

OFFICIAL U.S. FLAG FLYING DAYS

A Year-Round Reference Calendar | Courtesy of Capitol Flag & Flagpole Co.

Under the U.S. Flag Code, the American flag may be flown every day of the year, but certain dates carry special significance by federal law, presidential proclamation, or long-standing custom. Most are flown at full-staff; a few solemn observances call for half-staff display, marked below with a dagger (†). Keep this calendar handy so you always know when to display your flag.

JANUARY		FEBRUARY	
New Year's Day	January 1	Lincoln's Birthday	February 12
Martin Luther King Jr. Day	3rd Monday in January	Presidents Day	3rd Monday in February
Inauguration Day*	January 20 (every 4 years)	Washington's Birthday	February 22
MARCH		APRIL	
National Vietnam War Veterans Day	March 29	Easter Sunday	Date varies
		National Former POW Recognition Day	April 9
		Patriots' Day	3rd Monday in April
MAY		JUNE	
Loyalty Day	May 1	Flag Day	June 14
V-E Day	May 8	Father's Day	3rd Sunday in June
Peace Officers Memorial Day †	May 15		
Mother's Day	2nd Sunday in May		
Armed Forces Day	3rd Saturday in May		
Memorial Day ††	Last Monday in May		
JULY		AUGUST	
Independence Day	July 4	Purple Heart Day	August 7
		V-J Day	August 14
		National Aviation Day	August 19
SEPTEMBER		OCTOBER	
Labor Day	1st Monday in Sept.	Columbus Day	2nd Monday in October
Patriot Day †	September 11	General Pulaski Memorial Day	October 11
National POW/MIA Recognition Day	3rd Friday in Sept.	Navy Day	October 27
Constitution Day	September 17		
Gold Star Mother's & Family's Day †	Last Sunday in Sept.		
NOVEMBER		DECEMBER	
Election Day	Tue. after 1st Mon.	Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day †	December 7
Veterans Day	November 11	Christmas Day	December 25
Thanksgiving Day	4th Thursday in November		

† Half-Staff observance | †† Half-staff from sunrise until noon, then raised to full-staff | * Occurs only in years following a presidential election

Note: The Flag Code also recognizes the birthdays and admission days of individual states as appropriate flag-flying days; check with your state government for dates specific to where you live. **Half-Staff Protocol:** First hoist the flag briskly to the top of the pole, then lower it ceremoniously to half-staff. Before taking the flag down for the day, raise it back to the top briefly before lowering it fully.

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