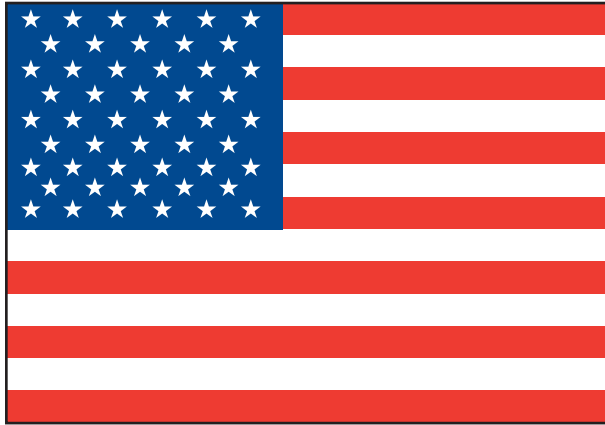


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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE



"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands: one Nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all."

- ★ The Pledge of Allegiance was written in 1892 by Francis Bellamy.
- ★ The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag is an oath of loyalty to the country. It is recited at many public events and schools. US Congressional sessions open with the recitation of the Pledge.
- ★ It should be recited by standing at attention facing the flag with the right hand over the heart.
- ★ When not in uniform, men should remove any non-religious headwear (baseball hats, visors, etc.) with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart. People in uniform should remain silent, face the flag, and render the military salute.
- ★ The pledge was supposed to be quick and to the point. Bellamy designed it to be stated in 15 seconds.
- ★ The Pledge was first used in public schools on October 12, 1892 during Columbus Day observances.