



# Pinole **Historical** Society E-News

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## COMMEMORATE VETERANS DAY WITH US ON NOVEMBER 11

**T**he Pinole Historical Society has some special touches planned for this year's Veterans Day Memorial and Flag Retirement Ceremony, which will be held from 11 a.m. to noon on Sunday, November 11, in Fernandez Park.

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the armistice that ended World War I, which was signed at the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month — November 11, 1918.

We hope you can attend as the society and the City of Pinole honor the brave men and women who have served — and continue to serve — to protect the freedoms we treasure.

**PLEASE BRING YOUR WORN AMERICAN FLAGS  
TO THE EVENT FOR RETIREMENT  
BY THE BOY SCOUTS.**

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— November 2 program at Kaiser —

## LIFE AND LOCAL POLITICS IN CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

With Tom Barnidge, former *Contra Costa Times* Metro Columnist

— Information inside —

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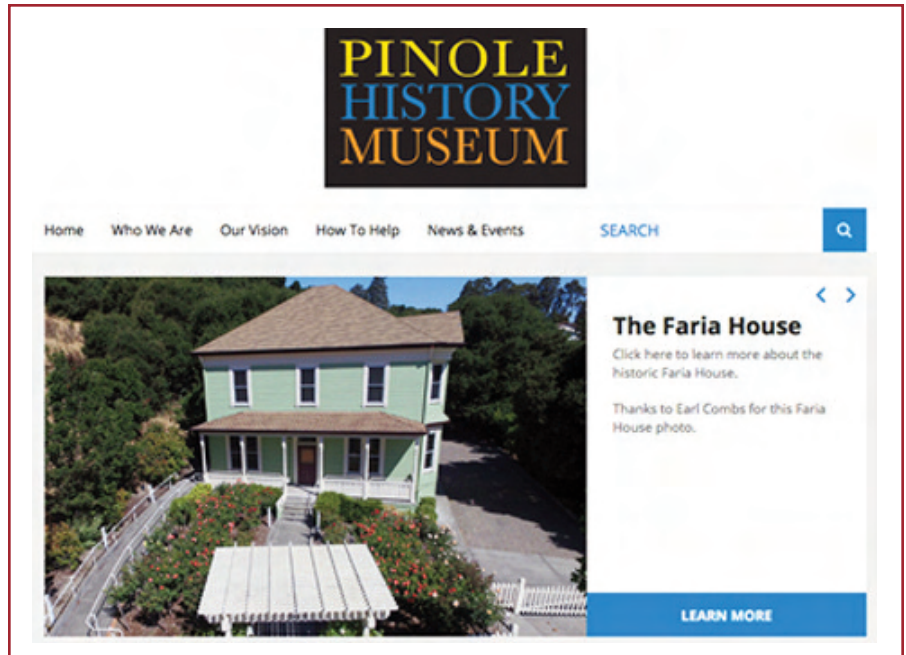
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## THE PINOLE HISTORY MUSEUM IS ON THE WEB!

**T**he Pinole History Museum website is online at [www.pinolehistorymuseum.org](http://www.pinolehistorymuseum.org).

We have been working with Firespring.org to create an informative and energetic website for the museum.

There are sections on the Pinole Garden Club, historic preservation, and the Pinole Historical Society's annual school essay contest.

Also, you'll find sections on the Faria House, the Fernandez Mansion, some of our planned museum exhibits, our successful October 13 fundraising dinner, and links to all of the Pinole Community TV history videos on the City of Pinole website.

And, of course, you may donate to the museum through the website.

Let us know what you think. E-mail comments and suggestions to us at [info@pinolehistorymuseum.org](mailto:info@pinolehistorymuseum.org).

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## **PROGRAM**

### **LIFE AND LOCAL POLITICS IN CONTRA COSTA COUNTY**

With Tom Barnidge, former *Contra Costa Times* Metro Columnist

**Friday, Nov. 2**  
**6:30-8 P.M.**  
**Kaiser Permanente**  
**Pinole**

*“This is a great place to live, with an abundance of dedicated community leaders, but that doesn't mean you can't find political nonsense and absurdity if you know where to look.” — Tom Barnidge*

**B**efore retiring in 2016, former *Contra Costa Times* Metro Columnist Tom Barnidge was a journalist for 46 years.

He was a sportswriter and columnist for the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, managing editor of *The Sporting News*, and executive editor of the National Football League's Publishing Division before coming to Walnut Creek in 2004 to become sports editor of the *Contra Costa Times*.

He left sports journalism in 2009 to fill the newspaper's need for a metro columnist. During his seven years in that position, he observed, analyzed and offered opinions about life in the East Bay in a column that appeared in the local news section three times a week.



**Tom Barnidge**

He wrote about topics as diverse as city council races, telephone scams, the fire district, medical marijuana, BART labor negotiations, Common Core education, the demise of Doctors Medical Center, County Supervisors' salary hikes, high-speed rail, and the effectiveness of government agencies. He says it was a welcome change from interviewing athletes and writing about zone defenses.

Tom lives in Concord with his wife, Faith, who started reading his column when he quit writing about sports.

*The Pinole Historical Society  
and the  
City of Pinole*

invite you to participate in the  
11th annual

**VETERANS DAY MEMORIAL AND  
FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY**

**Sunday, November 11, 2018**

**11 a.m.-noon, Fernandez Park, Pinole**

Please join us as we honor our veterans,  
past and present, living and deceased.

*To donate a flag for the retirement ceremony,  
please call (510) 724-9507  
or e-mail [info@PinoleHistoricalSociety.org](mailto:info@PinoleHistoricalSociety.org)*

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# MUSEUM FUNDRAISING DINNER RECAP

**T**he October 13, 2018, Pinole History Museum fundraising dinner at St. Joseph School was a smashing success.

The support of the community was overwhelming, heartwarming, and encouraging, as we begin the long road toward converting the nearly 140-year-old Faria House into a world-class, small-city museum.

We blasted past our goal of selling 150 tickets, selling more than 200. Combined with a raffle that generated more than \$1,300, we were able to raise a considerable amount of money toward our first goal, which is assisting

the City of Pinole in covering the cost of architectural plans to bring the Faria House up to code.

The great Pinole Valley High School Jazz Band entertained our guests for more than 90 minutes, playing a selection of jazz standards by Duke Ellington, Thelonious Monk, and others. And the altruistic and enthusiastic students from the PVHS Interact group helped us set up, served dinner and dessert, and helped us clean up to leave the school auditorium as spotless as it was when we arrived.



## THANK YOU

There are so many people to thank. Thank you to:

- Principal Arlene Marseille of St. Joseph School, for allowing us to have this event in their home.
- Oliver Bray of Bray Vineyards, who donated two cases of wine.
- Photographer Earl Combs, who graciously allowed the museum to use his magnificent drone photo of the Faria House on our postcard gifts to attendees.
- Pinole Valley High School Principal Kibby Kleiman, who bought 20 tickets to distribute to faculty and students.
- Pinole City Attorney Eric Casher, who purchased eight tickets and donated them back to the museum to give away.
- PHS member Alec Jason, who purchased four tickets and donated them back to the museum to give away.
- The Pinole Historical Society Board of Directors: Jo Ann Gannotti, Mary McMains, Carol White, and Norma Martinez-Rubin. And, our spiritual advisor, Jack Meehan.
- The Pinole History Museum Board of Directors: Belinda Espinosa, Maureen Powers, Cyndie Sprinkel, Mayor Tim Banuelos, Kim Banuelos, and John Robinson.
- The Pinole History Museum's accountant Connie Tritt. She steered us through the laborious task of

*More dinner photos on next page*

# FUNDRAISING DINNER...continued

dealing with the State Board of Equalization and Secretary of state, and IRS — and about half a ton of paper — to get our 501(c)(3) status so we can be officially recognized as a non-profit and legally able to solicit donations.

- Volunteer Kelly Bennett, who has been helping us with exhibit ideas. She is in charge of installations at the Berkeley Art Museum.

- Our raffle donors, with special thanks to Debbie Ojeda. Every community should have a Debbie Ojeda. We are lucky to have the original.

- Our bartender, Councilman Roy Swearingen.

- Volunteer Sharon Brandon.

**Our kitchen staff:** Norma Martinez-Rubin, Councilman Pete Murray, Eugene Lamont, Joel Gannotti, Vivian Ramirez (Interact) Anna Chang (Interact), Sharon Brandon, Maureen Powers, and Mary McMains.



- And finally, Bob Kopp, our head chef tonight, and without whom many events in Pinole would not take place. Thank you, Bob.

We thank everyone who helped us plan and produce this event, and we thank our community members who showed us that the Pinole History Museum is high on their list of civic priorities.

**Thank you for helping to  
MAKE HISTORY HAPPEN!**



**Photos by Debbie Ojeda  
and Jeff Rubin**



# JOIN THE PINOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Support the activities of the PHS by becoming a member in 2018.

Please send your \$30 membership check to PHS, PO Box 285, Pinole, CA 94564.

Join — or renew your membership — the Pinole Historical Society and help promote and preserve the history of our city.

For only \$30, you can help the PHS accomplish its mission of bringing the history of Pinole to our residents.

**Please fill out the membership form on the next page and mail it to us today with your check.**

Thank you.



## SUPPORT THE PHS BY SHOPPING AT AMAZONSMILE

There's a simple and automatic way for you to support the Pinole Historical Society when you shop at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com).

You'll find the exact same prices, selection, and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the PHS.

On your first visit to AmazonSmile, select Pinole Historical Society before you begin shopping. The site will remember your selection.

Every eligible purchase you make at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) will result in a donation.

To shop at Amazon Smile simply go to

[smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) from the web browser on your computer or mobile device. You will see eligible products marked "Eligible for AmazonSmile donation" on their product detail pages. You can use an existing Amazon.com account on AmazonSmile.

Your shopping cart, Wish List, wedding or baby registry, and other account settings are also the same.

Remember, if you want Amazon to donate to the Pinole Historical Society, you need to start each shopping session at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), select Pinole Historical Society as the organization of your choice, and Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases.

Please support the PHS every time you shop at AmazonSmile.

***The Pinole Historical Society promotes awareness and appreciation of history through preservation and education, and chronicles the city's heritage for current and future generations.***





## SUPPORT THE ACTIVITIES OF THE PHS BY BECOMING A MEMBER IN 2019

For only \$30, you can help the PHS accomplish its mission of bringing the history of Pinole to our residents through exhibits at the Pinole Library, quarterly membership programs, history programs in schools, Pinole Community TV programs, Walking tours of downtown Pinole, the Veterans Day Memorial and Flag Retirement Ceremony in Fernandez Park — and you'll have the satisfaction promoting and preserving Pinole's history for future generations.

**JOIN THE PINOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY (OR RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP)  
AND HELP PROMOTE AND PRESERVE THE HISTORY OF OUR CITY.**

**Please mail the membership application today!**

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## 2019 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

PINOLE RESIDENCY NOT REQUIRED FOR MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERSHIPS ARE FOR THE 2019 CALENDAR YEAR (EXCEPT LIFETIME MEMBERSHIPS)

**PLEASE SEND CASH, CHECK, OR CREDIT CARD INFORMATION TO  
PINOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, P.O. Box 285, PINOLE, CA 94564**

NAME: (each member): \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL (please!): \_\_\_\_\_

CIRCLE ONE: Annual-new (\$30)    Annual-renewal (\$30)    Business (\$50)    Life (\$150)

METHOD OF PAYMENT:  Cash     Check (Payable to Pinole Historical Society

Credit Card: ( Visa     MasterCard     American Express     Discover)

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ CVV \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \_\_\_\_\_

# GEORGE VINCENT'S BOOK ABOUT THE EARLY SCHOOLS OF PINOLE HAS ARRIVED

ORDER *School Bells and Ink Wells* TODAY!

**P**inole Historical Society co-founder and historian George Vincent's long-awaited book, "*School Bells and Ink Wells: a History of the Early Schools of Pinole, 1865-1968*," has been published and is for sale.

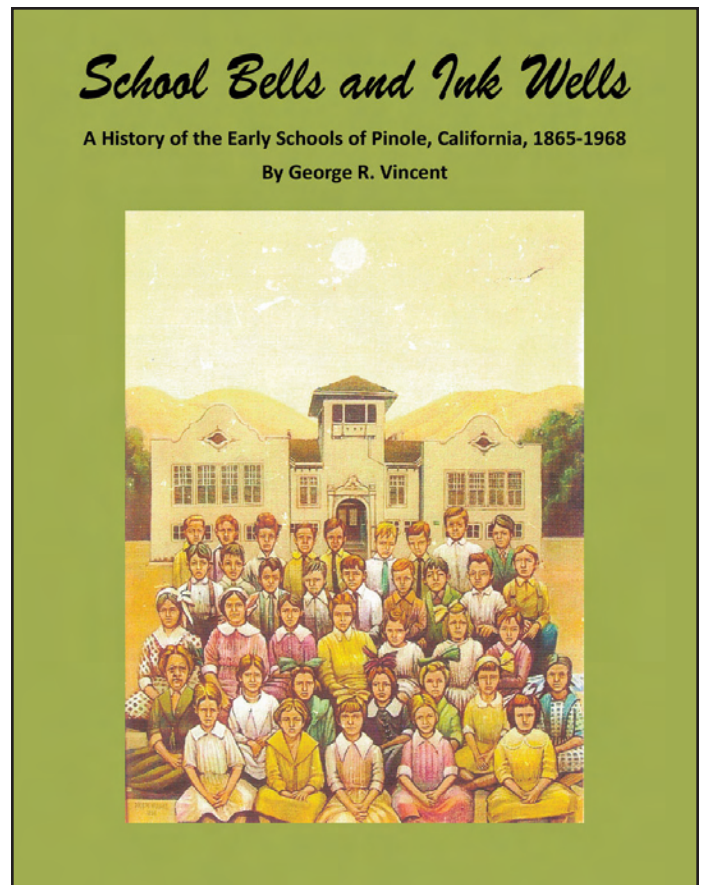
The 124-page book, featuring more than 150 photos, some never-before seen, chronicles the history of the Fitzgerald Ranch School (1865-1886), Plaza School (1886-1906), and Pinole-Hercules School #1 (1906-1966).

The book is filled with stories and amusing anecdotes, and anyone who went to school in Pinole will treasure this fond memory of their early education.

The book brings to light the workings and people that made the Pinole-Hercules Union School District the envy of surrounding townships.

Hill School alumni are fiercely loyal to their "green school" that stood atop Samuel Street in Pinole until 1968. There is a shared pride of camaraderie understood only by those who bore the trials of the daily uphill climb to the creaking stairs and dark halls haunted by the strict stares of lurking teachers.

If you are interested in purchasing the book (\$30, including sales tax and postage), please fill out the order form below and mail it to George Vincent. He will mail the book to you.



## *School Bells and Ink Wells*

MAIL TO: GEORGE VINCENT, 1209 HERCULES AVE., HERCULES, CA 94547

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

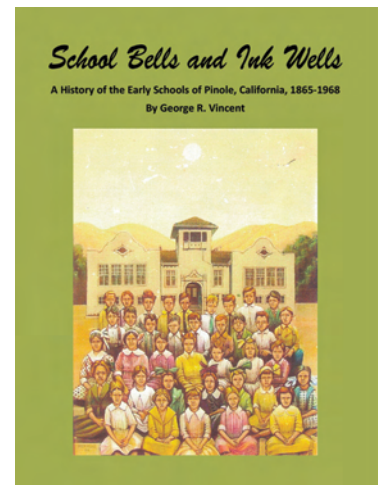
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# of books (\$30 per book, includes sales tax and postage) \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

Make your check payable to **George Vincent**



# PHS VIDEOS ON CITY OF PINOLE WEBSITE

**M**iss one of our history programs on Pinole Community TV? Don't despair. The city's website has a dedicated section devoted to PINOLE HISTORY on its "Videos Online" page.

You can view the numerous PHS programs right on your computer. Go to the city's website [www.ci.pinole.ca.us/about/videos.html](http://www.ci.pinole.ca.us/about/videos.html) and scroll down to PINOLE HISTORY.

You'll find our interviews, Veterans Day programs, George Vincent's two walking tours of historic downtown Pinole, and the very fine PCTV-produced, 12-part series based on the Historic Walking Tour brochure. It's great TV! We thank Bob Kopp, who recorded most of these events for the society.

The historical society has recorded interviews with several prominent Pinole citizens. Among the videos on the city's website are interviews with Ed LeFebvre, Charlotte (Fernandez) Shea, former fire chief Alex Clark, and former mayors Jack Meehan and Tom Cutino.

PHS program videos include:

- School Bell dedication.
- Japanese-American internment.
- Bars, Barbers, and Characters.
- Presidential Rosies.
- Maritime Contra Costa.
- A Flood of Memories.
- School Bells and Ink Wells.
- Pinole Historical Society 2009 book signing.

## *Pinole featured on KGO Radio*

KGO radio reporter Jennifer Jones Lee interviewed PHS President Jeff Rubin to discover the origin of the word "Pinole."

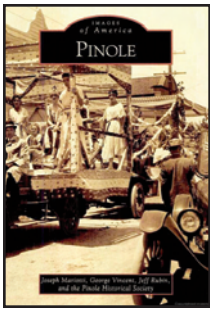
Listen to the segment here: <http://www.pinolehistoricalsociety.org/KGOPinoleorigin.mp3>



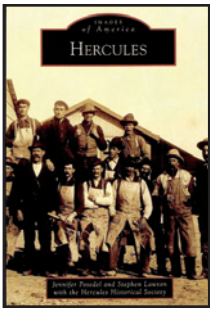
The Pinole Historical Society is now on Facebook! Search for us at <https://www.facebook.com/PinoleHistoricalSociety/>

**Like us, Friend us, Follow us,** Tell your friends and family about us.

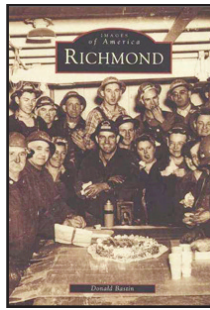
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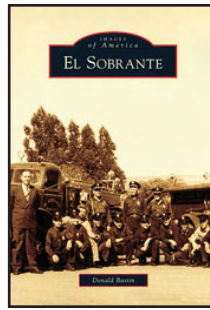
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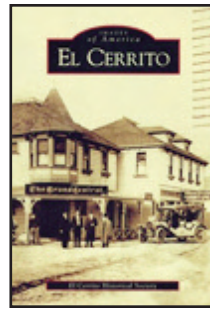
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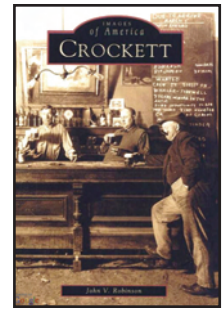
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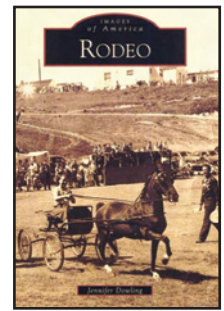
Crockett

# LOCAL HISTORY BOOKS AVAILABLE FROM THE PINOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

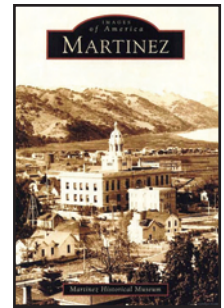
**T**he Pinole Historical Society sells Arcadia books about Pinole, Pinole Through Time, Hercules, Richmond, El Sobrante, El Cerrito, Crockett, Rodeo, Martinez, Port Costa, Maritime Contra Costa County, and the East Bay Hills at the Pinole Farmers' Market every other Saturday through December. The Pinole, Pinole Through Time,

Hercules, Richmond, El Sobrante, El Cerrito, Maritime Contra Costa County, and East Bay Hills books are \$25, including sales tax. The Crockett, Rodeo, Martinez, and Port Costa books are \$23, including sales tax.

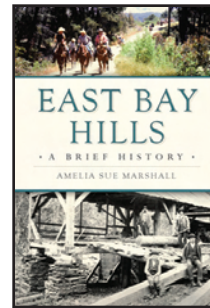
**Mail order prices (below) include shipping.** We accept Visa, MasterCard, Amex, and Discover credit cards.



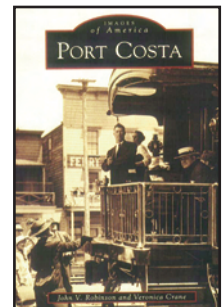
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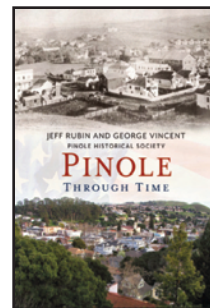
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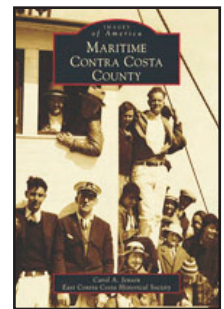
East Bay Hills



Port Costa



Pinole Through Time



Maritime

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- Check:** Payable to Pinole Historical Society
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- # of Port Costa books @ \$28 \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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# WANTED

by the  
Pinole **Historical** Society

**ANYTHING THAT MIGHT BE  
SIGNIFICANT IN PINOLE'S HISTORY**

**PHOTOS:** People, family, events, buildings  
(particularly buildings no longer standing)

**MOVIES:** VHS, Beta, camcorder, DV tape, 8mm,  
Super 8mm, 16mm, 35mm film of parades  
and events, floods, fires, etc.

**ALL PHOTOS AND MOVIES WILL BE RETURNED.**

**MEMORABILIA/ARTIFACTS:** Documents, programs,  
pins & ribbons (events, sports, political), sports,  
trophies, Fiesta del Pinole/Holy Ghost gowns, etc.

We are collecting, digitizing, cataloging, and preserving  
these items to exhibit, educate, and entertain.

**Contact the Pinole Historical Society**

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# Flag Holidays

**E**very year we see more American flags being displayed for community and special events.

On June 14, 1777, the Second Continental Congress passed the Flag Resolution which stated: "Resolved, that the flag of the thirteen United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation."

Francis Hopkinson, of New Jersey, a naval flag designer and a signer of the Declaration of Independence, designed the 1777 flag.

The original flag has been modified 26 times and was unchanged with its 48 stars for 47 years, beginning with Arizona's and New Mexico's admittance to the Union on July 4, 1912. On January 3, 1959, when Alaska was admitted to the Union, the number of stars increased to 49. On August 21, 1959, when Hawaii was admitted to the Union, the flag showed 50 stars.

Flag holidays include:

- New Year's Day (Jan. 1)
- Inauguration Day (Jan. 20)
- Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday (Third Monday in January)
- Lincoln's Birthday (Feb. 12)
- Presidents Day (Third Monday in February)
- Washington's Birthday (February 22)
- Easter Sunday
- Army Day (April 6)
- National Day of Prayer (First Thursday in May)
- V-E Day (May 8)
- Mother's Day (Second Sunday in May)
- Peace Officers Memorial Day (May 15; half-staff all day)
- Armed Forces Day (Third Saturday in May)
- Memorial Day (Last Monday in May; half-staff until noon)
- D-Day (June 6)
- Flag Day (June 14)
- Father's Day (Third Sunday in June)
- Independence Day (July 4)
- Korean War Veterans Day (July 27)
- V-J Day (September 2)
- Labor Day (First Monday in September)
- Patriot Day (September 11; half staff all day)
- Constitution Day (September 17)
- Gold Star Mothers Day (September 27)
- Columbus Day (Oct. 12)
- Navy Day (October 27)
- Election Day (First Tuesday in November)
- Veterans Day (Nov. 11)
- Thanksgiving Day (Fourth Thursday in November)
- Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day (December 7; half staff all day)
- Christmas Day (Dec. 25)

Other flag holidays include Inauguration Day (every four years), election days, state and local holidays, Admission Day, and others proclaimed by the President of the United States.

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