The Oath to the Flag

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands; one Nation indivisible, with liberty and justice for all!

Behold the Colors—the Stars and Stripes, the Flag of our Country. It is older than the present Union flag of England, older than the Flag of Italy and older than the former Standard of the German Empire. It represents an independent people growing with wonderful progress, ruling the land by the will of the people alone. Its folds have never been stained save by the blood of its defenders; it is never unfurled save to battle in the cause of liberty or justice. It appeals to heart and brain alike and excites the highest enthusiasm, calling to mind high purposes, noble sacrifices and glorious victories. May it ever be the object of our pride, the inspiration of our patriotism,—an incentive to duty and devotion to our Country.