

# Palm Hill - Key Dates In June

## FLAG DAY JUNE 14

LEARN HOW TO FLY YOUR U.S. FLAG PROPERLY ON FLAG DAY- AND EVERY DAY  
Check out the article at [www.almanac.com/us-flag-etiquette-rules-and-guidelines](http://www.almanac.com/us-flag-etiquette-rules-and-guidelines).

When the American Revolution broke out in 1775, the colonists weren't fighting united under a single flag. Instead, most regiments participating in the war for independence against the British fought under their own flags. In June of 1775, the Second Continental Congress met in Philadelphia to create the Continental Army—a unified colonial fighting force—with the hopes of a more organized battle against its colonial oppressors. This led to the creation of what was, essentially, the first “American” flag, the Continental Colors.

For some, this flag, which was comprised of 13 red and white alternating stripes and a Union Jack in the corner, was too similar to that of the British. George Washington soon realized that flying a flag that was even remotely close to the British flag was not a great confidence-builder for the revolutionary effort, so he turned his efforts towards creating a new symbol of freedom

On June 14, 1777, the Second Continental Congress took a break from writing the Articles of Confederation and passed a resolution stating that “the flag of the United States be 13 stripes, alternate red and white,” and that “the union be 13 stars, white in a blue field, representing a new

constellation.”

On June 14, 1877, the first Flag Day observance was held on the 100th anniversary of the adoption of the Stars and Stripes. As instructed by Congress, the U.S. flag was flown from all public buildings across the country. In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson marked the anniversary of that decree by officially establishing June 14 as Flag Day.

In the years after the first Flag Day, several states continued to observe the anniversary, and in 1949 Congress officially designated June 14 as Flag Day, a national day of observance for the soon-to-be fledgling nation.

### DID YOU KNOW?

- When the flag is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem, it should be destroyed in a dignified and ceremonious fashion, preferably by burning.
- Most American Legion posts will conduct an annual ceremony, often on Flag Day (June 14) to retire old or worn flags; contact your local chapter if you are not able to dispose of the flag yourself. You could also ask your local Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts troops about retiring your flag.

**For more information and interesting history:**  
See [history.com](http://history.com): *What Is Flag Day?* - HISTORY  
([www.history.com/news/what-is-flag-day](http://www.history.com/news/what-is-flag-day))

## FATHER'S DAY – June 16 – third Sunday of June every year

In 1913, President Woodrow Wilson tried to have Father's Day become a holiday, but it failed to pass through congress. Eight years later, President Calvin Coolidge signed a resolution “to establish more intimate relations between fathers and their children and to impress upon fathers the full measure of their obligations.”

But as times changed and the role of a father, so did the notion of having a holiday.

More than 40 years after Coolidge's resolution, an executive order was signed by then President Lydon Johnson that had Father's Day celebrated on the third Sunday in June. Congress didn't make it a national holiday until 1972.  
(Above from *The Tennessean*)

## SUMMER SOLSTICE – First Day of Summer, June 21 at 4:51 P.M.

4:51 p.m. June 21 marks the magic moment – the longest day of the year

In the Northern Hemisphere, the **June solstice** (aka **summer solstice**) occurs when the **Sun travels along its northernmost path in the sky**. This marks the astronomical start of summer in the northern half of the globe. (In the Southern Hemisphere, it's the opposite: the June solstice marks the astronomical start of winter when the Sun is at its lowest point in the sky.)  
Above info from *the almanac.com*.



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