

## **Celebrating 241 Years of Freedom**

## Generations of patriots guarantee all our tomorrows

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**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – On July 4, our nation's day of independence, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. reminds everyone that the America we know today was born from great leaders – brave men and women who despite the dangers, took a stand and said "No more!"



Risking their families, homes and their very lives, they stood up against tyranny. They fought for the idea of a nation free from taxation without proper representation, trial

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without jury, and a government without the consent of the people.

Their ideas were revolutionary, and would forever change the lives of all future generations born as Americans. Declaring our nation's independence was certainly monumental, but since that night of July 4, 1776, and afterwards, it has taken generations of sacrifice to make sure our republic continues to endure and flourish.

As we celebrate, please remember the determination of the 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence, half of whom took up arms to fight the British. It was with their determination that the first generation of American patriot was born — one who had a genuine love of country and a willingness to sacrifice everything for it, without regret.

Please join with the near 1.7 million members of the VFW and its Auxiliary this Fourth of July to celebrate the birth of our nation, and to recognize the tremendous courage, bravery and sacrifice of today's patriots who continue to protect our core values 241 years later.