of us at **Oklahoma's Choice Weekly**, thank you for allowing us to be a small part of your communities. It is an honor and privilege that we never take for granted.

We wish you and your family a safe, happy, and blessed Independence Day.

**Happy 250th Birthday, America!**

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# America then *and* now

Celebrations of the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the United States of America will unfold throughout 2026. As millions join in the festivities, it can be fun to **compare** the nation in its infancy to the one that has since firmly established itself as a global leader.

## Population

- **1780:** 2.8 million\*
- **2025:** 342 million\*\*

\* The National Archives note that the first decennial census of the United States was not taken until 1790, so the figure cited for 1780 is a widely accepted estimate of the burgeoning nation's population during the opening years of the American Revolutionary War.

\*\* This represents the U.S. Census Bureau population estimate as of late 2025.

## Income taxes • 1776: 0%

Debates regarding income taxes may seem like an ever-present component of American life, but colonists did not pay income tax in 1776. Though taxation was undeniably a notable issue throughout colonial America, the Tax Foundation notes the situation was considerably different in 1776 than it is today, when taxes are a highly debated component of American life. In 1776, the British Crown relied on tariffs and excise taxes to fund the American colonies, whereas modern Americans pay federal and, in most states, state income taxes to finance a range of public goods and services.

## Land mass

- **1783:** 800,000 sq miles
- **2026:** just under 3.6 million sq miles

The Times Atlas of World History indicates that the United States had an area of approximately 800,000 square miles in 1783. The country is considerably larger today, with a rough land mass of just under 3.6 million square miles according to the U.S. Census Bureau. To put that expansion since the nascent days of the nation in perspective, today the combined land mass of the country's two largest states eclipses the land mass of the entire nation in the early 1780s. Alaska (estimated land mass 571,000 square miles) and Texas (262,000), with roughly 833,000 square miles between them, are larger than the total land mass of the United States in 1783.

## States

According to the National Constitution Center, a series of resolutions passed by the Second Continental Congress in September 1776 officially cited the collective colonies fighting in the American Revolutionary War as the "United States."

- **1776:** 13
- **2026:** 50

## Transportation

- **Late eighteenth century:** Horses
- **2025:** 298.7 million registered vehicles

The Center for the Study of the Presidency and Congress notes that walking was the most common and cheapest mode of transportation in the late eighteenth century. Horses and wagons enabled business and distance travel, but such modes were only available to those who could afford it, greatly limiting who could get around by any means other than their own feet. Getting around in the present day is a little more accessible, and a recent analysis from Hedges & Company found there were 298.7 million registered vehicles in the U.S. in 2025.

# An enduring, ever-evolving symbol of *freedom*

*The* American flag has been recognized across the globe as a symbol of freedom for centuries. The Stars and Stripes is recognizable to billions of people worldwide, but the flag has undergone many changes since the United States gained its independence from Great Britain. According to the National Flag Foundation, the national flag of the United States has been revised 27 times since American colonists fought for and won independence from British rule. Of course, many of those changes occurred when a new state or new states were added to the union. Each time a new state joined the union, the flag would have to be adjusted with the addition of an extra star. The 1777 flag included a star for each of the 13 colonies that eventually became one of the initial 13 states, but the modern flag now features 50 stars as representative of the 50 states. Though the flag certainly underwent many changes since the nation's inception, the NFF notes the current flag has remained unchanged since 1960, when the 50-star version was officially adopted on July 4 in recognition of Hawaii becoming the fiftieth state in 1959.



# Happy Birthday America!!

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### Getting to Know the Declaration of Independence

The Declaration of Independence is a formal document that served as the signatory colonies' statement that they were now 'free and independent States.' It is a vital document in American history.

On July 1, 1776, delegates from the original 13 colonies, making up the Second Continental Congress, met in Philadelphia to vote on Richard Henry Lee's motion for independence. After some deliberation, ultimately 12 of the 13 delegates voted in favor. In recognition of those 12 delegates, here are 12 facts regarding the Declaration of Independence.

1. The drafted document was officially adopted on July 4, 1776, two days after freedom from Britain was approved. However, most delegates signed the document on August 2, 1776, while others signed on a later date. John Dickinson and Robert R. Livingston never signed the Declaration of Independence.
2. John Dunlap was the official printer of Congress at the time. He worked all night and into the morning of July 5 to produce the large, single-sided sheet, known as a broadside. About 200 copies of Dunlap's broadside were made.
3. The University of Virginia owns two copies of a rare early printing of the Declaration. It is on display in the Albert and Shirley Small Special Collections Library. It is believed the copy once belonged to George Washington.
4. Benjamin Franklin, George Read, Roger Sherman, Robert Morris, George Clymer, and James Wilson signed both the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution.
5. The Declaration of Independence and the Constitution were hidden at Fort Knox during World War II, two weeks after Pearl Harbor was attacked.
6. Despite what the movie 'National Treasure' will have one believe, the message on the back of the document is visible and reads 'Original Declaration of Independence dated 4th July 1776.'
7. Richard Stockton, a lawyer from New Jersey, was a signer of the Declaration who later recanted his support of the American revolution. He subsequently swore his allegiance to King George III after being captured by the British.
8. In 1989, an original Dunlap Broadside was found hidden behind a picture a Philadelphia man bought at a flea market for \$4. It later sold for \$8.1 million. Ultimately, 26 copies of the original prints have been found.
9. The United States celebrates Independence Day on July 4th, even though independence



was accepted on July 2nd.

10. Early on, not everyone in America was supportive of the Declaration of Independence. Partisan politics led to discord. Federalist John Adams was feuding with Republicans and Thomas Jefferson. The anniversary date of the signing was not widely celebrated until the Federalists were no longer involved in politics.
11. The one-year anniversary of Independence Day and the celebration of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence slipped the minds of Congress in 1777. When they remembered it was July 3rd, they planned a last-minute celebration on July 4th, and each year thereafter.
12. John Trumbull's painting 'Declaration of Independence,' which was made into a lithograph replica by Ralph Trembly, hangs in the Rotunda of the U.S. Capitol. It is a fictional depiction of the five-man drafting committee presenting their draft to Congress, and not the signing. The painting shows 42 of the 56 signees, since Trumbull couldn't get likenesses of all involved. The men featured in the painting were never all in the room at the same time during the Declaration's debate and signing.

The Declaration of Independence is a key document in American history, and its words are celebrated each Independence Day.

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