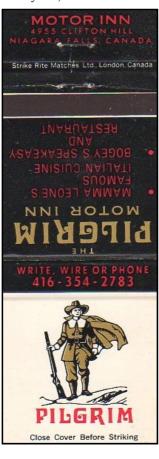
## America: 236 Years Old!

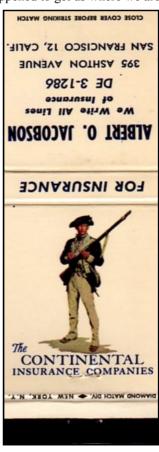
## A Pictorial History by Mike Prero

Born in revolution during 1775-1783, we trace our official beginning to Thomas Jefferson's Declaration of Independence in 1776, although independence didn't actually happen until the British recognized it (1783). From there, it's been a 236-year whirlwind of events—many happy, many sad.

When you see the fireworks on July 4th, thin about all that's happened to get us where we are. Happy birthday, America!









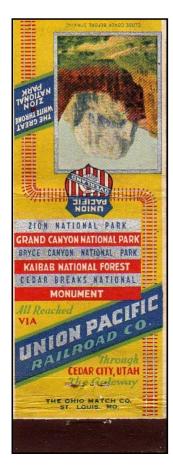
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