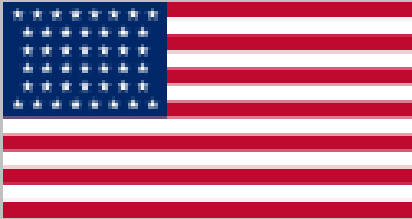


History of the Pledge

The Pledge of Allegiance was written in August 1892 by the socialist minister Francis Bellamy (1855-1931). It was originally published in *The Youth's Companion* on September 8, 1892.



44 Stars

The Original Pledge

**I pledge allegiance to my Flag
and the Republic for which it stands:
one Nation indivisible,
with Liberty and Justice for all.**

Over the years it has been modified until its final version in June of 1954.



Current Pledge

**I pledge allegiance to the Flag
of the United States of America,
and to the Republic for which it stands:
one Nation, under God, indivisible,
with Liberty and Justice for all.**

June 14, 1954

For more information visit:

http://www.homeofheroes.com/hallofheroes/1st_floor/flag/1bfc_pledge.html

or

<http://www.ushistory.org/betsy/flagfact.html>

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Section 4 of the Flag Code states:

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag...should be rendered by standing at attention facing the flag with the right hand over the heart. When not in uniform men/women should remove any non-religious headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, (with) the hand being over the heart. Persons in uniform should remain silent, face the flag, and render the military salute."

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