



APRIL FLAG CLUB

- **Watch the movie *Taking Chance*** the story of how when one soldier falls, another brings them home. A moving story that all Americans should see. Watch it free as an Amazon Prime member or order the DVD from Amazon.
- **Community Service Project** – Wrap up your community service project. Submit photos or short videos to our FLAG Program Administrator by the end of April. These will be combined with other schools and placed on our web site and Facebook page. Please include copies of your photo release forms.
- **Caliber Collision Food Drive April 15-30** – Collect canned food for the Caliber Collision food drive. Make plans to deliver your collected food to a Caliber Collision location near you.

Flag Trivia:

13. Memorial Day was established for what reason? (To honor men and women killed in the service of our country)
14. What procedures do you follow on raising the U.S. flag on Memorial Day? (Raise the flag briskly to the top and then slowly to the midway point of the pole. At noon the flag is raised back to the top of the pole and at end of day it is lowered slowly and removed.)
15. What was the original name used before it was changed to Memorial Day? (Decoration Day)
16. What year was Memorial Day established by Congress to be celebrated on the last Monday of May? (1968)
17. What year did this law go into effect? (1971)
18. What happens at 3:00 pm on Memorial Day? (Moment of Remembrance)

Special Days in April, May, June and July

April 3, 1995 - Sandra Day O'Connor Day became the first woman to serve on Supreme Court

April 12, 1981 - First Space Shuttle Flight, the first launch of the Space Shuttle occurred on 12 April 1981, exactly 20 years after the first manned space flight, when the orbiter Columbia, with two crew members, astronauts John W. Young, commander, and Robert L. Crippen, pilot, lifted off from Pad A, Launch Complex 39, at the Kennedy Space Center.

April 30, 1789 - George Washington began as first president of the United States. The first inauguration of George Washington as the first President of the United States was held on Thursday, April 30, 1789,

on the balcony of Federal Hall in New York City, New York. The inauguration marked the commencement of the first four-year term of George Washington as President.

Memorial Day or Decoration Day is a federal holiday in the United States for remembering the people who died while serving in the country's armed forces. The holiday, which is currently observed every year on the last Monday of May.

June 14 - Flag Day, commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States, which happened on June 14, 1777, by resolution of the Second Continental Congress. The United States Army also celebrates the U.S. Army Birthday on this date.

May 19 - Armed Forces Day, celebrated on the third Saturday in May. Although, originally, there were single day celebrations for each branch of the military, the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force; this format changed on August 21, 1949, when Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson announced the creation of Armed Forces Day.

July 4 - Independence Day, also referred to as the Fourth of July or July Fourth, commemorating the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776.

TEACHING OBJECTIVE: Help students understand the historical background of our nation's flag.

History of the Flag

Videos:

For younger students, A Brief History of the American Flag <https://youtu.be/7okoabcMGFw>

For older students, The History of the U.S. Flag. <https://youtu.be/UONq4YCF4R4>

Concurrent Resolution 108, 109th Congress, a booklet entitled "Our Flag," which contains a detailed, official history of the United States flag. It is available in PDF format from Publications.USA.gov, or on the F.L.A.G. Program website under Resources > Downloads. It is recommended that you use this as a primary resource in planning this meeting, and encourage students to obtain their own personal copy, which they are welcome to download from the F.L.A.G. Program website.

WoodmenLife provides two handy-sized publications, free of charge, that would serve well as additional primary resources in preparing for this meeting: "The U.S. Flag Code and Guidelines" and "The American Patriot's Handbook." Contact your local WoodmenLife Office to order these free materials. To find your representative go to www.woodmenlife.org and click on Contact then Find a Representative.

F.L.A.G. Club Members- Plan to receive a Citizenship Award and Flag Pin at the end of the school year for your support of this program.