

Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same.

Ronald Reagan

## The Pledge of Allegiance

"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."

I'm Proud to be an American, for at least I know I'm free...

## CELEBRATING 244 YEARS

1. America was founded July 4, 1776.

2. The U.S. is a country of 50 states covering a vast swath of North America, with Alaska in the northwest and Hawaii extending the nation's presence into the Pacific Ocean.

3. The Star-Spangled Banner is the national anthem.

4. Betsy Ross is credited with making the American flag

5. The stars represent the 50 states, and the stripes represent the

original 13 colonies.

6. George Washington, the first President, was the first person to sign the constitution.

7. The Signing of the United States Constitution occurred on September 17,

1787, at Independence Hall in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

8. The oldest president to serve was Republican, Ronald Reagan.

9. The youngest president was Theodore Roosevelt.

10. More than 30 attempts to kill an incumbent or former president, or a president-elect have been made since the early 19th century.

11. Four sitting presidents have been killed: Abraham Lincoln (1865), James A. Garfield (1881), William McKinley (1901), and John F. Kennedy (1963).

12. The original 13 colonies were Delaware, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts Bay Colony (which included Maine), New Jersey, Georgia, Connecticut, Maryland, South Carolina, New Hampshire, Virginia, New York, North Carolina, and Rhode Island and Providence Plantations.

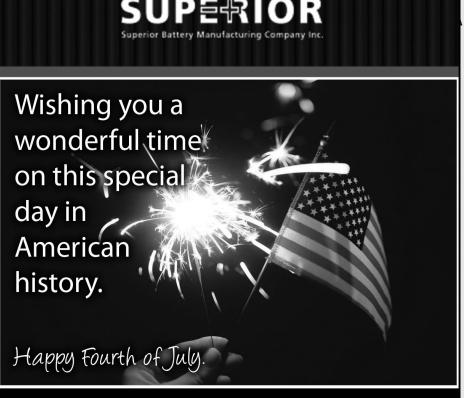
13. Delaware was the first state founded on December 7, 1787. 1959.

14. Alaska and Hawaii were the last states to join the Union -- both in union on June 1, 1792.

15. Kentucky was the 15th state to join the







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