

OUR AMERICAN FLAG

When you removed your hat or came to attention and gave your salute as the American Flag passed in Parade, did you ever stop to think what makes this flag so special to you. Just think a minute, it's



only cloth and woven of Red, White and Blue, but you've got to admit it's so attractive, that your chest swells with pride as you watch it float from the flag staffs at your School, playground, office buildings and every place for Americans to see it. Normally one might say that George Washington gave Betsey Ross a design and a five pointed star on June 5, 1776 at Arch Street, in Philadelphia.

On June 14, 1777, Congress passed the following resolution; Resolved that this flag of Thirteen stripes and Thirteen stars, alternate Red and White stripes was to represent the thirteen original colonies of this Country.

One might feel that is all it took to make it as beautiful a flag as it is. As other states joined the Union other stars were added. History tells Us that the first flag was made of a Blue Army coat, Red flannel from a petticoat and the white from some white shirts.

History tells us the First Flag was raised at Fort Stanwix, New York on August 2, 1777.

But we who know what this flag means, can see that in this great flag is woven the hardships of the early settlers as they traveled by wagon train across the plains. We can see a Freedom of Religion, of Speech and the many victories won by our armed forces while in battle to preserve our Democracy. Oh yes, it's more than a mere design of a woven cloth.

There are many respects due to our flag. Learn them and uphold them at all times.