

# F. Y. I.

A Monthly Newsletter to Inform and Entertain Our Clients

## Remembering The Real Meaning of Independence Day

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## The 56

Have you ever wondered what happened to the 56 men who signed the Declaration of Independence? What fates befell them for daring to put their names to that document?



Five signers were captured by the British as traitors and tortured before they died. Twelve had their homes ransacked and burned. Two lost their sons serving in the Revolutionary Army, another had two sons captured. Nine of the 56 fought and died from wounds or hardships of the Revolutionary War.

They signed and they pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor. What kind of men were they? Twenty-four were lawyers and jurists. Eleven were merchants, nine were farmers and large plantation owners; men of means, well educated. But they signed the Declaration of Independence knowing full well that the penalty would be death if they were captured.

Carter Braxton of Virginia, a wealthy planter and trader, saw his ships swept from the seas by the British Navy. He sold his home and properties to pay his debts, and died in rags.

Thomas McKeam was so hounded by the British that he was forced to move his family almost constantly. He served in the Congress without pay, and his family was kept in hiding. His possessions were taken from him, and poverty was his reward.



Vandals or soldiers looted the properties of Dillery, Hall, Clymer, Walton, Gwinnett, Heyward, Rutledge, and Middleton.

At the battle of Yorktown, Thomas Nelson, Jr., noted that the British General Cornwallis had taken over the Nelson home for his headquarters. He quietly urged General George Washington to open fire. The home was destroyed, and Nelson died bankrupt.

Francis Lewis had his home and properties destroyed. The enemy jailed his wife, and she died within a few months.

John Hart was driven from his wife's bedside as she was dying. Their 13 children fled for their lives. His fields and his gristmill were laid to waste. For more than a year, he lived in forests and caves, returning home to find his wife dead and his children vanished. A few weeks later, he died from exhaustion and a broken heart. Norris and Livingston suffered similar fates.

Such were the stories and sacrifices of the American Revolution. These were not wild-eyed, rabble-rousing ruffians. They were soft-spoken men

of means and education. They had security, but they valued liberty more.

Standing tall straight, and unwavering, they pledged: "For the support of this declaration, with firm reliance on the protection of the divine providence, we mutually pledge to each other, our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor."

They gave you and me a free and independent America. The history books never told you a lot about what happened in the Revolutionary War. We didn't fight just the British. We were British subjects at that time and we fought our own government!

Some of us take these liberties so much for granted, but we shouldn't. So, take a few moments while enjoying your 4th of July Holiday and silently thank these patriots. It's not much to ask for the price they paid. Remember that Freedom is never free and patriotism is not a sin. *This is from the website, [www.snopes.com](http://www.snopes.com).*

### **The Declaration of Independence Then...**

Drafted by Thomas Jefferson between June 11 and June 28, 1776, the Declaration of Independence is the nation's most cherished symbol of liberty and Jefferson's most enduring monument. Here, in exalted and unforgettable phrases, Jefferson expressed the convictions in the minds and hearts of the American people. The political philosophy of the Declaration was not new; its ideals of individual liberty had already been expressed by John Locke and the Continental philosophers. What Jefferson did was to summarize this philosophy in "self-evident truths" and set forth a list of grievances against the King in order to justify before the world the breaking of ties between the colonies and the mother country.

### **The Declaration of Independence Today**



The original Declaration, now in the rotunda of the National Archives, has faded badly due largely to poor preservation techniques during the 19th century. Today, this priceless document is maintained under the most exacting archival conditions possible.

### **Monthly Quotes**

*"There, I guess King George will be able to read that."* – **John Hancock**

*"We must all hang together, or assuredly we shall all hang separately."* – **Benjamin Franklin**

*"The strongest reason for the people to retain the right to keep and bear arms is, as a last resort, to protect themselves against tyranny in government."* – **Thomas Jefferson**



### **MARK YOUR JULY CALENDAR...**

- July 2** World UFO Day
- July 4** Independence Day
- July 7** Chocolate Day
- July 13** National French Fries Day
- July 25** System Administrator Appreciation Day
- July 31** National Chili Dog Day

- National Ventriloquism Week – **July 16 – 19**
- Everybody Deserves a Massage Week – **July 20 – 26**
- Comic Con International **July 24 - 27**

- Family Reunion Month
- National Ice Cream Month
- Women's Motorcycle Month



# Fill Rack Openings Quickly, Easily and Less Expensively



I don't have to tell you that the key to optimizing cooling efficiency within any data center is the segregation of the cold air feed from the hot air return. And, I'm sure you are well aware that simply installing blanking panels significantly improves the operational efficiency of the rack structure by preventing hot exhaust air from contaminating the cold air feed.

If you're like most IT folks I know, you surely have either metal or molded plastic blanking panels in the unused spaces in all of your cabinets. But, as you well know, the size of those panels are fixed, they can take up a lot of storage space and can be pretty pricey.



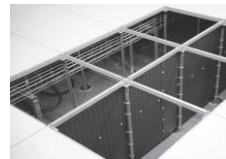
Well, take a look at our *Plenafill* scalable blanking panels. Unlike standard panels, *Plenafill* panels come in sheets of 27 1U panels, perforated every 1U for easy separation. They are made of Formex, a flame retardant Polypropylene compound and do not require cage nuts or assembly. You

simply determine the size of the cabinet opening you need filled, snap off the correct size of the *Plenafill* panel and mount to the rails using removeable snap rivets.

And, when you need to add new hardware to a cabinet, simply adjust the size of the existing *Plenafill* panels and rearrange. There's no waste and you never have to worry about finding the correct panel size or installing multiple panels to fill the gap. Consider this:



- Perforated in 1U increments for easy sizing
- No cage nuts or assembly required
- No air gaps between U's
- Thin enough to fit behind face plate
- Particulate-free
- Available in 19" and 23" EIA widths
- Available in Black and White
- Shipped 10-27U sheets per carton; 270U!
- Much less expensive than traditional panels



And, for another another "cool" idea, consider our *Plenaform* Raised Floor Baffles. Same concept as the *Plenafill* panels, but they allow you to create a dedicated cold-aisle or partition off unoccupied raised floor areas. They're sizeable vertically and horizontally to fit under any floor.

*Bob Von Steen*