

## Voiture 1379 Communiqué for June 2025

President Woodrow Wilson established Flag Day to commemorate the original charter of the symbol by the Second Continental Congress on the same date in 1777. It was on Flag Day in 1923 that representatives from the American Legion, Daughters of the American Revolution, the Boy Scouts, Knights of Columbus, and dozens of other patriotic organizations convened to formally establish rules to display, care for, and honor the US flag. During that conference, "my Flag" in the pledge was changed to "the flag of the United States of America" to ensure there was no confusion which flag was being pledged loyalty.

On June 22, 1942, Congress officially instituted the Flag Code that was created at that 1923 convention, which included the federally approved pledge of allegiance. The last change to the pledge was added on Flag Day, June 14, 1954. In the midst of the Cold War, American leaders and citizens were eager to differentiate our culture from the Communist atheists, so President Eisenhower encouraged the addition of "under God" to the pledge. Congress agreed, and passed the resolution along with officially naming the salute "The Pledge of Allegiance." The last change to the pledge was added on Flag Day, June 14, 1954. In the midst of the Cold War, American leaders and citizens were eager to differentiate our culture from the Communist atheists, so President Eisenhower encouraged the addition of "under God" to the pledge. Congress agreed, and passed the resolution along with officially naming the salute "The Pledge of Allegiance."

US Flag Code Enacted on Flag Day, June 14, 1923, the United States Flag Code (officially Chapter 5 of Title 4 of the United States Code) details all regulations for display and care of our national flag. Here are few interesting trivia facts about our flag.

- Whenever a new state is admitted to the Union, the star is always added to the flag on the fourth of July.
- It is illegal for any real estate management association to deny a person the right to display the flag on their home.
- There are only two instances when another flag may be placed above the United States flag: during a naval church service at sea, the church pennant may fly above the flag, and at the headquarters of the United Nations in New York City, the flag of the United Nations may fly above all other national flags.
- Memorial Day is the only day when the flag is flown at both half-staff and full-staff.
- Only members and veterans of the United States Armed Forces may salute the flag. All other citizens should place their right hand over their heart

This months Promenade will be on June 25<sup>th</sup> at Post 61 Kansas City, MO at 18:00 Promenade.

Thank you for your service to Our Great Nation and the 40et8 through Voiture 1379. If we all work together we can and do make a difference.

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