



Displaying OLD GLORY Rekindles Patriotism

I am your Flag.
 I was born on June 14th, 1777.
 I am more than just cloth shaped into a design.
 I am the refuge of the World's oppressed people.
 I am the silent sentinel of Freedom.
 I am the emblem of the greatest sovereign nation on earth.
 I am the inspiration for which American Patriots gave their lives and fortunes.

I have led your son into battle from Valley Forge to the bloody ridges of Korea.
 I walk in silence with each of your Honored Dead, to their final resting place beneath the silent
 White Crosses, row upon row.
 I have flown through Peace and War, Strife and Prosperity, and amidst it all I have been re-
 spected.

My Red Stripes . . . symbolize the blood spilled in defense of this glorious nation.
 My White Stripes . . . signify the burning tears shed by Americans who lost their sons.
 My Blue Field . . . is indicative of God's heaven under which I fly.
 My Stars . . . clustered together, unify 50 States as one, for God and Country.
 "Old Glory" is my nickname, and proudly I wave on high.

Honor me, respect me, defend me with your lives and your fortunes.
 Never let my enemies tear me down from my lofty position, lest I never return.
 Keep alight the fires of patriotism, strive earnestly for the spirit of democracy.
 Worship Eternal God and keep His commandments, and I shall remain the bulwark of peace
 and freedom for all mankind.
 I am your Flag.

Thomas E. Wicks, Sr.



**Fly me on these days in tribute to those who so courageously defended me
 and the freedoms for which I stand.**

New Year's Day	Jan. 1	Armed Forces Day	May	Constitution Day	Sept. 17
Lincoln's Birthday	Feb. 12	Memorial Day	May 30	Columbus Day	Oct. 12
Washington's Birthday	Feb. 22	Flag Day	June 14	Navy Day	Oct. 27
Army Day	April 6	Independence Day	July 4	Veterans Day	Nov. 11
Loyalty Day	May 1	Labor Day	Sept.	Pearl Harbor Day	Dec. 7