# **COMMEMORATIVE AIR FORCE**

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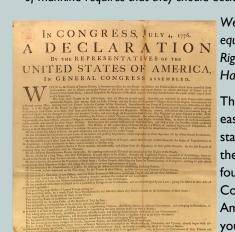
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#### **Upcoming Events:**

Wednesday, July 10
 Volunteers needed to

help unload trailer in Heber. Contact Dave 801-569-1869

- Saturday, July 13 WING MEETING BOY SCOUT MERIT BADGES! Contact Richard 801-243-4019
- Saturday, July 20 Boy Scout Merit Badges
- July 26-27 Uintah County Fair Stearman Appearance
- August 10-16
  Bonneville Speed Week
  Not Confirmed.



The United States of America Turns 237!

When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

> 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.

The opening words of the Declaration of Independence are easily the most powerful, provoking, history-making and patriotic statement this world has ever read. What American can read these words and not feel anything but admiration for our founding fathers, reminded of the bravery of our original thirteen Colonies, and feel the pride and spirit that comes with being an American? From our families to yours, the Utah Wing wishes you a happy Independence Day!

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED <u>THIS</u> WEEK!!!!! PLEASE SEE UPCOMING EVENTS COLUMN !!!!!

#### This Month in World War History

- ◆ July 28, 1914 Austria-Hungary <u>declares war</u> on Serbia, effectively beginning WWI.
- July 10, 1940 German Luftwaffe attacks British shipping, beginning the Battle of Britain.
- July 4, 1941 German soldiers <u>mass-murder</u> Polish professors near Lwów, Poland.
- July 3, 1942 <u>Guadalcanal falls</u> to the Japanese.
- July 18, 1942 Germany test flies the Messerschmitt 262, the first fully jet-powered aircraft flight.
- July 10, 1943 US and British forces land 150,000 troops on Sicily in three days. Patton's forces capture Palermo on July 22.
- July 21, 1944 US Marines land on Guam. The last Japanese soldier on Guam did not surrender until January 24, 1972, and returned to Japan.
- July 26, 1944 German Me 262 damages a British Mosquito, the first combat victory by a jet powered aircraft.
- July 16, 1945 First test of a nuclear weapon <u>"Trinity."</u> Truman hints at the Potsdam Conference the US has nuclear weapons July 24.
- July 30, 1945 USS Indianapolis sunk by a Japanese submarine. Possibly the most horrific outcome for sailors abandoning ship.

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