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The Lincoln Highway
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Presents



Flags Across America

"Coast to Coast"

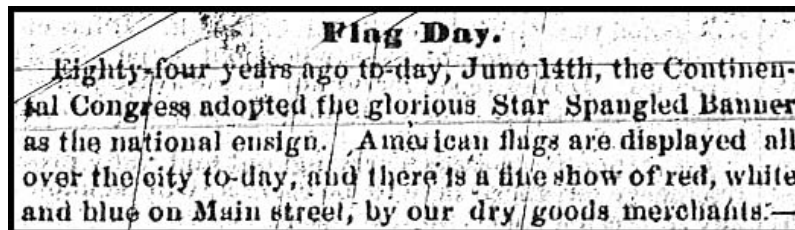
Double Anniversary

Nationwide Flag Day Celebration

150th Anniversary

1861--The First Flag Day Celebration--2011

**Jonathan Morris, Originator
Hartford, CT**



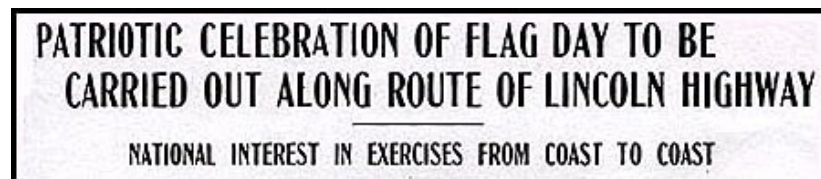
95th Anniversary

1916--Nationwide Flag Day Celebration--2011

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via

The Lincoln Highway



**12 Noon EST
June 14, 2011**

Press Release

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For Immediate Release

Washington, DC-The Lincoln Highway National Museum & Archives is pleased to sponsor "Flags Across America" A Coast To Coast - Double Anniversary - Nationwide Flag Day Celebration starting at 12 Noon, EST Tuesday, June 14th to Commemorate the 150th Anniversary of The First Flag Day Celebration in Hartford, CT in 1861 and the 95th Anniversary of The Coast To Coast Flag Day Celebration via The Lincoln Highway in 1916.

Craig Harmon, Founder and Director of the Museum said, "The goal is for American's everywhere to rediscover the past and rededicate themselves to the Flag and the Ideals it represents."

Accordingly, 150 years ago during the early days of the War in 1861, President Lincoln issued a call for 75,000 troops which was met in part by the citizens of Hartford, CT. That being the case, as patriotic sentiment grew and local troops mustered for the trip to Washington, Jonathan F. Morris, a prominent banker noticed the spontaneous & universal raising of flags from every, mast, spire, house & public building.

As a result, one day during a visit to The Hartford Evening Press for news of the war, he mentioned it to his friend & editor, Charles Dudley Warner suggesting since the Anniversary of the Flag was near a Proper Public Celebration was in order since The Flag & Constitution were on trial.

That being the case, Mr. Warner immediately fell in with the idea, and wrote an editorial suggesting for the first time, two new National Holidays: Flag Day and Constitution Day!

Thus, we see, Abraham Lincoln, The Flag & The Constitution are Truly..One & Inseparable!!

Enter, The Lincoln Highway which was built as a Memorial to Abraham Lincoln and the First Coast to Coast Flag Day Celebration in 1916 which was part of "The Greatest Flag Day Celebration in American History" ie. The First Presidential Flag Day Proclamation and The First Presidential Flag Day Parade down the Lincoln Highway aka Pennsylvania Ave followed by The First Presidential Flag Day Speech from the base of The Washington Monument with a 40 x 60 foot American Flag flying from the top for the first time and you have the makings for "A Truly Historic Nationwide Event".

To that end, several months ago Director Harmon contacted Key Members of Congress and The White House suggesting A Joint Resolution and Flag Day Proclamation coupled with an Appropriate Ceremony on the Capitol Steps aimed at leading the Nation in recognizing the 150th Anniversary of America's First Flag Day, and its Originators..thereby "Setting The Record Straight" since there has been a great deal of confusion on the matter over the years in both branches of Government.

But, unfortunately even though interest was shown & staff meetings were held in Congress, and multiple assurances for "Call Backs" were given by key staff members at The White House..in the end, both failed to respond. (See Web Link For Historic Details & E-mail to Capitol Hill)

So..here we are 7 days out..and it's just "You & Me!!"

Accordingly, just because they don't "Get It" that doesn't mean WE can't "Join Together" and Celebrate this Historic Chapter in American History with A Nationwide Event! To that end, Director Harmon and Abraham Lincoln will be on the West Steps of The US Capitol on Flag Day, Tuesday June 14, 2011 at 12 Noon EST to "Lead the Nation" in celebrating...The 150th Anniversary of The First Flag Day with "Flags Across America!!"

See Attached Suggested Activities

Interviews at 202-536-5329

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Suggested Activities

Location:

Fire Station, City Hall or Memorial Site

Color Guard Advance Colors

to the tune of

"National Emblem March"

Played By High School Or Service Band

followed by

Flag Raising

Rifle or Canon Salute

Where Possible

The Star Spangled Banner

followed by

Pledge of Allegiance

Remarks

Flag Day Proclamation

God Bless America

Parade By

Fire Department

Flag Lined

Lincoln Highway

or Main Street with

Lights, Siren & Flags Flying

Return to Station or City Hall

Open House & Light Refreshments

Discussions On

Flag Day

The Civil War

Abraham Lincoln

and

The Lincoln Highway