



I Am the Flag of the
UNITED STATES
Of America

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*My name is **Old Glory**.*

I fly atop the world's tallest buildings.

I stand watch in America's halls of justice.

I fly majestically over institutions of learning.

I stand guard with power in the world.

Look up and see me.

I stand for peace, honor, truth and justice.

I stand for freedom.

I am confident.

I am arrogant.

I am proud.



*When I am flown with my fellow banners,
My head is a little higher,
My colors a little truer.*

*I bow to no one!
I am recognized all over the world.
I am worshipped - I am saluted.
I am loved - I am revered.
I am respected - and I am feared.*

*I have fought in every battle
of every war
for more than 200 years.*

*I was flown at Valley Forge,
Gettysburg, Shiloh and Appamatox,
I was there at San Juan Hill,
the trenches of France,
in the Argonne Forest,
Anzio, Rome and the beaches of Normandy.*

*Guam, Okinawa, Korea and
KheSan, Saigon, Vietnam know me.
I was there.*

*I led my troops, I was dirty, battleworn and tired,
But my soldiers cheered me and I was proud.*

*I have been burned, torn and trampled on the
streets of countries I have helped set free.
It does not hurt for I am invincible.
I have been soiled upon, burned, torn and
trampled in the streets of my country.
And when it's done by those
Whom I've served in battle - it hurts.
But I shall overcome - for I am strong.*

*I have slipped the bonds of Earth
and stood watch over the uncharted
frontiers of space from my vantage point on the moon.*

I have borne silent witness to all of America's finest hours.

But my finest hours are yet to come.

*When I am torn into strips and used as bandages
for my wounded comrades on the battlefield,
When I am flown at half-mast to honor my soldier,
Or when I lie in the trembling arms of a grieving parent
at the grave of their fallen son or daughter,*

I am proud.

*Please forward my message to all who still love
and respect me that I may fly proudly
for another two hundred years.*

