

# AS I SEE IT!

Celebrating the Fourth of July is one of the best parts of summer. You get to barbeque with your family, watch fireworks, go to a parade and take part in all the fun summer activities.

But another reason that July 4th is so special is that it is our Independence day, a holiday celebrating the anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. It was written to justify the colonies breaking away from the mother country and becoming an independent nation. Revised by Benjamin Franklin and John Adams, the Declaration of Independence was signed by our founding fathers and accepted by Congress on July 4, 1776.

But the spirit of Independence Day is not only about the United States officially becoming a country. It's about celebrating the values that the country was founded upon. The Declaration of Independence was written with the theory that every person has inherent rights, called "self-evident truths" in the official document. It reads: "We hold these truths to be self-evident: That all men 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." But it is also a holiday to remember and honor those first Americans who made sacrifices to create the Republic and then defend it over the years.

In doing my family history, I have discovered that we have had someone in every war since the beginning of time (1346AD), including the Revolutionary War and up to Desert Storm. I am proud of each and every one of them. So remember today to thank a veteran for ensuring our freedoms!

P.S. Our email address has changed, it is now: [thebulletin@BFCSP.org](mailto:thebulletin@BFCSP.org)

P.P.S. Much love is sent to Carrie and Caitlynn Driskell, we will miss you.



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