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**United States Army Birthday and Flag Day**  
**June 14, 2021**  
**Message from the Governor**

On June 14, 1775, the Continental Army was formed by the Second Continental Congress to fight in the American Revolution. Two years later, on June 14, 1777, the Congress passed a Flag Resolution which established an official flag for the 13 original colonies to unite behind.

Today, the United States Army celebrates 246 years of dedicated service to our great nation. What began as small militias made up of colonial volunteers and minutemen to its status today as the largest branch in the United States military with over one million soldiers on duty; it is fitting that we pause to acknowledge the Army's long tradition of service and sacrifice.

We also commemorate the adoption of the Stars and Stripes as the official flag of the United States. The American flag is a universally recognized symbol that stands for liberty, freedom, and equality for all; it is the emblem of the home of the free because of the brave.

As we celebrate the history of our nation, let us remember that our flag is marked by the blood of those who have died defending it. On behalf of Lieutenant Governor Talauega and our families, we thank our soldiers and veterans for their enduring commitment to defend our nation with unwavering resolve.

Happy 246th Birthday United States Army and Happy Flag Day!

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**Fa'amanatuina o le Aso Fanau o Vaega Au o le Ami a Amerika ma le Aso Faamanatu o le  
Fu'a  
Iuni 14, 2021  
Feau Taua mai I le Kovana Sili**

O Iuni 14, 1775, o le aso atofaina na fa'avae ai le Vaega Au o le Ami (Continental Army) e le vaega o lona lua o le Konekeresi (Second Continental Congress) e tali atu I fetauaiga mo le saolotoga o Amerika mai I Pulega a Peretania. E le gata I lea, i le lua tausaga mulimuli ai I le masina o Iuni 1977 na tonu ai I le konekeresi ina ia aloaia le fa'avaeina ma le tu'ufaatasia o le tagavai o Amerika e aofia uma ai atunuu e sefulu tolu sa I lalo o le va'aiga a Amerika.

O le aso, ua atoa iai le 246 tausaga o le tautua matavela ma le le fa'atuaia a Vaega Au o le Ami a Amerika. O se tautua na amata I se vaega to'aititi na saili mai I tagata sa ofoina fua le latou tautua e aunoa ma se totogi seia oo ai lava ina avea se vaega tele o le Malo lea ua silia ma le miliona ona fitafita o loo tautua ai e le gata I totonu o Amerika ae faapea le lalolagi atoa.

O le mea lea, e tatau ai lava ona tatou manatua le sao o Vaega Au o le Ami I le puipuiga ma le saolotoga ua tatou maua ona o le latou taulaga sa osi mo oe ma au.

Ia tatou manatua foi le taua o le avea aloaia o fetu ma lanu e tolu (mumu, pa'epa'e, lanumoana) ma lanu o le tagavai o Amerika. O nei lanu e tulaga ese ai le tagavai o Amerika I le lalolagi ae o se faailoga o le saolotoga ma aia tutusa o tagatanu'u uma na nanau iai tuua ua fai I lagi soifua ina ia tatou maua se olaga saoloto.

Ao tatou iai la I le faamanatuina o lenei vaega taualoa o le tala faasolopito o le Atunuu, ia tatou manatua o le tagavai, o le faailoga lea o le toto na masa'a o latou na tau mo le saolotoga lenei ua tatou aea ai. E avea ai a'u e fai ma sui o le Lutena Kovana ia Talauega ma o ma aiga, e faafetai ai tatou Alii ma Tamaitai faapea latou sa tautua I vaega eseese o le Vaega Au ona o galuega I le ao ma le po ina ia malu puipuia tagatanuu uma o Amerika mo nei ma a taeao.

Ia manuia le 246 Tausaga o Vaega Au eseese o le Ami a Amerika faapea ma le Aso Faamanatu o le Fu'a!

