

32nd Annual National Pause for the Pledge of Allegiance

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**Fort McHenry
National
Monument and
Historic Shrine**

*Immigration
and
Naturalization
throughout time*

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.

Francis Bellamy, 1892

Flag Day, Tuesday, June 14, 2011

Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine



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The American Flag Foundation is pleased to co-sponsor the Flag Day celebration with the National Park Service, and very happy to be back to Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine!

The United States is a nation of immigrants. Throughout our history, immigrants have come here seeking a better way of life and have strengthened our Nation in the process.

For more than 200 years, the United States has remained strong because of our citizens and the common civic values we share. If not already a citizen of the United States, deciding to become so is one of the most important decisions in a person's life. Those who have earned their U.S. citizenship have shown their permanent commitment to the United States, as well as loyalty, when they agree to accept all of the responsibilities of being a citizen and support the United States Constitution and its laws. In return, they are rewarded with all the rights and privileges that are part of citizenship.

We welcome all of our citizens to today's Flag Day Annual National Pause for the Pledge of Allegiance, a celebration of and with our fellow citizens, a celebration that began with an idea in the head of one of AFF's Founding Members, and a celebration endorsed by President Ronald Reagan and the Ninety-ninth Congress with Public Law 99-54. We extend heartfelt congratulations to some of America's newest citizens to be naturalized here today on the hallowed grounds of Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine.

Please follow and join us through our website, www.americanflagfoundation.org. For now, enjoy the evening!

John A. Butler
President

The American Flag Foundation, Inc.

The American Flag Foundation is a 501(c)3 organization whose purpose is to develop the resources and create the opportunities for all citizens, especially children, to learn the history of our nation, the symbol of our Flag and their role in building the future.

32nd Anniversary of the Annual National Pause for the Pledge of Allegiance

The Theme of This Year's Program is "E Pluribus Unum – Out of Many, One"



This motto inscribed on the Great Seal of the United States, the immortal and venerated words of the U. S. Constitution, and the welcome of the Statue of Liberty – "Give me your tired, your poor/Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free" all bear witness to **the pledge that America's Flag makes to you!** It promises the realization of freedom: the freedom to enjoy life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, and the responsibilities its citizens have to keep that shared promise, guaranteed by her defenders today as throughout our distinctive history. President Reagan, in his 1986 dedication speech at the reopening of the Statue of Liberty stated, "We are the keepers of the flame of liberty; we hold it high for the world to see."

PRE-PROGRAM ENTERTAINMENT

"Ease on Down the Road" "Footloose" "Africa" "Bad" "No Air"
by Maryland Sings under the direction of Bill Myers

WELCOME

Bob Heck – Master of Ceremonies

PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS

Calvary Troop A, Maryland Defense Force
CPT Cindy Minken, Deputy Commanding Officer

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

7:00 p.m. EDT

National Pause for the Pledge of Allegiance

Led by John A. Butler, President
The American Flag Foundation

and Jim Ireland, Acting Superintendent
Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Maryland Sings under the direction of Bill Myers
All are invited to join in singing your National Anthem

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GREETINGS FROM FORT MCHENRY

Jim Ireland, Acting Superintendent
Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine

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GREETINGS FROM THE AMERICAN FLAG FOUNDATION

John A. Butler, President

PERFORMANCES

Barbershop Harmony Society singers from
the Heart of Maryland Chorus,
the Chorus of the Chesapeake and
the 3 Wise Men quartet
perform a number of patriotic tunes
under the direction of Glenn Phillips.

BALTIMORE ORIOLES BIRD AND FREDERICK KEYS MASCOT

PERFORMANCES

Girl Scouts of Central Maryland Chorus
"Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" "I Love the Mountains"
Under the direction of Patricia Disharoon, M.D.

PARADE OF STATE FLAGS

An historical presentation of state flags with
musical accompaniment narrated by Bob Heck

PERFORMANCES

"American Tears" by Maryland Singers
"God Bless the U.S.A." by Escape
"We Are The Voices of America" by Off-Broadway Kids,
Maryland Sings

CLOSING COMMENTS

Bob Heck

CONCLUDING PERFORMANCE

229th Maryland Army National Guard Band,
under the direction of SFC James L. Morrison
"Stars and Stripes Forever" "John Philip Sousa Marches"
and "Medley of Armed Forces Marches"

SPECTACULAR FIREWORKS BY ZAMBELLI



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