



Ohio Adjutant General's Department

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Our great nation will celebrate its 247th birthday on Tuesday, July 4

In 1776, patriots declared independence from England and set the path that eventually would lead to the formation of the United States of America. America is "the land of the free and the home of the brave." Those patriots fought bravely so we could be free.

This year, we are also celebrating the 75th anniversary of the Freedom to Serve and the Women in Armed Services Integration Act, which allowed women to serve in the U.S. military.

While you celebrate independence this holiday by enjoying fireworks or a cookout, reflect on the cost that has been paid by those who served before us.

Please have a safe, relaxing Fourth of July.

God bless America!

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