



Betsy Ross flag, created 1777, at the National Veterans Memorial and Museum.

The American flag is a symbol of freedom, liberty independence and patriotism. The National Veterans Memorial and Museum exhibits different versions of the flag throughout the museum. The flag above is the Betsy Ross flag. The Continental Congress voted in 1777 to authorize creation of a national flag. The circle of 13 stars represented the 13 colonies along with 13 stripes. Can you name the 13 colonies? Look for the American flag in your home and neighborhood.

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Match the flag with the correct historical facts.

A. Union Jack Flag, contains the flag of the United Kingdom and does not display any stars.

B. July 4, 1818 – July 3, 1819 Tennessee, Ohio, Louisiana, Indiana and Mississippi were added to the Union with 20 stars displayed on the flag.

C. Oregon was the 33rd state added to the Union bringing the number of stars up to 33 and formed one big star.

D. Before Alaska and Hawaii were added to the Union, there were 48 stars on the flag.