

Thomas Jefferson
MONTICELLO

WELCOME TO THE

54TH ANNUAL



July 4th

INDEPENDENCE DAY
CELEBRATION
and NATURALIZATION
CEREMONY at
MONTICELLO

"...the flames kindled on the 4TH of July 1776. have spread over too much of the globe to be extinguished by the feeble engines of despotism. on the contrary they will consume those engines, and all who work them."

— THOMAS JEFFERSON TO JOHN ADAMS, SEPT. 12, 1821





PROGRAM

9 AM	Jefferson's Chinese Gong strikes the hour
Preamble to the Declaration of Independence	The Honorable John Charles Thomas <i>Trustee Emeritus, Thomas Jefferson Foundation</i>
Welcome and Introduction of Speaker	Ms. Leslie Greene Bowman <i>President, Thomas Jefferson Foundation</i>
Keynote Address	Dr. Larry J. Sabato <i>Director of the Center for Politics</i>

NATURALIZATION CEREMONY

U.S. District Court, Western District of Virginia

Presiding	The Honorable Glen E. Conrad <i>Chief Judge</i>
Opening of the Court	United States Marshal, Western District of Virginia
Presentation of Petitioners and Motion for Admission	Mr. John P. Fishwick Jr. <i>United States Attorney for the Western District of Virginia</i>
Oath of Citizenship	The Court
Presentation of the Colors	The Lewis and Clark Fife and Drum Corps
Pledge of Allegiance	Ms. Bowman
Presentation of Certificates of Citizenship	The Court
National Anthem	The U.S. Army Chorus
Remarks	The Court
Closing of the Court	The Marshal
Sworn Again Oath	Ms. Bowman
"America the Beautiful"	Mr. Corey Crider <i>Principal Artist, Ash Lawn Opera, Accompanied by the Municipal Band of Charlottesville</i>
Concluding Remarks	Ms. Bowman

Jeffersonian Open House





APPLICANTS FOR NATURALIZATION*

*Today we welcome more than 70 new citizens
from countries around the world.*

AFGHANISTAN

Latifa Safi Qiami

ARGENTINA

Melany Rosmari Jorge Garnica

BANGLADESH

Golam Mohammad Salekin

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Shawan Subba

BOLIVIA

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Josephine Hizo Hosang
Stephanie Maureen Chua

RUSSIA

Nawal Mwafaq Alshamaa

SOUTH KOREA

Inchan Kwon
Rock Beom Kim

SPAIN

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SRI LANKA

Barushi Gopitha Amarasinghe

THAILAND

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Maryam Dibaj
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Khanh Haduy Dang

ZAMBIA

Erick Mulwany Kalenga
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*As of June 21, 2016



INDEPENDENCE DAY AT MONTICELLO

There is no more inspirational place to celebrate the Fourth of July than Monticello, the home of Thomas Jefferson, author of the Declaration of Independence. Since 1963, more than 3,600 people have taken the oath of citizenship on the historic West Lawn. 2016 marks the 54th anniversary of the Independence Day Celebration and Naturalization Ceremony at Monticello, the oldest continuous naturalization ceremony held outside of a courtroom. In the 54 years that Monticello has hosted the ceremony, four sitting presidents, several Cabinet secretaries, political leaders, and persons of distinction in business and the arts have addressed new citizens on the West Lawn.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

DR. LARRY J. SABATO

Dr. Larry J. Sabato is the founder and director of the University of Virginia Center for Politics. He also directs the Center for Politics' Crystal Ball website, which has an unparalleled record of accuracy in predicting U.S. elections. He is the University Professor of Politics at the University of Virginia, and has had visiting appointments at Oxford University and Cambridge University in Great Britain. A Rhodes scholar, he received his doctorate from Oxford, and he is the author or editor of two dozen books on American politics. Sabato has appeared on television news shows hundreds of times, and is a two-time Emmy winner for his television documentaries "Out of Order" and "The Kennedy Half-Century."



SWORN AGAIN

Monticello is honored to include the Sworn Again program in the 54th annual Independence Day Celebration. Working to revitalize citizenship, Sworn Again is a project striving to inspire current and future American citizens to reaffirm their citizenship with an increased ownership of civic responsibility as well as acknowledgement of the freedoms and opportunities that the American democratic system provides to its citizens. New citizens and citizens of long-standing are invited to read the oath aloud on the historic West Lawn.

SWORN AGAIN OATH

I pledge to be an active American; to show up for others, to govern my self, to help govern my community. I recommit myself to my country's creed to cherish liberty as a responsibility. I pledge to serve and to push my country: when right, to be kept right; when wrong, to be set right. Wherever my ancestors and I were born, I claim America and I pledge to live like a citizen.

PREAMBLE TO THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

In Congress, July 4, 1776

The Unanimous Declaration of the Thirteen United States of America

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. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security.

OATH OF CITIZENSHIP

I hereby declare, on oath, that I absolutely and entirely renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty, of whom or which I have heretofore been a subject or citizen; that I will support and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States of America against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I will bear arms on behalf of the United States when required by the law; that I will perform noncombatant service in the Armed Forces of the United States when required by the law; that I will perform work of national importance under civilian direction when required by the law; and that I take this obligation freely without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; so help me God.

JEFFERSON'S CHINESE GONG

At the beginning of the ceremony you will hear Thomas Jefferson's Chinese Gong strike the top of the hour. Housed on the rooftop of Monticello, and sounding the hours as the clock in the Entrance Hall strikes, is a gong Jefferson obtained from China in the 1790s. In 1792, Jefferson wrote to his secretary, Henry Remsen:

*"The Chinese have a thing made of a kind of bell metal, which they call a Gong,
and is used as a bell at the gates of large houses, &c . . . I wish for one to
serve as the bell to a clock, which might be heard all over my farm."*

WITH APPRECIATION

U.S. DISTRICT COURT, WESTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA (THE COURT)

The U.S. District Court, Western District of Virginia, conducts monthly naturalization ceremonies throughout the district, in Abingdon, Big Stone Gap, Charlottesville, Danville, Harrisonburg, Lynchburg and Roanoke. The court has performed the naturalization ceremony at Monticello for 54 years.

THE LEWIS AND CLARK FIFE AND DRUM CORPS

The Lewis and Clark Fife and Drum Corps takes its name from two famous explorers— Captains Meriwether Lewis and William Clark. Thomas Jefferson commissioned the Lewis and Clark Expedition in 1803 to explore the northwest territory. The Corps was founded in 1992 by the late John Dengler and the South Main Preservation Society as a way to share the history of the Lewis and Clark Expedition and the history of the city of St. Charles. The Corps members wear the dress uniform of field musicians and color guard members from the 1st U.S. Infantry during the period of

THE U.S. ARMY CHORUS

In 1956, the U.S. Army Chorus was established as the vocal counterpart of the United States Army Band “Pershing’s Own,” and is one of the nation’s only professional men’s choruses. From its inception, the U.S. Army Chorus has established and maintained a reputation of excellence in the performance of male choral literature. Beyond the traditional military music and patriotic standards, the repertoire of the U.S. Army Chorus covers a broad spectrum that includes pop, Broadway, folk and classical music.

COREY CRIDER, PRINCIPAL ARTIST, ASH LAWN OPERA

Baritone Corey Crider is an alumnus of Lyric Opera of Chicago’s Ryan Opera Center and recently returned to the company as Malatesta in *Don Pasquale*. Additional recent highlights include Marcello in *La bohème* with Arizona Opera and the Munich Philharmonic, Cavaliere di Belfiore in *Un giorno di regno* with Sarasota Opera, and Escamillo in *Carmen* with Opera Lyra Ottawa. The 2015-2016 season includes the reprise of his celebrated Sweeney Todd with Opera Roanoke, Sharpless in *Madama Butterfly* with Dayton Opera, Guglielmo in *Così fan tutte* with Sarasota Opera, Escamillo in *Carmen* with Lyric Opera of Kansas City, and Handel’s Messiah with Augustana College. This summer at Ash Lawn Opera, Crider performs Emile de Becque in *South Pacific*.

THE MUNICIPAL BAND OF CHARLOTTESVILLE

The Municipal Band of Charlottesville was organized in 1922 and is one of the oldest continuously operating community bands in the U.S. They have performed at Monticello for 66 years.

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NOTICE · The 54th Independence Day Celebration and Naturalization Ceremony at Monticello is a very special occasion, and we want to share it with the world! The ceremony is covered by local and national media, and may also be recorded in video and still form for educational and promotional use by the Thomas Jefferson Foundation. Members of the audience may be included in some of the footage. By attending this event or using the ceremony’s photo booth, you are consenting to allow your likeness to be used for the above purposes. If you do not wish to be part of the filming, please see a staff person and you will be directed to a part of the grounds that will not be included in the footage.



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THE COCA-COLA COMPANY

The Coca-Cola Company has been a longtime supporter of the Thomas Jefferson Foundation's global education mission. The company's philanthropy has provided scholarship funds to bring international and national Coca-Cola Fellows to the Robert H. Smith International Center for Jefferson Studies. Since the program began, the Coca-Cola Fellows have taught more than 5,500 students and published over 70 scholarly articles and 15 books. Coca-Cola also provided generous support for *Liberty Today*, a highly innovative program for top teachers and international fellows at Monticello, and the Sea of Liberty website, which continues to make history relevant through new media. Learn more at www.seaofliberty.org.

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DID YOU KNOW?

- ★ The Independence Day Celebration and Naturalization Ceremony at Monticello is the oldest continuous naturalization ceremony outside a courtroom in the United States.
- ★ In one of the great coincidences of history, both Thomas Jefferson and John Adams died on July 4, 1826 — the 50th anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence by the Continental Congress. Unaware that his friend had died hours earlier, Adams' last spoken words were "Thomas Jefferson survives."
- ★ Jefferson preferred to celebrate the birthday of our nation instead of his own birthday. On Aug. 30, 1803, he wrote to Levi Lincoln, "... disapproving myself of transferring the honors and veneration of the great birthday of our republic, to any individual, or of dividing them with individuals, I have declined having my own birthday be known, & have engaged my family not to communicate it. This has been the uniform answer to every application of the kind."


AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

*O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!*

*America! America!
God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!*

*O beautiful for patriot dream
That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam
Undimmed by human tears.*

*America! America!
God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea.*



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