

## July 4, 2021, marks the 245th anniversary of America's birth.

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The Commissary will be open on July 4, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Exchange will be close on July 4 and will reopen on July 5 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

July 4, 2021, marks the 245<sup>th</sup> anniversary of America's birth. The U.S. Army, which has existed as long as this county, continues to uphold the values outlined in the Declaration of Independence.

July 4, 1776, marked a major shift in the purpose of the Army. The Army was no longer defending the king's America but an independent nation. Today, Soldiers continue to risk their lives to defend the independence of

this nation against foreign and domestic advisories.

On the first Independence Day, the Continental Congress approved the Declaration of Independence, even though the 13 colonies formally voted to separate from Great Britain two days earlier. It wasn't until 1870 that July 4 was declared Independence Day. In 1938 it became a federal holiday.

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