

Jacinto, July 4, 2002 - 10:45 a.m.

Starts at 10:00 a.m. John Ross, Jr. invited you.

- You started going to Jacinto in 1985
- HB will be there

In normal times, the fourth of July is merely a long weekend, fireworks, and barbeque with family and friends.

In times past when our nation's security has been threatened, it has been much more. It has become a day for all Americans to stand up and say we will not cower to fear. We will not cower to terror. We will remain free.

Winston Church said during WWII, we have nothing to fear but fear itself. I say today that the people with hatred in their hearts who wish to attack freedom and democracy, have everything to fear.

We are no longer seeing things in black and white. We now see things in red, white, and blue.

We stand together cherishing our freedoms that are protected by men and women of the Armed Forces and National Guard.

The Pledge of Allegiance is one such freedom. Our flag represents many of the core principles of our great nation: peace, opportunity, honor, truth, justice and freedom.

I am proud that we enacted a law here in Mississippi requiring students to recite the pledge in our public school classrooms and in the presence of our flag.

Today, we can celebrate and be thankful for a country where we can worship freely with a sense of peace and comfort.

Background

- US Astronautics – Tishomingo County. Per Steve H. Current status – lease negotiations between MDA attorneys and company attorneys.
- Jobs in area: TKA Fabco, Peoplounger, Ecowater