

WEEK 4

JUNE 19TH TO 25TH

FLAGS

WHAT DO WE REPRESENT?



CELEBRATING MOTHERS

On the 20th in 1863 West Virginia (WV) becomes a State. Border tensions and issues relating to voter rights had existed for over 100 years. By 1861 with secession in process, pro-union Virginians voted to approve a new state. This was not an easy task as Constitutional process needed to be followed.

The actions leading to Statehood were influenced by that of Anna Reeves Jarvis. As an activist, during the 1860's, she put forth the effort to bring together mothers of both Confederate and Union soldiers to celebrate "Mothers Work Days". By 1908, businesses saw a way to commercialize the day, which horrified Anna to the point she actively sought to rescind the holiday.



A SMART TRIBUTE TO FATHERS

On the 19th, Fathers Day is celebrated, however the first celebration is on the 19th in 1910, in Spokane WA. **Mrs. Sonora Smart Dodd** is credited with the idea of creating a tribute to all fathers as she sat in church contemplating the life of her own father (William Smart) for raising his six children on a farm, after his wife had died in childbirth years earlier. It is not until 1972, that the day becomes a national holiday.



THE LAW OF THE LAND

On the 21st, 1788, New Hampshire (NH) ratifies the Constitution. Technically as the ninth state to ratify, the Constitution was officially the Law of the land. A key message at the time provided by NH was that "***Congress shall never disarm any citizen, unless such as are or have been in actual rebellion.***" Seems clear that 2A Rights should be left alone.

RESPECTING RIGHTS

On the 26th, in 1788 Virginia (VA) ratifies the Constitution, by declaring agreement for ratification and then following with a recommendation for a bill of rights and list of amendments. Virginia is clear in their approval, that they recognize the rights granted through the Constitution are limited to those identified within the constitution. The people retain all other rights. Property rights are to be respected, 2A Rights were clear, along with Freedoms of religion and the press were not to be infringed.