

Army Engineer Spouses' Club

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The History Of Flag Day

Source: www.usflag.org

The Fourth of July was traditionally celebrated as America's birthday, but the idea of an annual day specifically celebrating the Flag is believed to have first originated in 1885. BJ Cigrand, a schoolteacher, arranged for the pupils in the Fredonia, Wisconsin Public School, District 6, to observe June 14 (the 108th anniversary of the official adoption of The Stars and Stripes) as 'Flag Birthday'. In numerous magazines and newspaper articles and public addresses over the following years, Cigrand continued to enthusiastically advocate the observance of June 14 as 'Flag Birthday', or 'Flag Day'.

On June 14, 1889, George Balch, a kindergarten teacher in New York City, planned appropriate ceremonies for the children of his school, and his idea of observing Flag Day was later adopted by the State Board of Education of New York. On June 14, 1891, the Betsy Ross House in Philadelphia held a Flag Day celebration, and on June 14 of the following year, the New York Society of the Sons of the Revolution, celebrated Flag Day. Following the suggestion of Colonel J Granville Leach (at the time historian of the Pennsylvania Society of the Sons of the Revolution), the Pennsylvania Society of Colonial Dames of America on April 25, 1893 adopted a resolution requesting the mayor of Philadelphia and all others in authority and all private citizens to display the Flag on June 14th. Leach went on to recommend that thereafter the day be known as 'Flag Day', and on that day, school children be assembled for appropriate exercises, with each child being given a small Flag.

Two weeks later on May 8th, the Board of Managers of the Pennsylvania Society of Sons of the Revolution unanimously endorsed the action of the Pennsylvania Society of Colonial Dames. As a result of the resolution, Dr. Edward Brooks, then Superintendent of Public Schools of Philadelphia, directed that Flag Day exercises be held on June 14, 1893 in Independence Square. School children were assembled, each carrying a small Flag, and patriotic songs were sung and addresses delivered.

In 1894, the governor of New York directed that on June 14 the Flag be displayed on all public buildings. With BJ Cigrand and Leroy Van Horn as the moving spirits, the Illinois organization, known as the American Flag Day Association, was organized for the purpose of promoting the holding of Flag Day exercises. On June 14th, 1894, under the auspices of this association, the first general public school children's celebration of Flag Day in Chicago was held in Douglas, Garfield, Humboldt, Lincoln, and Washington Parks, with more than 300,000 children participating.

Adults, too, participated in patriotic programs. Franklin K. Lane, Secretary of the Interior, delivered a 1914 Flag Day address in which he repeated words he said the flag had spoken to him that morning: "I am what you make me; nothing more. I swing before your eyes as a bright gleam of color, a symbol of yourself."

*Inspired by these three decades of state and local celebrations, Flag Day - the anniversary of the Flag Resolution of 1777 - was officially established by the Proclamation of President Woodrow Wilson on May 30th, 1916. While Flag Day was celebrated in various communities for years after Wilson's proclamation, it was not until August 3rd, 1949, that President Truman signed an Act of Congress designating June 14th of each year as **National Flag Day**.*

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Kathy Moakler
President

The Gavel



...a note from our President

Dear AESC Friends,

I'm writing the President's letter earlier this month and will get it to Elsie ahead of schedule. I know she will be very surprised and she can think of it as my farewell gift to her and a small appreciation for the patience she has shown me (and other board members) over the past two years she has published the Castle Gram.

We will be having our joint Board meeting at the home of the Chief of Engineers on historic Fort McNair on June 5th. Renee Bostick has graciously offered her home and her hospitality, and I know everyone, new board and old, will appreciate the chance to be "on post", an experience we don't get too often in the greater Washington area. While I do plan that we will stick to an agenda as we wrap up the business for the year and swap after action reports, I hope we have plenty of time for visiting and getting to know the new members of our Board.

We've had a year of changes - we revamped our financial auditing policies, had a changing of the guard with our Castle Boutique and worked to expand the capabilities of our website. I am always in awe at Board meetings when we broach new ideas and have Board members with years of experience there to help us put the ideas in context to move our club ahead. Yet we still had time to have fun with great attendance at the Cocktail party, the wine tasting and events like the Christmas lunch at National Harbor and the scholarship brunch. We honored our commitment to service by recognizing the greatest number of scholars in many years. At the suggestion of Renee Bostick, we expanded our philanthropic efforts by collecting children's books and presenting them to the Pediatric Clinic at the new Fort Belvoir Community Hospital.

I will offer a small homage to the members of the Board in another section of the Castle Gram. I am honored to serve a third year as your president and look forward to working with the new members of the Board. I ask you, our members, to spread the news about our club and invite other Engineer spouses to join us, especially now that we offer an online membership form. Look for more new innovations next year as we try to expand our reach to Engineer spouses in other areas of the country and the world.

Enjoy your summer and look forward with us to an exciting Fall.

Essayons!

Kathy Moakler

2013-2014 AESC

Elected Officers

President – Kathy Moakler

Vice-President – Rosemary Davis

Secretary – Allison Chamberlayne

Treasurer – Debbie Rapp

AEMA Chairperson – Holly Scherer

Appointed Board Members

Parliamentarian – Roz Riley

Membership – Jackie Caldwell

Hospitality – Lynda Flowers

AEMA Scholarship – Laura Putnam

Media Team: Publicity/Historian – Position Available

Newsletter – Position Available

Webmaster – Susan Wright

Facebook – Elizabeth Hill

Circulation – Kara Anderson

Reservations – Anita Link

Ways and Means – Connie Semonite

Welfare/Services – Mollie O'Neill

Liaison Chair: Knollwood – Betty Swygert

Fairfax – Joyce Rebh

Knollwood Bake Sale – Priscilla Noah

Nominations – Bette Meuleners

Nominations & Ad Hoc Volunteer—Pat O'Neill

Ad Hoc Volunteer – Gene Villiva

Advisors

Renee Bostick - Spouse, Chief of Engineers

Vicky Groninger - Spouse, CSM of Engineers

Joan Stockton - Spouse, SES



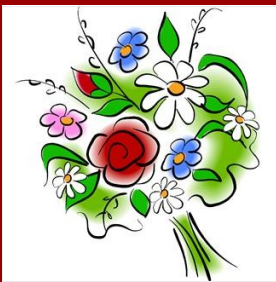
2013-2014 AESC OFFICERS

**THANK
YOU!!**



Kathy Moakler
President

A BOUQUET OF THANKS



A Bouquet of Thanks from the President

As we come to the end of the club year, I want to acknowledge the fine work of all the members of the Board. An organization like ours is not successful without the work of many diligent hands. This is a group of busy people who add one more thing to their plate in order to support our philanthropy through our scholarships, provide a service to the greater Army Engineer community and create a vehicle to come together for fellowship and fun.

I'd like to recognize in a special way several women who have served on the Board for years and have been instrumental in sustaining our Club. Isabel Stevens has served her last year on the Board this year, after having served in every capacity from President to special assistant to the Castle Boutique. Isabel, thank you for your many years of dedicated service.

I have thanked Kathy Candido publicly and privately this year for her years of service to the Club as President and, most recently, Castle Boutique manager and Ways and Means chairman. But it's still not enough so I'll do it again. Your many hours promoting the Boutique and your facility in carting merchandise all over the greater DC area were much appreciated.

A special thanks to our advisors Renee Bostick, Vicky Groninger and Joan Stockton

Many thanks to all our Board members:

Anna Marie Cox for her eclectic offering of programs this year and talent for managing them from Texas

Roz Riley who recorded our meetings and kept us on track

Holly Scherer for bringing us into the 21st century with our audit review and other financial innovations

Laura Putnam who made the management of the AEMA program looked easy

Jackie Caldwell, thanks for making every opportunity one to recruit new members

Lynda Flowers, for keeping us informed about our meetings and events - the invitation guru

Michelle Tyler, for serving as parliamentarian despite a busy schedule and your stalwart back-ups, Mollie O'Neill and Isabel Stevens

To our Media Team, Beth Mazzanti, Susan Wright (who worked tirelessly updating the website), Elizabeth Hill, and our Castle Gram editor Elsie Mersereau (whose great patience is much appreciated) and Kara Anderson (who was always getting the word out for us), many, many thanks

Connie Semonite, for stepping into several roles, AEMA Scholarships and the Castle Boutique and sharing her many years of club experience with us

Barbara Fleming, thanks for encouraging us to be better volunteers

Bette Meuleners, our world traveler who still manages to recruit and sustain Board members with a passion and her erstwhile helpers, Pat O'Neill and Mollie O'Neill who are always willing to provide important wisdom and advice

Gene Villiva, who offers his photography skills and his suggestions with equal aplomb

Our Knollwood and Fairfax Liaisons, Betty Swygert and Joyce Rebh who help us remember to keep in touch with those women who paved our way

Priscilla Noah, who always makes the Knollwood Bake Sale, a success.

A special thanks to all the spouses who support the Board, haul boxes, bartend, help out in so many ways and to the aides at the Chief's quarters who do so much for us.

What a great year thanks to you all. I am truly grateful for all you do for the Army Engineer Spouses Club.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!!

Upcoming Board Meeting

Wednesday, 5 Jun 2013

1100-1300

*At the Home of
Renee Bostick*

225 Second Ave SW

Fort McNair, Washington, DC

Members are welcome

AESC Nominations Report June 2013



THE CAPITAL CONNECTION

We would like to thank everyone who helped with the nominations process this year. We were able to fill the elected officer positions and most of the appointed ones. In addition to members who are returning to the board for another term, we have members new to the board who are new to the club, others who are just moving to the DC area and who have been on the board in the past and found the time to come back and join us again. We also were able to have a more representative election this year with email votes being counted for those who could not attend the April function, which is always our election as well. The entire slate was elected. The year 2013-2014 is already looking like a great year for AESC with this great group of board members!

To those who will be on the AESC 2013-2014 Executive Board--thanks again for volunteering to help the club—we all really appreciate you offering your time and energy!!!

Bette Meuleners
AESC Nominations' Chairperson 2012-2013

Mollie O'Neill
Pat O'Neill
AESC Nominations' Committee Members 2012-2013

PS We'd like to say a special thanks to Kathy Moakler who agreed to be our President for a third year. We asked her to continue since our other 4 board elected positions were changing this year. Kathy has a full time demanding job with the National Military Family Association (NMFA) and is still willing to give much of her "spare" time to our Army Engineer Spouses' Club!



AEMA THANK YOU NOTES

Dear Mrs. Semonite,

I want to thank you and the scholarship committee for selecting me to receive this generous scholarship. I know how much time and effort went into raising this money and I want you to know that I appreciate this honor tremendously. The ceremony was very nicely done - the food was delicious and I felt truly honored to be there. I will keep you informed of how I am doing at West Point!

Sincerely,
Anna Rapp

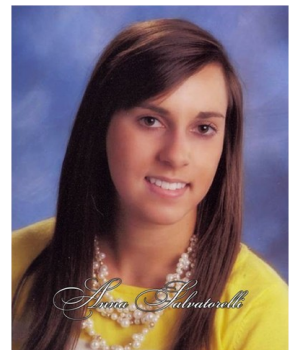


Anna Rapp
Award Amount: \$2,500

To the Army Engineer Spouses' Club Scholarship Committee,

Thank you for awarding me the Army Engineer Memorial Award. I will be attending Kansas State University to study architectural engineering next year, and I will be able to use your scholarship to pay for my tuition. Thank you again for helping to fund my education.

Sincerely,
Anna Salvatorelli



Anna Salvatorelli
Award Amount: \$1,500

Dear AEA Spouses Club,

I want to thank the scholarship committee & the AEA Spouses Club. the scholarship will be a great help to me as I begin my first year in college. I plan to use the scholarship as payment towards my tuition and/or books as I pursue a degree in Civil Engineering. I greatly appreciate your generosity & hope that you know that your scholarship provides not just financial assistance, but also inspiration as well. Knowing that you have put your faith in me by awarding me this scholarship, I will work hard to earn that faith.

Thank you again, the scholarship means a lot
Joshua Regorrah
Joshua Regorrah



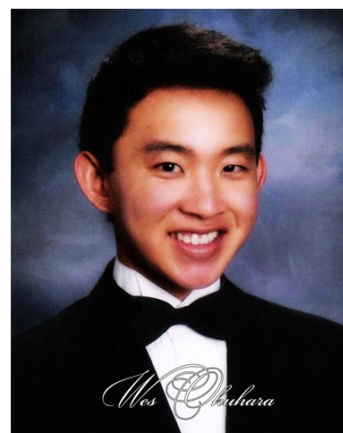
Joshua Regorrah
Award Amount: \$1,000

Dear Army Engineer Spouses' Club (AESC) Board, Volunteers, and Donors:

I am very honored and happy to receive the Army Engineer Memorial Award (AEMA), a living memorial to Army Engineer Officers killed in Vietnam and to honor all Engineers who died in the line of duty. I ensure you that the generous \$500 scholarship that you are investing in me will be repaid in the future by my service and contributions to make the world a better place. Since I was young, my parents always encouraged me to study hard so one day I could enroll in a good college, receive a good job, and become a leader in my community. The day has finally come. I have tirelessly studied and prepared myself to become eligible and succeed in reputable universities and study electrical/computer engineering. A good education is very important to me, and I plan to study hard, work hard, and always do my best. Receiving the AEMA Scholarship will help me to ultimately achieve my goals.

Thank you again for your generosity and I am deeply appreciative of your support.

Sincerely,
Wes Michael Okuhara



Wes Okuhara
Award Amount: \$500

AEMA THANK YOU NOTE--2

MOTHER'S DAY TEA @ THE WHITE HOUSE



AESC member, Mary Scott, and her daughter, MAJ Kate Scott Gowel, at the White House Mother's Day Tea. Mary is the chairman of the National Military Family Association. Kate is a JAG lawyer AND the mother of 4 children.



Donna Winzenreid and CSM Robert Winzenreid with Prince Harry @ NORAD Reception



NORAD RECEPTION

Connie Semonite
Ways and Means
Chairperson

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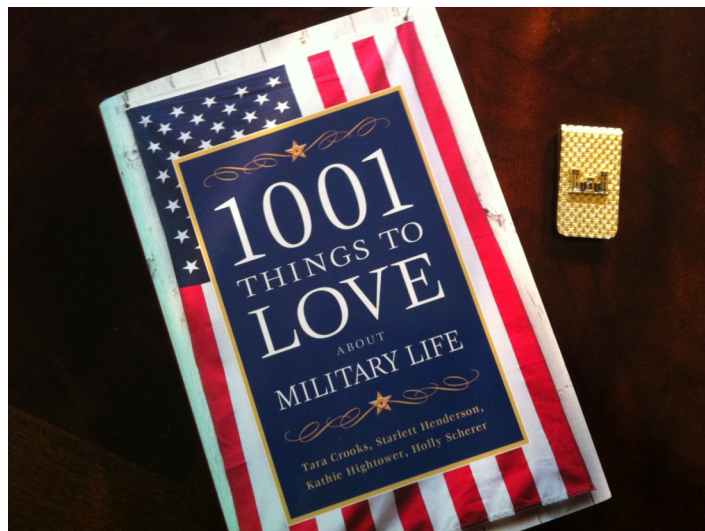
1001 Things to Love About Military Life

Our Castle Boutique Summer Special highlights a wonderful book full of heart-warming vignettes, laugh-out-loud lists, stories and quotes from both military members and their families. 1001 Things to Love About Military Life is the perfect welcome gift for anyone new to the military as well as a great read for those who have lived the lifestyle for many years.

The book was written by four military spouses, two of which proudly display the Army Engineer Castle in their home. Holly Scherer is one of the authors and currently serves as an Army Engineer Spouses' Club Elected Officer. We are delighted to announce that she has graciously agreed to sign or personalize your book, upon request. If you wish to take advantage of her very kind offer, note your wishes and any special wording during your on-line check out with PayPal or on a note accompanying your mailed check. Please allow us a few extra days to fulfill your request before shipping.

In addition, book orders received during the months of June and July will also receive a complimentary Castle Bookmark. This cute little slide is just the thing for marking a favorite page, fastening a collection of recipes or lists, or for use as a money clip. Given together, the signed 1001 Things to Love About Military Life and Castle Bookmark emphasize a love of the unique life we live and pride in our own Engineer Regiment. Consider ordering a number of these sets to give as gifts for weddings, showers, just-married spouses, welcome to our unit, new military parents, time for retirement, your BFF, etc.!

Both a personalized book and bookmark can be yours for \$19.99 plus shipping. Order on-line at www.armyengineerspouses.com or send your check and personalization requests to: Army Engineer Spouses' Club, Castle Boutique, P. O. Box 6332, Alexandria, VA 22306. A complimentary Castle Bookmark will be included with each order – do not choose it separately at an additional cost. Books will be sent via USPS at a Flat Rate of \$5.95.



Please note:

There will be a little extra room in the envelope so it is a perfect time to include a small jewelry order without an additional shipping charge ☺

Birthdays.....

Harriett Connell	Jun 01
Casey Andrysiak	Jun 02
Germaine Savoy	Jun 03
Jena Siegrist	Jun 07
Rosemary Davis	Jun 12
Jeanne Marie Rowan	Jun 18
Tish Anderson	Jun 22
Dore Skidmore	Jun 22
Kelly Smith	Jul 07
Estelle Gibson	Jul 08
Ellen Kazimer	Jul 11
Robin Rossi	Jul 11
Kay Burlin	Jul 16
Kathie Lauzon	Jul 17
Connie Semonite	Jul 19
Kathleen Whittle	Jul 20
Deborah Butler	Jul 24
Susan Eyre	Jul 24
Margaret Agostini	Jul 25
Julie Morrison	Jul 27
Majorie Fuhrman	Jul 31
Glenda Hudson	Aug 01
June A Suerman	Aug 06
Donna B Leketa	Aug 07
Anne M Yandoupe	Aug 08
Helen G Sanford	Aug 10
Donna Winzenried	Aug 13
Kitty Heiberg	Aug 19
Sarah Pearce	Aug 21
Linda Caver	Aug 23
Mary G Parket	Aug 23
Kara Anderson	Aug 24
Jackie Caldwell	Aug 24
Mary Lou Lee	Aug 27
Tawanda Agee	Aug 29



MEMBER CELEBRATIONS



Army Engineer Spouses Club



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The Army Engineer Spouses' Club welcomes membership from spouses of all U.S. Army Engineers and civilian employees of USACE and, with approval of the Executive Board, other persons who are associated with the Corps of Engineers.

[NEW—MEMBERSHIP FORM ON THE WEBSITE](#)

The Army Engineer Spouses Club is proud to announce two ways to join the Club!!
New and returning members can use our [online form](#) and pay via PayPal or credit card.

Or

Download and print out the membership form (pdf), fill it out and send it in with a check.

<http://www.armyengineerspouses.com/>



“Like” our public Facebook page!



A Note from Castle Gram Editor

Thank you for your support and patience for the last two years while I learned how to navigate Microsoft Publisher.

Without any experience I appreciate your trust in me. I have thoroughly enjoyed creating the monthly Castle Gram and you all made my job easy with your continuous contributions.

BIG thanks to Anna Marie Cox for all the times I needed her guidance and rescue!

Lessons Learned: always remember to click often on the “SAVE” button :-)

All the best, Elsie Mersereau

PRAYER

If you read this, you WILL forward it on. *You just won't be able to stop yourself.*

The average age of the military man is 19 years. He is a short haired, tight-muscled kid who, under normal circumstances is considered by society as half man, half boy. Not yet dry behind the ears, not old enough to buy a beer, but old enough to die for his country. He never really cared much for work and he would rather wax his own car than wash his father's, but he has never collected unemployment either.

He's a recent High School graduate; he was probably an average student, pursued some form of sport activities, drives a ten year old jalopy, and has a steady girlfriend that either broke up with him when he left, or swears to be waiting when he returns from half a world away. He listens to rock and roll or hip-hop or rap or jazz or swing and a 155mm howitzer. He is 10 or 15 pounds lighter now than when he was at home because he is working or fighting from before dawn to well after dusk. He has trouble spelling, thus letter writing is a pain for him, but he can field strip a rifle in 30 seconds and reassemble it in less time in the dark. He can recite to you the nomenclature of a machine gun or grenade launcher and use either one effectively if he must. He digs foxholes and latrines and can apply first aid like a professional. He can march until he is told to stop, or stop until he is told to march. He obeys orders instantly and without hesitation, but he is not without spirit or individual dignity. He is self-sufficient. He has two sets of fatigues: he washes one and wears the other. He keeps his canteens full and his feet dry. He sometimes forgets to brush his teeth, but never to clean his rifle. He can cook his own meals, mend his own clothes, and fix his own hurts. If you're thirsty, he'll share his water with you; if you are hungry, his food. He'll even split his ammunition with you in the midst of battle when you run low. He has learned to use his hands like weapons and weapons like they were his hands. He can save your life or take it, because that is his job. He will often do twice the work of a civilian, draw half the pay, and still find ironic humor in it all. He has seen more suffering and death than he should have in his short lifetime. He has wept in public and in private, for friends who have fallen in combat and is unashamed. He feels every note of the National Anthem vibrate through his body while at rigid attention, while tempering the burning desire to 'square-away' those around him who haven't bothered to stand, remove their hat, or even stop talking.






In an odd twist, day in and day out, far from home, he defends their right to be disrespectful. Just as did his Father, Grandfather, and Great-grandfather, he is paying the price for our freedom. Beardless or not, he is not a boy. He is the American Fighting Man that has kept this country free for over 200 years. He has asked nothing in return, except our friendship and understanding. Remember him, always, for he has earned our respect and admiration with his blood. And now we even have women over there in danger, doing their part in this tradition of going to War when our nation calls us to do so. As you go to bed tonight, remember this shot: A short lull, a little shade and a picture of loved ones in their helmets. Prayer wheel for our military, please don't break it. Please send this on after a short prayer.

Prayer Wheel 'Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Amen.' When you receive this, please stop for a moment and say a prayer for our ground troops in Afghanistan, sailors on ships, and airmen in the air, and for those in Iraq, Afghanistan and all foreign countries. There is nothing attached. This can be very powerful. Of all the gifts you could give a US Soldier, Sailor, Coastguardsman, Marine, or Airman, prayer is the very best one.






SHARING

HISTORICAL US FLAGS—1






Historical Flags of the United States

Flag Name	Historical Era	History	Image
Cross of St. George Flag	Colonial Period	The flag depicting the cross of St. George has a long history as a national emblem since as early as 1277 in many European nations including England. With the exception of the Viking flag, the Cross of St. George flag was the first to be flown of the mainland of America and was one of the flags flown on the Mayflower bringing the Pilgrims to America in 1620.	
Gadsden Flag	Revolutionary War	The Gadsden flag is the most well recognized flag in a series of flags depicting a snake and the phrase "Don't tread on me." The flag is named for Colonel Christopher Gadsden to represent his home colony of South Carolina who presented it as a naval flag to Congress. The rattlesnake itself became a symbol to the colonies representing freedom and independence.	
Taunton Flag	Revolutionary War	The Taunton flag, flown in Taunton, MA, was a flag proclaiming loyalty to England, calling for a union of the colonies with Britain prior to the outbreak of the American Revolution. It is one of a handful of pre-revolutionary flags that is known to exist.	
Continental Flag/Bunker Hill Flag	Revolutionary War	This flag is believed to have been carried at the Battle of Bunker Hill and features a version of the British red ensign with a New England pine tree replacing the Union Flag. The pine tree displayed against a white background is a symbol that is featured on many flags representing New England. This flag marks one of the first times that British emblems had been removed from colonial flags and became one of a series of flags displaying a pine tree.	
Bunker Hill Flag	Revolutionary War	This early Colonial flag was reportedly used by Americans upon fortifying Breed and Bunker hills in 1775 at the onset of the Revolutionary War. However, it displays a blue background as opposed to the red background of the continental flag. In actuality, this flag was a mistake was not actually carried in the battle of Bunker Hill though it still remains associated with it.	

Historical Flags of the United States

Flag Name	Historical Era	History	Image
Washington's Cruisers Flag	Revolutionary War	Displaying the pine tree that became symbolic of the New England states, this flag was used by George Washington on a squadron of six sailing ships of the Continental Navy. The phrase "an appeal to heaven" is believed to be a plea for help, in recognition that they would need all the help they could get to face the British, the greatest naval power in the world.	
Green Mountain Boys Brigade Flag	Revolutionary War	Named after a military militia formed in Vermont and New Hampshire, the Green Mountain Boys flag commanded by Ethan Allen and Seth Warner. The brigade fought key battles in the revolutionary war including the Battle at Ticonderoga in 1775 and the Battle of Bennington of 1777. The flag displays thirteen stars to represent the unity of the thirteen colonies.	
Rhode Island Regiment Flag	Revolutionary War	The Rhode Island Regiment flag was flown by Rhode Islanders who fought in the American Revolution and were some of the first to join with the Minutemen to fight outside Boston. Rhode Island Regiments served in several battles of the Revolutionary War including the Battles of Brandywine, Trenton, and New York. It contains a star to represent each colony and an anchor that at the time was a symbol of American hope.	
Washington's Commander-In-Chief	Revolutionary War	Displaying thirteen, six pointed stars, this flag was the personal flag of George Washington during the Revolutionary War and was displayed at Washington's Headquarters in Valley Forge.	
Star Spangled Banner Flag	Revolutionary War	This flag, created after the Flag act of 1794, is the only flag to feature 15 stripes instead of 13 to represent Vermont and Kentucky joining the union. It is the flag that inspired Francis Scott Key to write the National Anthem during the War of 1812.	

Historical Flags of the United States

Flag Name	Historical Era	History	Image
Betsy Ross Flag	Revolutionary War	The Betsy Ross flag, considered by most to be the first official flag of the U.S., was designed during the American Revolution and features 13 stars to represent the 13 original colonies. The legend surrounding the flag suggests that Betsy Ross, a struggling widow, sewed this flag as she was struggling to run her upholstery business. Though the original design included six point stars, Betsy took it upon herself to make five point stars as they were easier to sew.	
Bennington Flag	Revolutionary War	The Bennington flag is a Revolutionary War era flag associated with the Battle of Bennington in 1777 in Bennington, Vermont. It was at this location that American militia won a key battle against the British who were led by General Burgoyne. It features stars with 7 points and a unique stripe arrangement with white stripes displayed on each end of the flag.	
Serapis Flag	Revolutionary War	The Serapis Flag was a naval flag named after the H.M.S Serapis captured from the British by captain John Paul Jones upon the sinking of his first ship in battle in 1779. The flag itself was based on a description given by Ben Franklin, ambassador to France, upon turning the ship over to the French. Although it was intended to be a US flag, the description produced a painting that resembles the picture on the right. John Paul Jones liked the flag so much he had it made and flew it back on the ship Alliance upon his return to the U.S.	
Cowpens Flag	Revolutionary War	The Cowpens flag was the flag of the Third Maryland Regiment and was believed to have been flown in the decisive Battle of Cowpens in 1781 when American forces under General Daniel Morgan won a key battle against the British. The flag was also believed to have been flown in the Battle of North Point in the War of 1812.	
Guilford Courthouse Flag	Revolutionary War	This is the flag believed to have been flown over the Guilford Courthouse in North Carolina. In January of 1781, the Guilford Courthouse was the site of one of the bloodiest battles of the Revolutionary War in which militia forces under General Nathaniel Greene prevented British forces from advancing through the Carolinas.	

Historical Flags of the United States

Flag Name	Historical Era	History	Image
15 Star Flag	War of 1812	The fifteen star flag is a key flag in the evolution of the American flag. It was created upon the admission of Kentucky and Vermont into the Union. After a resolution adopted in 1794, the flag was expanded to include 15 stars and 15 stripes. It served as the official flag from 1794 to 1818 and was the inspiration behind the "The Star-Spangled Banner" written by Francis Scott Key during the War of 1812.	
Commodore Perry Flag	War of 1812	This naval flag is most associated with the War of 1812 and was displayed on Oliver Hazard Perry's flagship "Lawrence" during the Battle of Lake Erie in 1813. The ship was named for Captain James Lawrence whose dying words were reportedly "Don't Give Up The Ship."	
Alamo Flag	Texas War of Independence	The Alamo flag was the flag of the Texans flow as they declared independence from Mexico and fought in the legendary Battle of the Alamo. Ultimately, the battle resulted in the Republic of Texas in 1836. The flag, based on the Mexican flag in the absence of a central logo, depicts the year 1824, the year the original constitution of Mexico was drafted.	
34 Star Flag	Civil War	This version of the US Flag, created in 1861, was created after the admission of Kansas. It was the flag most flown throughout the Civil War. It remained the official flag of the United States until 1863 when West Virginia rejoined the Union.	
Current 50 Star American Flag	Revolutionary War	The current American flag with 50 stars, completed in 1960 as Hawaii was added to the United States of America. As of 2007, this flag has become America's longest serving flag.	



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