

## **Advanced Level Flag Quiz**

### **1. What did George Washington say the colors in our National Flag represented?**

[A] "We take the stars from heaven, the red from our mother country, separating it by white stripes, thus showing that we have separated from her, and the white stripes shall go down to posterity representing liberty."

### **2. Who was the first person to reportedly use five-pointed stars on our National Flag?**

[A] Legend has it that Betsy Ross was the first person to use five-pointed stars. Previously, in other flags, six or eight pointed stars were used, because they were easier to fold. Betsy Ross folded a piece of paper into a five-pointed star to show George Washington how easily it was done.

### **3. What is the official placement of the stars on a 13-star flag?**

[A] There was none. Until President Taft signed the order in 1912, there was no official placement of stars in the union of any American Flag. Thus, it was up to the individual flag maker as to how many rows and how many stars were in each row. There have been at least twenty-five different formats found for the 13-star flag.

### **4. If another state is added to the Union on October 4, 2001, when will the first 51-star flag be unveiled?**

[A] When a new state is added, the new flag is unveiled on July 4 following. In our example, the first 51-star flag would be unveiled on July 4, 2002.

### **5. Who designed our present 50-star flag?**

[A] Robert G. Heft of Napoleon, Ohio. He designed the flag as a high school project.

### **6. When folding a flag properly, how many folds will there be?**

[A] Thirteen.

### **7. What is the significance of the gold fringe on some flags?**

[A] For civilian use, the fringe is considered as an honorable enrichment. It should only be used on indoor flags.

**8. What does it mean if the flag is flying over the White House?**

[A] The flag is only flown over the White House if the President is in Washington, D. C. If he is not within Washington, the flag is not flown.

**9. What is the size of the flag that flew at Fort McHenry?**

[A] 30' x 42'

**10. Francis Scott Key wrote the words to the "Star Spangled Banner," but where did the music come from?**

[A] From an old English drinking song called "To Anacreon in Heaven."

**11. What is the only flag that can be flown above the American Flag?**

[A] A Church Pennant.

**12. Who probably designed our first American Flag, and how many points did the stars have?**

[A] Francis Hopkinson, a signer of the Declaration of Independence and a government employee for the Continental Congress. He designed several other seals and emblems and requested payment for designing the first flag. In his design, the 13 stars were in a 3-2-3-2-3 configuration and utilized 6-pointed stars.

**13. What were the 14th and 15th States added to the Union?**

[A] Vermont in 1791 and Kentucky in 1792.

**14. Who cut up the American Flag, left it scattered on the ground, and was honored for doing it?**

[A] Robert E. Peary left pieces of the Flag at five different locations along the route to the North Pole, April, 1909.

**15. When the Flag is displayed during the playing of the National Anthem, should the salute be directed toward the Flag or toward the music?**

[A] Towards the Flag.

**16. When the Flag is not displayed during the playing of the National Anthem, how should one salute?**

[A] One should face toward the music, stand at attention, and act as if the Flag was displayed.

**17. When was the "Star Spangled Banner," which was written in 1814, officially adopted as the National Anthem?**

[A] March 3, 1931.

**18. How is a flag placed on a casket?**

[A] For an observer standing at the foot of the casket, the flag is placed with the blue field at the head of the casket, but to the observer's right instead of his left. This indicates mourning.

**19. Is it proper to place a wreath or flowers on a flag-draped casket?**

[A] No. The Flag Code prohibits putting any object on a flag.

**20. Is it proper to put American Flags on U.S. Postage Stamps?**

[A] Technically speaking, according to the Flag Code, no. Section 4 (i) of the Flag Code states: "(The Flag...) should not be...printed or otherwise impressed on paper napkins or boxes or anything that is designed for temporary use and discard."