



# THE REVIEW

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**“America was not built on fear. America was built on courage, on imagination and an unbeatable determination to do the job at hand.” – Harry Truman**

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## The Chief's Desk

Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July! I hope you all have an opportunity to celebrate with friends and family throughout the weekend. Boston is ground zero for the revolutionary war. While there I took the opportunity to take a guided tour of the freedom trail. From the Boston Commons to Paul Revere's home and all historical stops in between. If you enjoy reading history and would like a great historical perspective, author Nathaniel Picket has a series of books chronicling the Revolutionary War. They're a good and easy read.

This week I'm doing something different. Josh Goldberg with Boulder Crest Foundation sent what I felt was an amazing message yesterday. Rather than me writing the rest of this article, or sharing others in this edition, I'm simply going to stop here and share his writing.

### **On this Independence Day, Words of Gratitude from Josh Goldberg, CEO Boulder Crest Foundation.**

America was founded through PTG. The challenges we met and the struggles we endured to become an independent country forged our strength as a nation and formed the values we live by and the goals we strive for.

Our national identity - the American Dream - is one of posttraumatic growth - strength through struggle. Hardship, hard work, hard-won rewards, and pride in ourselves for how far we've come and what we now know we are capable of.

This 4th of July we celebrate the birth of a nation built by people fighting for a better life - facing odds that were stacked against them, navigating hardships that seemed insurmountable, squaring off against formidable opponents, and moving forward anyway.

Life has always and will continue to issue us challenges - and even the best of us will feel lost and overwhelmed in moments of great adversity and struggle. But it's in the depths of these struggles that we find our greatest strengths - the strength to embrace our challenges, to find the light through all the dark, to move forward, and to choose something better.

Our history is steeped in ups and downs, and our futures are unwritten. Embrace the whole journey - and like this nation, every step forward builds a stronger, wiser, and more prosperous you.

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### **Upcoming Events:**

July 8: Policy Meeting, New Firefighter Interviews

July 9: New Firefighter Interviews cont,

July 10: New Firefighter Interviews cont, APS Public Safety Planning

July 11: New Firefighter Interviews cont, Monthly PFD/CAFMA Accreditation Meeting

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### **Board Meeting:**

Board Meeting: June 24  
CAFMA – 1700-1830