

July 4, 1976

A Celebration of American Independence

The Bicentennial Commission of Pennsylvania

*A Celebration of
American Independence*

*at the National
Encampment of the
Bicentennial Wagon Train
Pilgrimage to Pennsylvania*

*Valley Forge State Park,
Valley Forge, Pennsylvania*

*July 4, 1976,
at 8 o'clock in the morning*

*Music by the 28th
Infantry Division Band
CW-4 James J. Wolford,
Band Leader*

*Lieutenant Governor
Ernest P. Kline,
presiding*

Order of Ceremonies

Advancing of Colors and Flag Raising

Color Guard of the 103rd Engineer Battalion

The National Anthem

The Pledge of Allegiance

Introduction of Platform Party and Distinguished Guests

Invocation

*The Reverend D. Horace S. Sills, Penn Central Conference,
United Church of Christ*

Music in honor of the 4th of July

The Academy Boys Choir, Philadelphia

Carlton Jones Lake, Music Director

The Paris Boys Choir

Roger de Magnée, Music Director

Presentation of the national My America Awards

Milton J. Shapp, Governor of Pennsylvania

Dr. Helen Wise, Past President, National Education Association

Music in honor of the 4th of July

The Academy Boys Choir and The Paris Boys Choir

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rear Admiral Bertram W. Korn, USNR

Senior Rabbi, Reform Congregation Keneseth, Israel

The Reading of The Declaration of Independence

Lieutenant Governor Ernest P. Kline

Medley of Patriotic Music

28th Infantry Division Band

Arrival of The President of the United States and Mrs. Ford

The President will be escorted to the platform by

Governor Milton J. Shapp

Honorable Hugh Scott, United States Senate

Honorable Richard Schweiker, United States Senate

Honorable John Murtha, United States House of Representatives

Honorable Richard T. Schulze, United States House of Representatives

The President's Honor Guard is The First Troop, Philadelphia

City Cavalry

Address by The Honorable Gerald R. Ford, President of the United States

Benediction

His Excellency, Bishop Dominic Ferrara, The Vatican

Presentation to the President of the Wagon Train Scrolls of Rededication

to the Principles of the Declaration of Independence

Governor Milton J. Shapp

Thelma Gray,

creator of the Bicentennial Wagon Train Pilgrimage to Pennsylvania

George H. Ebner,

Executive Director, Bicentennial Commission of Pennsylvania

Signing of legislation establishing Valley Forge as a National Park

The President

Signing of a Wagon Train Scroll carried on the Michigan Wagon

The President and Mrs. Ford

Conclusion of Ceremonies

The audience is requested

to remain in place until

The President's helicopter

has departed and is

invited to remain for a

performance of the Wagon

Train Show at 10:00

o'clock in the morning

The Bicentennial Commission of Pennsylvania

*Members of the Platform
Party include
The President of the
United States and Mrs. Ford,
Governor Milton J. Shapp,
Lieutenant Governor and
Mrs. Ernest P. Kline,
Senator Hugh Scott,
Senator Richard Schweiker,
U.S. Representative John Murtha,
U.S. Representative
Richard T. Schulze,
Rabbi Bertram W. Korn,
Reverend Doctor Horace S. Sills,
Bishop Dominic Ferrara,
Mr. and Mrs. George H. Ebner,
Dr. Helen Wise,
Mr. and Mrs. Jerome B. Gray,
Mr. John W. Warner,
Miss Susan Ford,
Dr. and Mrs. Peter Brill*

*Senator Herbert Arlene
Mr. Harry Boyer
Dr. Herman R. Branson
Senator Henry J. Cianfrani
Mr. Norman Cohn
Mr. Irvin A. Cross
Mrs. Edythe R. Fidel
Speaker Herbert Fineman
Senator Richard C. Frame
Sec. Maurice K. Goddard
Dr. Jacob W. Gruber
Mr. Arthur V. Harris*

*Rep. Sherman L. Hill
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Mr. Arthur C. Kaufmann
Mr. Peter H. Noznesky
Sec. John J. O'Connor
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Dr. Pauline Tompkins
Sec. C. DeLores Tucker*

*Honorary Chairman
Governor Milton J. Shapp*

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Lieutenant Governor Ernest P. Kline*

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