

The Flag Speaks

Personnel: Talking American Flag and One Girl Scout

Equipment: American flag and if possible, two microphones connected to a PA System.

Arrangement: Place American flag on stage with microphone nearby. A Girl Scout acting as voice of flag is located off stage with a second microphone.

(Girl Scout strolls on stage, passes by flag; as the Flag speaks, Girl Scout slowly turns to look at Flag)

Flag: Hello, Girl Scout.

Girl: (Acts surprised and looks around) Who said that?

Flag: I, the Flag of your country.

Girl: A talking Flag? That's new.

Flag: Of course I can talk. I've always been able to, but you couldn't hear me.

Girl: Oh! What have you been trying to tell us?

Flag: For one thing, how proud I am of my fifty states. What states added my last two stars?

Girl: Alaska and Hawaii.

Flag: Right! History was made in your parent's and grandparent's time.

Girl: What state was the forty-eighth star?

Flag: That was Arizona in 1912

Girl: Tell me more.

Flag: What do you want me to tell you?

Girl: Tell me about your history.

Flag: Okay. When the colonist came I was the Queen Ann Flag.. all red with a Union Jack. Then I changed to the Grand Union Flag and my red changed to seven red stripes and six white strips, making thirteen stripes; but I still had the Union Jack. I was first raised over General George Washington's headquarters in Cambridge, Massachusetts, in January, 1776, as the standard of the Continental Army.

After our country became a new nation, I changed to Old Glory and still had the thirteen stripes but added a circle of thirteen stars on a field of blue in place of the Union Jack.

From 1794 to 1818 I had fifteen stars and fifteen stripes and was called the Star Spangled Banner, when Francis Scott Key wrote our National Anthem. Then the years rolled along and in 1818 the stripes were reduced to the thirteen and from then on a star was added for each new state that joined the Union, until there are fifty stars today.

Girl: What a wonderful story! Please rise while we say the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of our country.

Girl: Please join me in singing the Star Spangled Banner.