

CEO's Message



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Celebrating ★ **250** Years of **America:** ★ ★ ★ **Honoring Our Past ★ Fueling Our Future**

As our nation celebrates 250 years of American independence,

we pause to reflect on the remarkable journey that has shaped the United States into a beacon of innovation, opportunity, and resilience. This milestone is more than a celebration of history, it is a tribute to the generations of Americans whose vision, determination, and hard work have built the foundation for our future.

The petroleum industry has proudly played a vital role in that story. From powering the nation's industrial growth and supporting our armed forces to fueling transportation, agriculture, manufacturing, and everyday life, America's energy producers have helped drive economic progress and improve the quality of life for millions of people.

Our association is grateful to be part of this enduring legacy. We recognize the dedication of the men and women who work every day to safely and responsibly produce, transport, refine, and deliver the energy that keeps our communities moving. Their commitment to excellence has strengthened local economies, supported families, and contributed to our nation's prosperity for generations.

As we honor America's semiquincentennial, we also celebrate the spirit of innovation that continues to define both our country and our industry. Modern technologies have improved environmental stewardship, and an unwavering focus on safety is helping ensure we meet today's energy needs while preparing for tomorrow's challenges.

This anniversary reminds us that progress has always been built through collaboration, perseverance, and a shared commitment to serving others. The petroleum industry remains dedicated to providing reliable, affordable energy while embracing opportunities to improve efficiency, reduce environmental impacts, and support the communities where we live and work.

Most importantly, we extend our sincere gratitude to those who have served our nation — our veterans, active-duty military members, first responders, and the countless individuals whose sacrifices have preserved the freedoms we enjoy today. We are equally thankful for the workers, innovators, entrepreneurs, and community leaders whose efforts continue to strengthen America every day.

As we commemorate 250 years of freedom and opportunity, we look forward with optimism. Together, we will continue to power American progress, invest in our communities, and help build a stronger future for generations to come.

From all of us at the Western Petroleum Marketers Association, thank you to the members, partners, employees, and communities who make our work possible. We are honored to be part of America's story and grateful for 250 years of freedom, innovation, and the enduring American spirit.

Happy 250th Anniversary, America. Here's to the next chapter of progress, prosperity, and possibility.



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