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The first official United States flag was adopted on June 14, 1777 and featured 13 alternating red & white stripes and 13 white stars on a blue field each representing the original 13 colonies.

Each time a new state joined the Union, the flag was updated by adding an additional star to the blue field. But as more states joined, adding more stripes was impractical. The Flag Act of 1818 established the practice of keeping the 13 stripes to honor the original colonies while adding an additional star per new state. As stated in the Flag Act of 1818 each new star is added on the 4th of July following the state's admission to the Union.

The American Flag has been revised a total of 27 times, most recently in 1960 when Hawaii became our 50th state.

Our flag's red stripes symbolize valor, her white stripes symbolize purity & innocence and her blue field represents vigilance, perseverance & justice.

Each star in her blue field represents additional states, reflecting the nation's growth

Throughout its history, the American flag has remained a unifying symbol, representing freedom, resilience and the evolving identity of the United States. While designs may have changed, the red, white and blue colors and the stars have endured, making it one of the most recognizable flags in the world.

