

Parliamentarian Quotes

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On July 4, 1776, the Declaration of Independence was ratified. Now, nearly 250 years later, our nation has had a rich history filled with triumphs, victories, and conflict.

"Many figures throughout American history have been recognized for their contributions to liberty and justice. These individuals, from Founding Fathers to civil rights leaders, have championed fundamental rights and brought forth a more just society."

From George Washington to Abraham Lincoln, to Rosa Parks, to the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., notable Americans have redefined again and again what liberty means to us." -The Henry Ford Organization founded 1936; adapted freely.

QUOTES OF MERIT

Contemplate the following quotes to inspire your own patriotic convictions as you place your right hand over your heart and pledge your allegiance to the **Stars and Stripes** that represent the very best of our nation's glory.
-Madeline J. Barlow

September

"The red and white and starry blue - is freedom's shield and hope."

-John Philip Sousa was an American composer, known primarily for American military marches; he was a respected and disciplined conductor.

October

"Saluting the Red, White and Blue is testimony of sincere patriotism, loyalty, love for our country, and respect for American ideals."

-VFW Auxiliary National Organization; a national organization that provides support to veterans, military service personnel and their families, est. 1914.

November

"Right is right, even if everyone is against it, and wrong is wrong, even if everyone is for it."

-William Penn (1644-1718) was an English writer, religious thinker, and a tireless advocate for liberty. He worked passionately for religious freedom in a world where freedom was subject to the whims of rulers.

December

"The life of the nation is secure only while the nation is honest, truthful, and virtuous."

-Frederick Douglass was an American social reformer, abolitionist, orator, author, and statesman. He was a prominent voice in the fight against slavery and for human rights.

January

"Americans are hungering to feel proud and patriotic again."

-Ronald Wilson Reagan was an American actor and politician who served as the 40th President of the United States from 1981 to 1989. He became an important figure in the American conservative movement.

February

"Our destiny is greatness, and we must return to its fulfillment. I want to deploy the leadership to meet the challenges that face us and to restore America's greatness."

-Paul Tsongas was an American politician who represented Massachusetts in both the United States House of Representatives and in the United States Senate from 1979 until 1985. He ran for president in 1992.

March

"I believe in America because we have great dreams, and because we have the opportunity to make those dreams come true."

-Wendell Lewis Willkie was an American lawyer, corporate executive, and the 1940 Republican nominee for president.

April

"I am an undiluted admirer of American values and the American dream. And I believe they will continue to inspire not just the people of the United States but millions upon millions across the face of the globe."

-Baroness Margaret Hilda Roberts Thatcher studied chemistry at Somerville College, Oxford, and worked briefly as a research chemist before becoming a barrister. She became a British stateswoman who served as Prime Minister of the United Kingdom from 1979 to 1990.

May

"Our flag does not fly because the wind moves it. It flies with the last breath of each soldier who died protecting [and defending] it."

-Attributed to unknown. This quote is often associated with Memorial Day, a time to remember and honor those who gave the ultimate sacrifice to our country.

"Those who won our independence believed liberty to be the secret of happiness and courage to be the secret of liberty."

- Louis Brandeis

An American lawyer who served as an associate justice on the Supreme Court of the United States from 1916 to 1939.

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