

June 14, 2022 is National Flag Day

America! America! "O say can you see"

Our flag – your flag - flew over Ft. McHenry during the War of 1812. Francis Scott Key saw its brilliance and power, and was awestruck with its influence and beauty first-hand. Its life-giving hope was then and is now - unmatched in history. From the Selma march to Montgomery – from the landing on the moon to sporting events - from the birth of our nation to burials in cemeteries nation-wide and abroad - our flag can be seen in all of life and death. At dawn, Key stated, "See the flag still there." May it always be America's fixed point.



(Flag Flying Over Ft. McHenry. Painting by R W Goetting)

As co-heirs, our Flag was created for America to fly with it in the winds; our Star-Spangled Banner was written to meet America where we are.

A More Perfect Union Invitation for the Flag & Star Spangled Banner as One America

The Star Spangled Banner was born in the middle of war! Our flag's awesome presence and Key's words provided a common fixed point worthy to be sustained in all hearts - even hardened hearts. The condition of one's heart can determine one's response to our flag and our Star Spangled Banner. In spite of our differences, may each live on for a more perfect union. From Washington to Lincoln to King, our flag is still there. It is our fixed point high above with our feet firmly planted on the ground. Stand firm we must now and forevermore. From the waving of our flag in early dawn, Francis Scott Key penned the words to save the very best of America and in the worst of times – war between humanity at home and nations abroad. In the Battle of 1812, 2,200 American soldiers were killed and another 5200 died of disease. 4,505 were wounded. 20,000 were captured. In 1814, British Troops burned the Capitol and stormed the White House. Blood-stained American bodies were strewn from Baltimore to Washington. Most of the facts dealing with the detailed account of the war and its after-action report are well-documented, with one rather unknown fact about our flag. The newly fabricated flag was crafted by Mary Pickersgill, with an assistant by the name of Grace Wisher, a 13 year old African-American girl who worked on the stars for each state. One nation-changing fact is a lesser known statistic, but most important to the United States of America. As Francis Scott Key witnessed the Flag still there after much bombardment, his poetry became The Star Spangled Banner. Key was deeply moved as he saw the flag at dawn with the red stripes, blue square and white stars – and with this inspirational view he penned what he was feeling in his heart. The poem became the Star Spangled Banner, our national anthem. It was learned that the flag he witnessed still flying high had just been fabricated to thwart the British troops in seeing the huge flag – 42 feet by 30 feet, with 15 stars stretching 26 inches across and two-foot stripes. For many years, the original is one of the Smithsonian's proudest possessions. A great American, Rear Admiral Clyde Marsh, former Commissioner of the Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs, currently oversees many national cemeteries and funerals, stated, "When a loved one is buried with our flag covering the life served, there is no greater privilege and honor in service to our nation, their families and communities. In that moment dealing with death, America comes to life with our flag and the Star-Spangled Banner as one. I see it in the eyes of youth with a life-possessed to serve our nation one day with that flag buried deep within their hearts. With each funeral, all present are changed. It is essential to honor the true meaning of our nation's flag in life and death - today, tomorrow and in perpetuity!" For a more perfect union, we wish to recommend the highest of respect for the flag at all times with a public display of unity (PDU) when appropriate, and repeat after Mr. Key - "O Say Can You See!"

YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE: Please share your flag story with us!!!

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