

WEEK 1

JULY 1ST TO 9TH

INDEPENDENCE WE THE PEOPLE

...these *United Colonies* are, and of Right ought to be *Free and Independent States*; that they are Absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the *State of Great Britain*, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as *Free and Independent States* they have full power ...

On the 4th in 1776 the final wording for the Declaration of Independence is adopted by Congress.

On the 5th, 126 days to the Midterms Elections.

THE ENIGMA CODE IS BROKEN

On the 9th, in 1941 the Enigma Code is broken. History will be kind to individuals like Alan Turing, however the efforts of teams of people cannot be overlooked.

The Polish people learned early on after their independence in 1919, that to maintain their independence it would be wise to monitor and decipher messages from their adversarial neighbors. In May of 1919 Lieutenant Jozef Serafin Stanslicki of the Polish Army was tasked to set up new cipher section.

The decision to do so was timely, as Poland benefited from the insights gained through their cipher teams, as they prevailed in the Polish-Soviet War of 1919-1921. By 1924, the Poles intercepted additional messages from the Germans, and by 1931, began to realize that the messages were based more on numbers and not the words.

Read more to learn more about the Polish contribution to breaking the Enigma Code...

CONTINENTAL CONGRESS DECLARES INDEPENDENCE

On the 2nd, in 1776, the Continental Congress declares Independence. Within our Declaration of Independence, we learn a key truth in relation to this move of Independence, which is that the status of Country and State are in fact the same. The Declaration of Independence starts out "The Unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America", by the end of the document we learn "State of Great Britain" is referred to as a State. The key here, globally at that time, States were countries. As the colonies moved from being colonies under British rule, they were forming into States, to be recognized the same as any of the countries of Europe, or in any other country of the world.



IDAHO BECOMES A STATE

On the 3rd in 1890, Idaho (#43) becomes a State. Also known as the Gem State, earned its independence as several surrounding States tried to grab a portion of this jewel. It was Lincoln that created the Idaho territory. If it weren't for a Pocket-veto by President Grover Cleveland, the northern part of the panhandle would have seceded from Idaho and joined with Washington in 1887. (Note: Washington became a State in 1889)