

Four Flags That George Washington Served Under, Or How We Got Our American Flag!



1. **BRITISH RED ENSIGN** (1707-1801)

PROVIDENCE OF GOD

Crosses of St. George [England] & St. Andrew [Scotland] flown over British forces from 1707-1801. Under this flag young George Washington led the Virginia Militia in accompanying General Braddock's British Redcoats to Fort Duquesne. They were ambushed by the French & Indians. Hundreds were killed or mortally wounded, including Braddock. Word was that George Washington had also died!

"As I have heard since my arrival at this place [Fort Cumberland], a circumstantial account of my death and dying speech, I take this early opportunity of contradicting the first and of assuring you that I have not as yet composed the latter. But, by the all-powerful dispensations of Providence I have been protected beyond all human probability or expectation; for I had four bullets through my coat and two horses shot under me yet escaped unhurt, although death was leveling my companions on every side of me! We have been most scandalously beaten by a trifling body of men." - Letter by Colonel George Washington to his brother John, 7/18/1755 [23]

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2. **GRAND UNION FLAG** (CONTINENTAL FLAG: 12/1775-6/14/1777)

DEPENDENCE ON GOD

After news of the Declaration of Independence arrived, Washington wrote orders to his troops, which included the following:

"The Hon. Continental Congress having been pleased to allow a Chaplain to each Regiment, with the pay of Thirty-three Dollars and one third per month--The Colonels or commanding officers of each regiment are directed to procure Chaplains accordingly; persons of good Characters and exemplary lives--To see that all inferior officers and soldiers pay them a suitable respect and attend carefully upon religious exercises. **The blessing and protection of Heaven** are at all times necessary but especially so in times of public distress and danger.--The General hopes and trusts, that every officer and man, will endeavour so to live, and act, as becomes a Christian Soldier defending the dearest Rights and Liberties of his country. The Hon. Continental Congress, impelled by the dictates of duty, policy and necessity, having been pleased to dissolve the Connection which subsisted between this Country, and Great Britain, and to declare the United Colonies of North America, free and independent States: The several brigades are to be drawn up this evening on their respective Parades, at Six O'Clock, when the declaration of Congress, shewing the grounds and reasons of this measure, is to be read with an audible voice."

- General George Washington, Orders, July 9, 1776 [44]

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3. **"BETSY ROSS" FLAG*** (1st official flag of the USA: 6/14/1777-1795)

GRATEFULNESS TO GOD

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"It would be peculiarly improper to omit in this first official Act, my fervent supplications to that Almighty Being who rules over the Universe... In tendering this homage to the **Great Author** of every public and private good I assure myself that it expresses your sentiments not less than my own; nor those of my fellow-citizens at large, less than either. **No People can be bound to acknowledge and adore the invisible hand, which conducts the Affairs of men more than the People of the United States.** Every step, by which they have advanced to the character of an independent nation, seems to have been distinguished by some token of **providential agency**... Since we ought to be no less persuaded that the **propitious smiles of Heaven**, can never be expected on a nation that disregards the **eternal** rules of order and right, which **Heaven** itself has ordained: **And since the preservation of the sacred fire of liberty, and the destiny of the Republican model of Government, are justly considered as deeply, perhaps as finally staked, on the experiment entrusted to the hands of the American people.**"

- President George Washington, First Inaugural Address, April 30, 1789 [57]

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"Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, **Religion and Morality** are indispensable supports. In vain would that man claim the tribute of Patriotism, who should labor to subvert these great pillars of human happiness, these firmest props of the duties of Men and Citizens. The mere Politician, equally with the pious man, ought to respect and to cherish them. A volume could not trace all their connexions with private and public felicity." - President Washington's Farewell Address, September 19, 1796 [64]

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