



# Wilmington/**Philadelphia**

**America 250**

**July 1-5, 2026**

## **Sunday, June 28, 2025 – Loading Trucks**

Location: Storage King USA: 3501 Gandy Boulevard North, Pinellas Park, FL 33781

🎵 1: 00pm – 5:00pm

## **Monday, June 29, 2026 – Loading Trucks**

Location: Storage King USA: 3501 Gandy Boulevard North, Pinellas Park, FL 33781

🎵 3: 00pm – 5:00pm

## **Wednesday July 1, 2026 – Welcome to Philadelphia!!!**

🎵 Arrival in Wilmington DE

🎵 4:00pm - Check in: Wilmington DE Riverfront Area Assigned Hotel (4 Nights)

- Westin Wilmington - 818 Shipyard Dr, Wilmington, DE 19801
- Homewood Suites Wilmington - 820 Justison St, Wilmington, DE 19801
- Dinner on own - ([Numerous Restaurants on the Riverfront](#))

🎵 6:00pm – 9:00pm: Hospitality Suite – Homewood Suites/Christina Room

## **Thursday, July 2, 2026 – Stand-Up Concert & Tour Day**

**Musicians – Yellow St. Pete shirt, navy uniform shorts, white ankle socks, white shoes, new hat**

**Auxiliary – Yellow St. Pete shirt, navy bottoms from 2025 uniforms**

6:00 - 7:30am: Breakfast Buffet at assigned hotel

- Westin – Caeser Rodney Ballroom
- Homewood – Hotel Lobby

🎵 7:45am: Meet **Red Jacket** Program Coordination Team Member in hotel lobby

🎵 8:00am: Board coaches, transfer to Philadelphia

🎵 8:45/9:00am: Meet local Philadelphia Tour Guides at Independence Hall

- Begin the Get Acquainted Philadelphia Coach / Walking Guided Experience
- Highlights Snapshot: Liberty Bell, Independence Hall, Betsey Ross House (exterior), U.S. Mint, “Rocky Steps” at Philadelphia Museum of Art

🎵 11:00am – 12:30pm – Stand up Concert at JFK Plaza/Love Park

🎵 1:00pm – 2:30pm – Lunch (on own) at Reading Terminal Market

🎵 2:30pm – 5:00pm – Continue Get Acquainted Tour

🎵 5:00pm: Guides released upon return to Liberty Bell

## For those wishing to return to the hotels after the tour concludes:

- ♪ 5:15pm Board Coach at Liberty Bell, transfer to hotels
  - Dinner in Wilmington, paid on own ([Numerous Restaurants on the Riverfront](#))

## For those wishing to spend more time in Philadelphia:

- ♪ Dinner in Philadelphia, paid on own
  - 7:30pm Board Coach at Liberty Bell, transfer to hotels
  - 8:00pm Board Coach at Liberty Bell, transfer to hotels
  - 8:30pm Board Coach at Liberty Bell, transfer to hotels
  - 9:00pm Board Coach at Liberty Bell, transfer to hotels (last shuttle)
- ♪ 7:00pm – 10:00pm: Hospitality Suite – Homewood Suites/Christina Room

## Friday, July 3, 2026 – Semiquincentennial Parade Day!!

**Musicians – New Rounder shirt, navy uniform shorts, white ankle socks, white shoes, new hat**

**Auxiliary – Full uniform based on section**

- ♪ 6:30am – 7:30am: Breakfast buffet at hotel
  - Westin – Caeser Rodney Ballroom
  - Homewood – Hotel Lobby
- ♪ 8:00am: Meet **Red-Jacket** Program Coordination Team Member in hotel lobby
- ♪ 8:15am: Board coaches, transfer to the Philadelphia parade muster area
- ♪ 9:15am (approx.): Arrive at parade muster area (warm-up)
  - Opportunity to purchase an early lunch from food trucks & vendors in the area, paid on own
- ♪ 11:30am – Parade line-up in area 8
- ♪ 12:30pm - Step-off Semiquincentennial Celebration Parade (Element #72 / Group 1)
  - Parade route approx. 2.5 miles (march time: approx. 90 minutes)
- ♪ Upon completion of march re-board coaches (Location TBD), transfer to hotels
- ♪ Dinner on own ([Numerous Restaurants on the Riverfront](#))
- ♪ 5:00pm – 7:00pm (break) 8:00 pm – 10:00pm: Hospitality Suite – Homewood Suites/Christina Room

## Saturday, July 4 –America’s 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday!!!

**Musicians – New Rounder shirt, navy uniform shorts, white ankle socks, white shoes, new hat**

**Auxiliary – Full uniform based on section**

- ♪ 6:00-7:00am: Breakfast Buffet at assigned hotel.
  - Westin – Caeser Rodney Ballroom
  - Homewood – Hotel Lobby
- ♪ 7:15am: Meet **Red Jacket** Program Coordination Team Member in hotel lobby
- ♪ 7:30am: Depart Wilmington (Homewood Suites Downtown). Transit to Marple Newtown (Newtown Shopping Ctr)
- ♪ 8:30am: Stage for parade
- ♪ 10:00am: Marple Newtown Parade (St Alban’s Circle) – Newtown Square, PA

- ♪ 11:15am: Depart Marple Newtown, transit to lunch
- ♪ 12:00/12:15pm: Arrive at Hilltop AA, Feasterville for lunch
- ♪ 1:30pm: Depart Hilltop, transit to Glenside, PA – North Penn VFW Post 676
  - 2519 Jenkintown Rd, Glenside, PA 19038
- ♪ 2:30pm: Stage for parade
- ♪ 4:00pm: Start of Glenside parade
- ♪ 6:00pm: Depart Glenside for hotels
  - Upon parade's conclusion, re-board coaches, transfer to hotels
- ♪ 7:30pm (approx.): Dinner on own (Numerous Restaurants on the Riverfront) Fireworks in Wilmington  
<https://riverfrontwilm.com/event/celebrate-250-years-of-america-on-the-riverfront/>
- ♪ 8:30pm – 9:30pm: Hospitality Suite - Homewood Suites/Christina Room

### **Sunday, July 5 – Departure Day**

- ♪ Breakfast Buffet at assigned hotel:
  - 7:00am-10:00am: Homewood Suites
  - 7:30am – 9:00am: Westin
- ♪ 11:00am: Hotel Check-out, baggage can be stored at hotel if needed

### **Tuesday, July 7, 2026 – Truck Unloading Dates (1 day only)**

Location: Storage King - 3501 Gandy Boulevard North, Pinellas Park, FL 33781

- ♪ 12:00pm-4:00pm and 6:00pm-8:00pm