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A Capitol 4th... Red, White and Fabulous!

This past Sunday I was fortunate to attend one of the few Independence Day parties hosted in the U.S. Capitol building. The theme was Americana which was reflected every so well in the evening's food, drink and fashion.

One of the challenges in dressing for a holiday occasion such as July 4th is not to look costumey. These guests towed the line perfectly and struck just the right balance between festive and fashionable.

The Best Dressed award went to Mr. Jim Moran. His cream and navy vintage-inspired ensemble was perfection from his specs to his spectators.

Best Father-Son ensemble was a tie between the Paschall men in their city prep attire and the Nelson boys in their color-coordinated Nantucket reds and madras. Equally on point were young Master Nelson's newsboy cap and two-toned oxfords.

While July 4th only happens once a year the classic combination of red, white and blue should be a year-round staple in any wardrobe. These cute dresses by Lauren Moffatt and Anthropologie can easily take you from work to weekend. They are summer chic with simple flats or metallic sandals, and become fall fashion forward by layering with a lightweight cardigan, tights and t-strap Mary Janes or ankle booties.

Happy style independence.