Digital Delights  
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Patriotism is a hot topic in American society. Questions of how much patriotism is enough or too much fly across the political spectrum. Yet when it comes to the Fourth of July, most agree that remembrance, rest, relaxation, and fun are appropriate. Explore what it means to be an American on Minnesota Reflections.

The halls of Washington, D.C. are often full of hot air. But the variety of hot air at Glenwood’s 1908 Independence Day celebration was a different variety:

- [http://reflections.mndigital.org/u/?pch,58](http://reflections.mndigital.org/u/?pch,58)

The citizens of Starbuck celebrated the Fourth of July with a race:

- [http://reflections.mndigital.org/u/?pch,582](http://reflections.mndigital.org/u/?pch,582)

Though wheelbarrow racing may be out of fashion, these parades feel familiar:

- [http://reflections.mndigital.org/u/?pch,512](http://reflections.mndigital.org/u/?pch,512)
- [http://reflections.mndigital.org/u/?lfw,45](http://reflections.mndigital.org/u/?lfw,45)
- [http://reflections.mndigital.org/u/?lfw,50](http://reflections.mndigital.org/u/?lfw,50)

The Fourth of July is not the only Independence Day celebrated in Minnesota:

- [http://reflections.mndigital.org/u/?jhs,512](http://reflections.mndigital.org/u/?jhs,512)

Nothing drums up patriotism like a visit from the president, or, in this case, a well-known general and presidential candidate:

- [http://reflections.mndigital.org/u/?stearns,1578](http://reflections.mndigital.org/u/?stearns,1578)

President Clinton visited Shakopee in 2000:

- [http://reflections.mndigital.org/u/?scott,336](http://reflections.mndigital.org/u/?scott,336)
- [http://reflections.mndigital.org/u/?scott,335](http://reflections.mndigital.org/u/?scott,335)
- [http://reflections.mndigital.org/u/?scott,334](http://reflections.mndigital.org/u/?scott,334)

Clinton was preceded in Shakopee by another president:

- [http://reflections.mndigital.org/u/?scott,189](http://reflections.mndigital.org/u/?scott,189)
- [http://reflections.mndigital.org/u/?scott,188](http://reflections.mndigital.org/u/?scott,188)
Another commander-in-chief visited Duluth in 1899:
- [http://reflections.mndigital.org/u/?/nemhc,2822](http://reflections.mndigital.org/u/?/nemhc,2822)
- [http://reflections.mndigital.org/u/?/nemhc,2126](http://reflections.mndigital.org/u/?/nemhc,2126)
- [http://reflections.mndigital.org/u/?/nemhc,2068](http://reflections.mndigital.org/u/?/nemhc,2068)
- [http://reflections.mndigital.org/u/?/nemhc,1815](http://reflections.mndigital.org/u/?/nemhc,1815)

When presidents don’t come to Minnesota, Minnesotans go to the presidents:
- [http://reflections.mndigital.org/u/?/ssc,105](http://reflections.mndigital.org/u/?/ssc,105)

Though Minnesota has produced several presidential hopefuls, no Minnesotan has ever assumed the nation’s highest office:
- [http://reflections.mndigital.org/u/?/nico,1444](http://reflections.mndigital.org/u/?/nico,1444)

This Independence Day, examine your national and state identities by exploring Minnesota Reflections.

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