



## SoS *Seasons of Service*

### Flag Day ~ From June 14, 1777

What better way to beat the Holiday Gimmees and observe Red Letter Days than to practice good deeds? Here's a way to discover the true meaning of holidays and heroes. Please join us in celebrating the following Season of Service.



Why is Flag Day on June 14? When was it recognized nationally? Students who answer these questions are on their way to understanding the true meaning of this designated day. Make the daily Pledge more meaningful with these Learn and Serve ideas.



**Study** the history of the [United States flag](#). Invite youngsters and community members to a Flag Day Teach-in.



**Visit** a children's hospital or a nursing home. Perform a [Flag Day Sing Along](#) for patients.



**Take** a virtual tour of [Betsy Ross's Philadelphia Home](#). Send students' personal "Old Glory" reflections to CyberThoughts about [Betsy and the Flag](#).



**Invite** a local [JROTC Honor Guard](#) to present colors at a Flag Day assembly. Following ceremony, listen to Honor Guard members explain the [United States Flag code](#).



**Adopt** a public school or library plot of land. Design and plant a garden with red, white, and blue annuals. Pledge to care for it throughout June and summer vacation.



**Research** the question whether the words "[under God](#)" should be in the United States Pledge Allegiance. Hold a schoolwide debate. Conduct a "before and after" poll.



**Hold** a [Star-Spangled Banner poster contest](#). Arrange to display winners and selected entries at centrally located municipal or business sites.



**Design** and make a [flag quilt](#). Visit a local Veterans Hospital and [donate](#) quilt to patients.



**Write** Old Glory poems, editorials, and letters to the editor. Submit them for publication in school and local newspapers.

### **More Flag Day Web Sites**

Thanks to [Charlotte McCullough](#) and the Marine Corps JROTC Color Guard serving at Madison Park Technical Vocational High School for the above photo taken by Master Gunnery Sergeant Clougher.

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