



## Today in History

*June 14, 1777*

▲ The United States adopted the Stars and Stripes as its official flag. The most famous of the early versions was made by Betsy Ross of Philadelphia

**1822:** Charles Babbage proposed a mechanical engine to calculate polynomial functions

**1982:** Argentine forces surrendered at Port Stanley, bringing an end to the Falklands War

**2002:** The U.S. successfully destroyed a dummy missile in space using a rocket fired from a Navy warship

**2017:** A massive fire at Grenfell Tower, a 24-storey apartment block in west London, killed 72 people