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The Boozman Bulletin: Flag Day



Woven in the fabric of the red, white and blue of the American flag are the hopes and dreams of our Forefathers and the vision they had for our nation. This symbol of pride has flown during the gravest days of our history, in the face of adversity and during times of war. It has even made it all the way to the moon. This symbol of liberty is recognized worldwide for the ideals cherished by our nation. Old Glory is central to our history and brings us a sense of pride and above all else, it represents our freedoms.

Today [we celebrate the American flag](#) on this holiday, Flag Day. In 1777, the Continental Congress established an official flag for our country. Congress required that "the flag of the United States be made of thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation." Over the years, the design has changed to represent the addition of states to the union. President Truman officially declared Flag Day a national holiday in 1949; however, Americans had been celebrating the unofficial holiday since the late 1800s.

If you are interested in getting an American flag that has flown over the Capitol, we are happy to help. [Click here to learn more.](#)

Read more about Flag Day from the [Library of Congress.](#)

Quick Takes:

•**Disappointing Jobs Report:** The most recent jobs data shows our economy is stalling as the unemployment rate increased to 8.2 percent. The weak jobs report proves [we need to change our approach](#) to putting Americans back to work to getting our economy on the right track. We need to promote job creation policies to reverse the course we're seeing. I brought this [message to the Senate floor and urged action](#) on job creation.

•**Small Business Environment:** Arkansas small business owners give the state an 'A' as the nation's second easiest for starting a business. Small businesses are important to our economy and [we're working to create an environment](#) that helps these building blocks thrive.

•**Transportation Infrastructure Upgrades:** The Federal Aviation Administration recently announced [federal grants](#) for [Arkansas airports](#). [These improvements](#) will help develop [economic opportunities](#) in the state.

•**Advocating for Agriculture:** The Senate is debating the farm bill on the chamber floor. [I have concerns this bill is a one-size-fits-all approach](#) to mitigating risk to agriculture producers. This is not a good safety net for southern crops particularly rice and peanut farmers. On Monday I expressed my [opposition on the Senate floor in this speech](#).

•**Recognizing the work of our law enforcement community:** A few weeks ago I had the opportunity to speak to the graduates of the School of Law Enforcement Supervision (SLES) at Arkansas's Criminal Justice Institute. We are blessed that our communities have such dedicated law enforcement and we are [working to help provide these officials](#) with the tools they need to be successful.

•**Remembering D-Day:** We remember June 6, 1944 as the turning point of WWII when Allied forces stormed the beaches of Normandy sacrificing their lives to fight for freedom and justice. This year marks the [68th anniversary of this heroic day](#).

