

“Why I Honor The American Flag”

Why do we honor the American Flag? We honor the American Flag because of what it represents. The American Flag symbolizes all of the sacrifices Americans have given throughout history which has made the United States of America the greatest place on earth.

As we watch our American Flag waive in the air, we notice that it has thirteen red and white stripes and fifty white stars. The white on the flag represents purity and freedom, the red represents hardiness and valour -- all defining characteristics of our great country. The number of stripes represent the thirteen original colonies who declared independence from Great Britain. The stars on the flag represent our fifty United States. The original flag was created by Betsy Ross and first flown from Fort Mifflin on August 3, 1777. Since this date, the American Flag has flown on battlefields all over the world as Americans have fought heroically to protect our freedom.

Today, we honor the American Flag in a number of ways. The most common way we honor the American Flag is the Pledge of Allegiance. Recited daily in classrooms all across the country, “the Pledge” is used to promote loyalty and pride among even the youngest Americans.

But what makes our American Flag so special? Is it because it is expensive and made from valuable materials? Not necessarily. In fact, many American Flags are just woven from basic cotton. What makes the American Flag so special is who and what it represents. It represents all the men and women who have selflessly served our country in the military. Whose sacrifice has allowed me to live freely, worship my God and have incredible opportunities as a young woman. In fact, many of the men and women who have fought and died for our country were just a few years older than me. One of the most powerful images of the American Flag is when it is used to honor those who have made the greatest sacrifice for this country -- their life. When the American Flag is placed on the coffin of one of these brave Americans, it allows us to remember the ultimate sacrifice they made for us to continue to live freely and equally. This is why I will always choose to honor the American Flag and all the brave men and women that fight so hard for the country that I love.