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Liberty Memorial Flame To Stay Lit

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. -- Private donations will keep the top of Kansas City's Liberty Memorial aglow until July 4.

The 217-foot memorial has towered over Kansas City since the 1920s, but officials at the National World War I Museum turned off the steam used to give the tower its glow after the city announced \$620,000 in recent budget cuts.

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from Memorial Day to July 4th.

The Kansas City-based company is encouraging others to make donations and promise match contributions up to an additional \$17,500.

The annual cost of keeping the flame turned on is about \$45,000.

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