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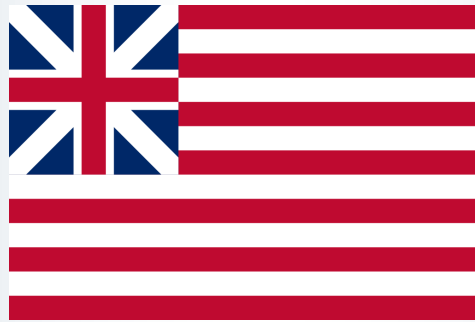
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The First Flag

It is believed that the flag that was raised by George Washington's Army on New Year's Day, 1776, at Prospect Hill in Charlestown was the flag that has been come to be known as the Grand Union. It is often viewed as the first national flag. Although at the time the United States was still called the United Colonies.



The American colonist's (Continental Colour) was first hoisted on the colonial warship Alfred, in the harbor on the western shore of the Delaware River at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on December 3, 1775, by newly-appointed Lieutenant John Paul Jones. The event had been documented in letters to Congress and eyewitness accounts. The flag was used by the American Continental Army forces as both a naval ensign and garrison flag throughout 1776 and early 1777. It is not known for certain when or by whom the design was created. The flag could easily have been produced by sewing white stripes onto a British Red Ensign.

The Flag Act of 1777 by the Continental Congress authorized a new official national flag of a design similar to that of the Colors, with thirteen stars (representing the thirteen States) on a field of blue replacing the British Union Flag in the canton. The resolution describes only "a new constellation" for the arrangement of the white stars in the blue canton so a number of designs were later interpreted and made with a circle of equal stars, another circle with one star in the center, and various designs of even or alternate horizontal rows of stars, even the "Bennington flag" from Bennington, Vermont which had the number "76" surmounted by an arch of 13 stars, later also becoming known in 1976 as the "Bicentennial Flag".

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Betsy Ross and The Five Pointed Star

Legend has it that when George Washington and his associates first approached Betsy Ross regarding the creation of an American flag, their design used 6-pointed stars. Betsy suggested five-pointed stars instead.

When the committee protested that these would be too difficult to make, Betsy is said to have taken a piece of paper, folded it deftly, and with a single snip of her scissors, produced a symmetrical five-pointed star, so impressing her audience with this feat of seamstress magic that they readily agreed .

New Year's Resolutions

According to the Statistic Brain Research Institute 45% of Americans made a resolution this year. These are the top ten in order.

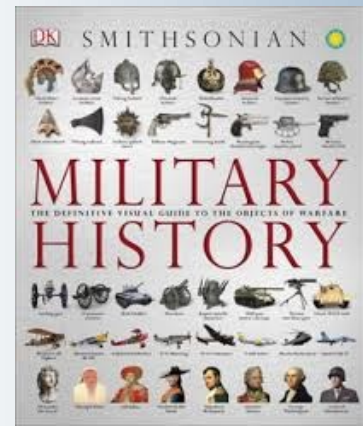
- Lose Weight
- Getting Organized
- Spend Less, Save More
- Enjoy Life to the Fullest
- Staying Fit and Healthy
- Learn Something Exciting
- Quit Smoking
- Help Others in Their Dreams
- Fall in Love
- Spend More Time with Family

Only 8% of those who make a resolution will be successful.

BEFORE YOU SAY "WHY BOTHER"

If you make an explicit resolution

You are 10 times more likely to achieve your goal.



This Month in Military History

January 2, 1942 - During World War II in the Pacific, the Japanese captured the Philippines capital of Manila and the nearby air base at Cavite

January 12, 1991 - Congress authorized President George Bush to use military force against Iraq following its invasion of Kuwait

January 17, 1945 - During World War II, Warsaw, Poland, was liberated by Soviet Russian troops

January 22, 1943 - During World War II in the Pacific, Japanese resistance ended in New Guinea, resulting in the first land victory of the war for Allied forces

January 24, 1972 - Japanese soldier Shoichi Yokoi was discovered on Guam after he had spent 28 years hiding out in the jungle not knowing World War II had long since ended

Upcoming events....Mark your calendars

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| Jan 12 | National Pharmacist Day |
| Jan 16 | Martin Luther King Jr Birthday |
| Jan 18 | Winnie the Pooh Day |
| Jan 28 | Chinese New Year |

Museum Visitors

Last month we had 268 visitors from 11 states, Puerto Rico, and 5 foreign Countries Brazil, El Salvador, Australia, Scotland, and South Africa.



SAFETY AT WORK

SOMETIMES IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT

Military Humor

“In a nation that was proud of hard work, strong families, close-knit communities, and our faith in God, too many of us now tend to worship self-indulgence and consumption. Human identity is no longer defined by what one does, but by what one owns. But we’ve discovered that owning things and consuming things does not satisfy our longing for meaning. We’ve learned that piling up material goods cannot fill the emptiness of lives which have no confidence or purpose. “

Jimmy Carter

HELP WANTED

Volunteer Job Description

Job Title: Data Entry Clerk

Purpose: The Data Entry Clerk inputs information into various computer systems.

Location: H.E.A.R.T.S. Veterans Museum, 463 State Hwy 75N, Huntsville TX 77320

Key Responsibilities:

- Inputs veterans information in Past Perfect biography
- Inputs veterans information into various data bases
- Maintains mailing data bases
- Scanning documents into electronic files
- Scanning photos into electronic files

Length of Commitment: An initial commitment of at least 3 months is desired. After the initial time period volunteers are welcome to stay on as long as they desire.

Time Commitment: Flexible hours Mon. thru Sat. 10am to 5pm

Qualifications: Familiarity with basic computer systems and office equipment.

Support: Training for this position is provided.

Age Requirement: None

Dress Code: Casual



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