

*George Washington*  
George Washington 1789-1797

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John Adams 1797-1801

*Thomas Jefferson*  
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*James Madison*  
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*James Monroe*  
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Andrew Jackson 1829-1837

*Martin Van Buren*  
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William Henry Harrison Mar.-Apr. 1841

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Grover Cleveland 1885-89, 1893-97

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William McKinley 1897-1901

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Theodore Roosevelt 1901-1909

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William Howard Taft 1909-1913

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Woodrow Wilson 1913-1921

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*John F. Kennedy*  
John F. Kennedy 1961-1963

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Lyndon B. Johnson 1963-1969

*Richard Nixon*  
Richard Nixon 1969-1974

*Gerald R. Ford*  
Gerald R. Ford 1974-1977

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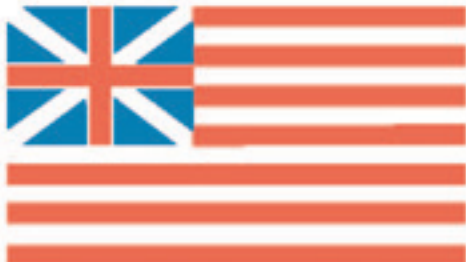
*Barack Obama*  
Barack Obama 2009-

**The EAGLE  Symbol of American Independence**



The American Bald Eagle is the official emblem of the United States. The United States, under the Congress of the Confederation, took as its emblem in 1782 a bald eagle with outspread wings, a shield on its breast, an olive branch in one foot, and a bundle of arrows in the other. The figure of the bald eagle, native to North America, has been used in early decorations, printing, flags, and money in many nations were expressing national independence. The eagle on the United States coat of arms carries a scroll in its beak bearing the Latin words, *E Pluribus Unum*, meaning one of many.

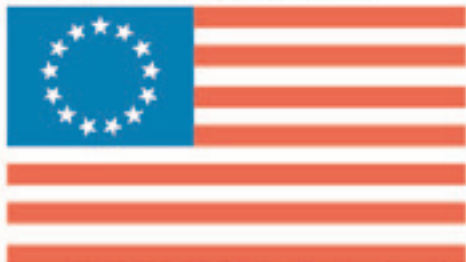




January, 1776 - "The Continental Colors" presented by George Washington after the organization of the Continental Army. The British Union Jack in the upper corner combined with a field of 13 red and white stripes representing the 13 original colonies. Although this flag was used, it was never adopted by Congress.



June, 1777 - "The Easton Flag" an early version of the Stars and Stripes, was a marine flag used by John Jones on his ship "Ranger". There were numerous versions in design of the Stars and Stripes, many claiming first display honors.



January, 1777 - "Betsy Ross Flag" made by Betsy Ross at the suggestion of George Washington. The colonies wanted one official flag, so Congress passed the first flag act on June 14, 1777 resolving that the flag of the Union be made of thirteen stripes alternate red and white, and the Union be 13 stars white in a blue field representing a new constellation. The size, design, arrangements of stars were decided upon by each flag maker. Some historians believe Betsy Ross made the first flag.



August, 1777 - "Battle of Brandywine Flag" the oldest known Stars and Stripes and the first raised in victory by the Colonial ground forces during the Revolutionary War.

## HISTORY OF THE AMERICAN FLAG



The Stars and Stripes symbolize the *land*, the people, the government and the *ideals* of the United States.

The Continental Congress left no record to show why it chose red, white, and blue as the colors for the flag. But in 1872, the Congress of the Confederation chose the same colors for the newly designed Great Seal of the United States. The resolution stated that red is for hardness and courage, white for purity and innocence, and blue for vigilance, perseverance, and justice.



1790 - Congressman Francis Hopkinson claimed that he designed the American Flag. He submitted a bill for his work to Congress which was turned down.



1781 - Fort Independence, Boston during the Revolutionary War this early Stars and Stripes flag was believed to have been flown.



1795-1818 - "Star Spangled Banner Flag" the Carrion Flag of Fort McHenry in 1814. This flag glimpsed by the light of exploding shells inspired Francis Scott Key to write the poem that became our National Anthem.



April 14, 1818 - The first flag authorized under the Act of Congress providing for a permanent thirteen stripes and the addition of one star for each state admitted to the Union. Prior to this a stripe as well as a star had been added for each new state. Since Congress didn't say how the stars are to be arranged, flag makers used various designs. One design had 4 rows of 5 stars each. The "Great Star Flag" formed the 20 stars in a large star.



"The flag of 1862" had stars of all states including the South. During the Civil War Union troops fought under a 22 star flag for the first three months of the war, a 34 star flag until 1865, and a 35 star flag until the end of the war.

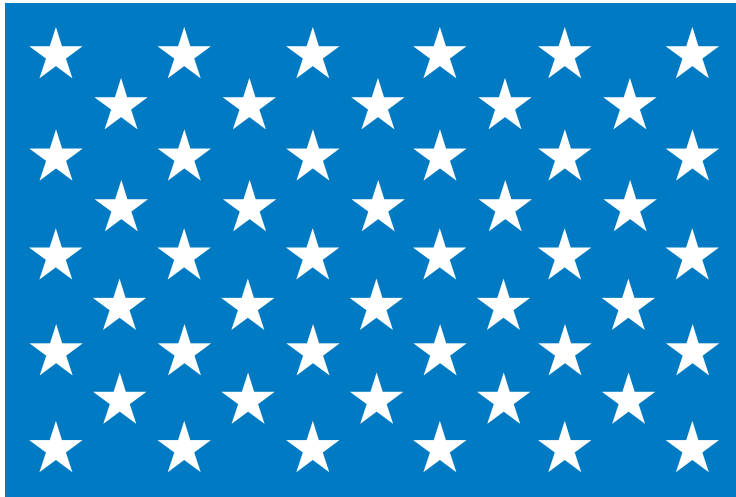


1912-1959 - "48 Star Flag" President Taft on June 12, 1912 made an executive order for the relative proportions of the flag and the arrangement of the stars be officially prescribed.



1959 - With the addition of Alaska there were 49 stars. The most recent change in the United States Flag was the entry of Hawaii to the Union. Now 50 stars are shown proudly within the field of blue. President Eisenhower on August 21, 1959 declared the national banner with 50 stars, the official flag of the United States.

# UNITED WE STAND

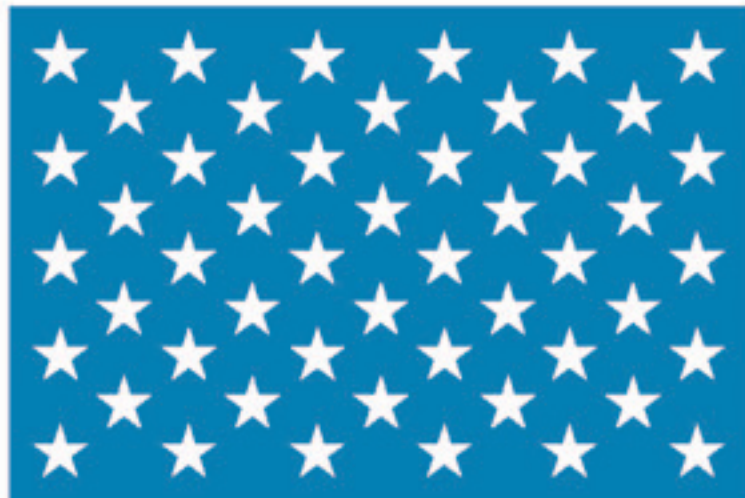


***I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE  
TO THE FLAG OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR  
WHICH IT STANDS: ONE NATION  
UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE, WITH  
LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL.***

## **The Pledge of Allegiance**

*The original thirty-one words of the "Pledge of Allegiance" were written in 1892 for the 400th anniversary of the discovery of America. A proclamation on October 12th by President Benjamin Harrison, the pledge was first used at public schools' Columbus Day observances. In 1923 the pledge was amended by substituting the words "the flag of the United States" for the phrase "my flag". And a year later, "of America" was added after "United States." In 1945 the official name of "The Pledge of Allegiance" was adopted. On Flag Day 1954, Congress passed the last change of the words "under God" after "one nation." The pledge remains a tribute affirming loyalty, values and freedom of all Americans to their country.*

# IN TRIUMPH SHALL WAVE



*OH SAY! CAN YOU SEE BY THE DAWN'S EARLY LIGHT,  
WHAT SO PROUDLY WE HAILED AT THE TWI-LIGHT'S  
LAST GLEAMING; WHOSE BROAD STRIPES AND BRIGHT  
STARS, THROUGH THE PERILOUS FIGHT, O'ER THE*

*RAMPARTS WE WATCH'D WERE SO GALLANTLY STREAMING? AND THE ROCKET'S RED GLARE, THE BOMBS  
BURSTING IN AIR, GAVE PROOF THROUGH THE NIGHT THAT OUR FLAG WAS STILL THERE; OH, SAY!  
DOES THAT STAR-SPANGLED BANNER YET WAVE, O'ER THE LAND OF THE FREE AND THE HOME OF THE BRAVE?*

## **The Star Spangled Banner**

*On September 14, 1814, Francis Scott Key wrote a commemorative poem "The Star Spangled Banner" after being detained overnight on a British ship in the Chesapeake Bay. That night he witnessed the shelling of Fort McHenry defending the city of Baltimore. In the morning when he saw the American flag still proudly waving over the fort, he was so inspired, that he wrote down his feelings. John Stafford Smith, a British composer, was known to possibly have written the music. In 1931, Congress officially made "The Star Spangled Banner" the country's Nation Anthem.*



# Mount Rushmore National Memorial

*In the Black Hills northeast of Custer, South Dakota*

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**1st  
President**

*George Washington*

**George Washington  
1789-1797**

**16th  
President**

*Abraham Lincoln*

**Abraham Lincoln  
1861-1865**

**3rd  
President**

*Thomas Jefferson*

**Thomas Jefferson  
1801-1809**

**25th  
President**

*Theodore Roosevelt*

**Theodore Roosevelt  
1901-1909**

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50-70 ft. high portraits  
are sculptured into  
the 5,600 ft. granite  
mountain face which covers  
an area of approximately  
two square miles  
★

*Abraham Lincoln*  
*Born: February 12, 1809, near*  
*Hudgensville, Hardin*  
*(now Larned) County, Kentucky.*  
*Education: common school.*  
*Career: farm hand; store clerk;*  
*surveyor; postman; lawyer;*  
*member Illinois legislature*  
*1835-43; U.S. representative*  
*1847-49; sixteenth president*  
*1861-65. Died April 15, 1865,*  
*Washington, D.C., buried*  
*Springfield, Illinois.*

*George Washington*  
*Born: February 22, 1732,*  
*Pope Creek near Fredericksburg,*  
*Westmoreland County, Virginia.*  
*Education: private. Career: surveyor;*  
*farmer; soldier; member of Virginia*  
*House of Burgesses 1759-74;*  
*member Continental Congress*  
*1774-75; Commander-in-chief*  
*Continental Army 1775-83;*  
*President of Constitutional*  
*Convention 1787;*  
*First President 1789-97.*  
*Died December 14, 1799,*  
*Mount Vernon, Virginia.*

*Thomas Jefferson*  
*Born: April 13, 1743, Shadwell,*  
*Georgetown (now Albemarle) County,*  
*Virginia. Education: William and Mary*  
*1760-62. Career: farmer; lawyer;*  
*member Virginia house of burgesses 1769-74;*  
*member Continental Congress 1775-76, 1783-85;*  
*member Virginia house of delegates 1776-79, 1781;*  
*governor of Virginia 1779-81; minister to France*  
*1785-89; secretary of state 1789-93;*  
*vice president 1797-1801; third president 1801-09;*  
*founded University of Virginia, chartered 1819.*  
*Died: July 4, 1826,*  
*Monticello, near Charlottesville, Virginia.*

*Theodore Roosevelt*  
*Born: October 27, 1858,*  
*New York City. Education:*  
*Harvard, 1880. Career: author;*  
*rancher; explorer; member New York legislature*  
*1882-84; member U.S. Civil Service Commission*  
*1889-95; president New York City police*  
*commission 1895-97; assistant secretary of the*  
*navy 1897-98; army officer 1898; governor*  
*of New York 1899-1901; twenty-sixth*  
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