



The Evolution of the United States Flag

· The Executive Order of June 24, 1912 established rules for the proportions of the Flag. Flags made before that date show various arrangements of stars and stripes.

· On June 14, 1777, Congress passed the first Flag Act, establishing an official flag for the Nation. This Act determined that there was to be thirteen stripes alternating red and white. It also stated that the union consist of thirteen white stars on a blue background.



June 14, 1777

· President Monroe signed the Act of April 4, 1818, stating that 13 stripes should remain to represent the first 13 colonies, and that one star was to be added to the blue field on July 4th of the following year that a state was added.



The 15-star, 15-stripe flag was authorized by Congress in 1795. This flag flew over Fort McHenry and became known as the Star-Spangled Banner.

· On June 24, 1912, President Taft ordered the 48 stars to be arranged in six horizontal of eight stars each, with the point of the star pointing upwards.

· On January 3, 1959, President Eisenhower ordered the stars in seven rows of seven stars each staggered vertically and horizontally.

· August 21, 1959, President Eisenhower again ordered a change to the Flag's presentation. This change provided for the addition of the addition of the 50th state to the United States. President Eisenhower ordered the stars to be displayed in nine staggering horizontal rows and eleven staggering vertical rows; our Nation's current Flag.



Our Flag since 1959.

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