



# The Right of Way & Staffing Connection

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June is a month most people look forward to. The official start of summer, school is out, outdoor activities abound! June has three events in the middle of the month that always stand out: Flag Day, honoring the American Flag; Father's Day, commemorating dads; and the U.S Open, the pinnacle of golf.

The U.S. Army was founded on June 14th, 1775. Two years to the day later, the first Flag Day was held in 1777, announcing a committee to design the first American flag, with 13 alternating red and white stripes and 13 stars to identify the 13 colonies. Although Flag Day was celebrated in various ways over the years, (both President Wilson and President Coolidge issued proclamations for a National Flag Day), it was not until 1949 that President Harry Truman signed National Flag Day into law.

Father's Day originated in 1910, although for much of the 20th century it was not widely celebrated. Sonora Smart Dodd, a woman whose own Civil War veteran father raised his six children as a single dad, felt fathers should be honored much as mothers were, and are. Bills were introduced in Congress multiple times but failed, fearing commercialization of such a holiday. It was not until 1966 that President Johnson officially designated the third Sunday in June as Father's Day. Six years later, President Nixon signed Father's Day into law.

The United States Open Championship was originally played on October 4, 1895 on a nine-hole course at the Newport Country Club. 36 holes were played in a single day. Nine professionals and one amateur played, with the winner, Horace Rawlins, receiving \$150, a \$50 gold medal, and the Open Championship Cup trophy.

From that humble start, today the U.S. Open is the third of four major golf championships held annually, held on a different course each year, and set up to make scoring very difficult. Although the prize money for the 2024 winner will not be announced until the week of the tournament, in 2023 Wyndham Clark took home \$3.6 million out of a total purse of \$16.5 million. Times change!



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