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The meaning of the flag and some history
which is shared with school children.



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THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Each morning as you rise and salute your flag, you are but one of millions of boys and girls throughout our nation who are repeating these words:

**"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."**

Nowhere else in the world, as far as we know, do the young school children stand, cover their hearts with their hands and repeat those words each morning. Adults also pledge their allegiance such as at public meetings and patriotic rallies.

Remember, a PLEDGE is a promise to do something. ALLEGIANCE means to be loyal or devoted to something.

At Lions Club meetings throughout the United States, each meeting begins with the PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE to our flag.

FACTS ABOUT THE AMERICAN FLAG

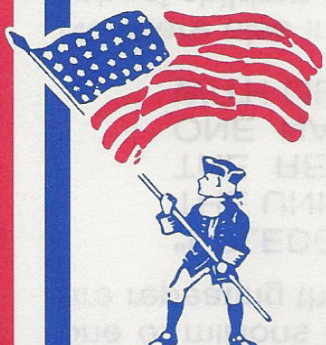
Our flag has three distinctive colors: Red for courage, White for liberty, and Blue for loyalty.

Our flag has 7 Red and 6 White Stripes for a total of 13. The 13 stripes stand for the 13 original colonies which became the 13 original states of the United States.

The Blue field with its 50 stars is called "The Union" and stands for the union of 50 states . . . The United States of America. The 49th state, Alaska, had a star added on July 4, 1959 and Hawaii, the 50th state on July 4, 1960.

From sunrise to sunset the United States flag flies over the White House whether or not the President is in Washington, D.C. Also, the U.S. Flag flies over the Capitol everyday.

The American Flag



THE AMERICAN FLAG

This flag you receive today, although small in size, is as valuable as the largest flag ever made.

Take this flag home with you. It is your flag. Put it where you can look at it every day. Be happy and proud that you have your own flag.

This flag has many names: "Old Glory," "The Stars and Stripes," "The Star Spangled Banner." But, no matter what it is called, this flag stands for America, freedom and equality for all mankind.

Be proud of your flag. Be proud to be an American.

The chart below depicts the stars on your flag. Each stands for one of the 50 states in the United States. The number corresponds with their order of appearance on the flag and is as follows:

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| 1. Delaware | 20. Mississippi |
| 2. Pennsylvania | 21. Illinois |
| 3. New Jersey | 22. Alabama |
| 4. Georgia | 23. Maine |
| 5. Connecticut | 24. Missouri |
| 6. Massachusetts | 25. Arkansas |
| 7. Maryland | 26. Michigan |
| 8. South Carolina | 27. Florida |
| 9. New Hampshire | 28. Texas |
| 10. Virginia | 29. Iowa |
| 11. New York | 30. Wisconsin |
| 12. North Carolina | 31. California |
| 13. Rhode Island | 32. Minnesota |
| 14. Vermont | 33. Oregon |
| 15. Kentucky | 34. Kansas |
| 16. Tennessee | 35. West Virginia |
| 17. Ohio | 36. Nevada |
| 18. Louisiana | 37. Nebraska |
| 19. Indiana | 38. Colorado |

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| 39. North Dakota | 45. Utah |
| 40. South Dakota | 46. Oklahoma |
| 41. Montana | 47. New Mexico |
| 42. Washington | 48. Arizona |
| 43. Idaho | 49. Alaska |
| 44. Wyoming | 50. Hawaii |