

San Francisco Geneva-Excelsior Lions Club



THE AMERICAN FLAG LA BANDERA AMERICANA

This flag you received 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.**

Esta recibes hoy, aunque pequeña en tamaño, es tan valorable como la Bandera mas grande que jamas se ha hecho.

Lleva esta bandera contigo. Es tu bandera. Ponla donde tu puedas verla cada día. Se feliz y orgulloso que tienes tu propia bandera.

Esta bandera tiene muchos nombres: “Vieja Gloria”, “Las Estrellas y Rayas”, “La Bandera Adornada de Estrellas”. Pero, no importa como sea llamada, esta bandera representa América, libertad e igualdad para toda la humanidad

**Se orgulloso de tu bandera
Se de ser Americano**

*San Francisco Geneva-Excelsior Lions Club
Meets the 1st & 3rd Wednesday's at 6:30 PM
at the Italian American Social Club – 25 Russia Avenue near Mission Street*



Proudly Presented
By Your Local Lions Club

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.

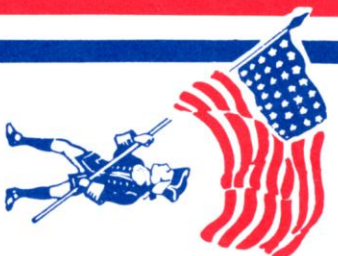
FACTS ABOUT THE AMERICAN FLAG

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.



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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:

1. Delaware	2. Pennsylvania	1	2	3	4	5	6
3. New Jersey	4. Georgia	7	8	9	10	11	
5. Connecticut	6. Massachusetts	12	13	14	15	16	17
7. Maryland	8. South Carolina	18	19	20	21	22	
9. New Hampshire	10. Virginia	23	24	25	26	27	28
11. New York	12. North Carolina	29	30	31	32	33	
13. Rhode Island	14. Vermont	34	35	36	37	38	39
15. Kentucky	16. Tennessee	40	41	42	43	44	
17. Ohio	18. Louisiana	45	46	47	48	49	50
19. Indiana	20. Mississippi	21. Illinois	22. Alabama				
23. Maine	24. Missouri	25. Arkansas	26. Michigan	27. Florida			
28. Texas	29. Iowa	30. Wisconsin	31. California	32. Minnesota			
33. Oregon	34. Kansas	35. West Virginia	36. Nevada				
37. Nebraska	38. Colorado	39. North Dakota	40. South Dakota				
41. Montana	42. Washington	43. Idaho	44. Wyoming	45. Utah			
46. Oklahoma	47. New Mexico	48. Arizona	49. Alaska	50. Hawaii			