

Our Lady of Prompt Succor Nursing Home & Rehabilitation Center
C'est la Vie Apartments
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Independence Day

In the United States, Independence Day, commonly known as the Fourth of July, is a federal holiday commemorating the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, declaring independence from the Kingdom of Great Britain. Independence Day is commonly associated with fireworks, parades, carnivals, fairs, picnics, concerts, games, political speeches and ceremonies celebrating the history, government, and traditions of the United States. Independence Day is the all-important national day of our United States and its history is rich in the heroism and courage of our national ancestors.

During the American Revolution, the legal separation of the American colonies from Great Britain occurred on July 2, 1776. On this day the Second Continental Congress voted to approve a resolution of independence that had been proposed in June by Richard Henry Lee of Virginia. After voting for independence, Congress turned its attention to the Declaration of Independence. The Declaration was a statement explaining this decision and was prepared by a "Committee of Five" with Thomas Jefferson of Virginia as its principal author.

The other members of the Committee were John Adams of Massachusetts, Benjamin Franklin of Pennsylvania, Roger Sherman of Connecticut and Robert R. Livingston of New York.

Congress debated and revised the Declaration and finally approved it on July 4th.

Earlier in the week, John Adams had written to his wife Abigail:

The second of July, 1776, will be the most memorable epoch in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports... and illuminations from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forever more.

The prediction of John Adams was off by two days. From the beginning, Americans celebrated independence on July 4th, the date shown on the much-publicized Declaration of Independence, rather than on July 2nd, the date the resolution of independence was approved in a closed session of Congress.

In an extraordinary series of events, both John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, two founding fathers of the United States and the only two men who signed the Declaration of Independence to later become President, died on the same day: July 4, 1826. Their deaths occurred on the 50th anniversary of the United States of America! As we commemorate this day, let us remember the people who gave their lives for our nation's independence and those who continue to serve in the military.

In 1776, our ancestors struggled for independence from Great Britain. Today we struggle to live in *inter-dependence*. May God strengthen and encourage us to pledge *our lives, our resources, and our sacred honor* to make our world a sacred space where all can live together in freedom, peace and harmony. May God bless America!

Outstanding Staff Member

In the June newsletter recognizing our outstanding employees, we omitted the paragraph for one of our certified nursing assistants, Andrée Shakesnider. She shares her story with us in these words: I began at PSNH 6 years ago. I live in Lawtell and have 1 son. I love the family-friendly environment of our nursing home. For me, it feels like home. I love to see the residents smile. If I find one of them being sad, I do my best to cheer them up. I am now working as the restorative aide and this gives me a chance to be one to one with the residents. I see them getting stronger as they do their exercises and it is satisfying to know that I am helping them make progress. As I work with them, they tell me stories about their lives and I love getting to know each one better through these conversations. I find that this is a very fulfilling position. The prayer that I love is the Apostles' Creed: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, Our Lord.... This prayer contains all the beliefs which I hold dear to my heart.

Congratulations, Andrée!

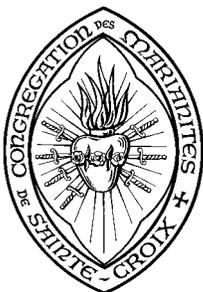
☪ **Celebrating Birthdays in July** ☪

D. Dupre	7/20	D. Mitchell	7/23
Sr. A. Fontenot	7/13	Sr. A. Mouton	7/01
M. Francois	7/14	E. J. Ortego	7/12
P. Helton	7/24	G. Porter	7/30
H. Horaist	7/07	Sr. M. Spotorno	7/10
		Sr. M. Welsh	7/11

Recently Deceased Resident

Lynic Stelly June 23, 2016

May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.



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