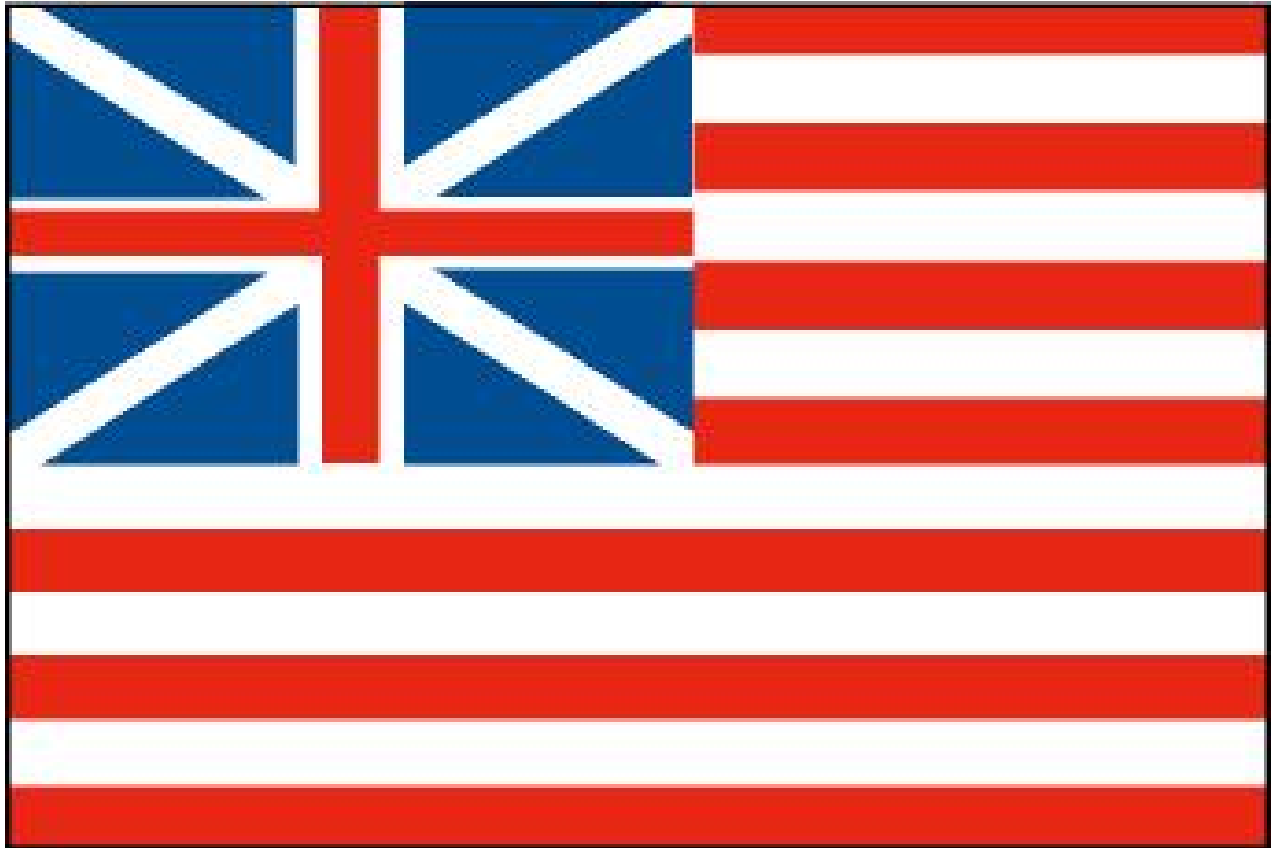


The Grand Union Flag



The Grand Union flag represented the new united colonies in their fight against England.

It had thirteen stripes of red and white and a blue square with the crosses of St. George and St. Andrew from the British Flag.

The Stars and Stripes



Born on 14 June 1777, two years to the day after the birth of the United States Army.

On that day, Congress resolved that the flag should be 13 stripes of red and white and that the union be 13 stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation.

New States



- When Vermont and Kentucky joined the union, they added stripes to the flag but eventually realized that would make the flag look bad as many more states were added, so Congress passed a law in 1818 to add a star for each new state.
- Francis Scott Key composed the lyrics to The Star Spangled Banner on 13 and 14 September 1814 when he was looking at the flag with 15 stripes flying over Fort McHenry, Maryland.