

AMERICA THE GREATEST®

America is the greatest nation in the world because she has allowed her citizens the opportunity to develop their "Potential for Greatness." Citizens such as
CHARLES A. LINDBERGH.

- Born:** February 4, 1902 (Aquarius) an only child, in Detroit, Michigan.
- Died:** August 26, 1974.
- Father:** Charles Augustus Lindbergh, Attorney and United States Congressman from Minnesota.
- Mother:** Evangeline (Lodge Land) Lindbergh.
- Education:** University of Wisconsin in Madison.
- Accomplishment:** First solo America to Europe Transatlantic Flight.



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Charles Lindbergh was born in Detroit, but at age two months moved to Little Falls, Minnesota, where he grew up. He was graduated from Little Falls High School in 1918. In 1922, he left the University of Wisconsin and decided to become a pilot. He learned to fly in a brief course given by the Nebraska Aircraft Corporation in Lincoln, Nebraska, and then became a "Barnstormer." He joined the United States Air Service Reserve, raising to the rank of captain in one year. On April 15, 1926, he began flying as an Air Mail Pilot on the Chicago-St. Louis route. He then became obsessed with winning the \$25,000 prize offered by Raymond B. Orteig for the first New York to Paris non-stop flight. With the financial backing of a group of St. Louis, Missouri businessmen, Lindbergh had a Ryan monoplane modified to his specifications in San Diego, California. His flight on May 10, 1927, from San Diego to Curtiss Field, Long Island, New York, established a new transcontinental record of twenty-one hours and twenty minutes. On the morning of May 20, 1927, at 7:52 a.m., Charles Lindbergh took off from Roosevelt Field, Long Island, on a 3,610 mile flight to Le Bourget Airport outside of Paris. The flight took thirty-three hours, twenty-nine minutes and thirty seconds. When the "Lone Eagle" touched down, he became a legend in his own time.

A nation is as great as the sum total of the greatness of its individuals. America offers her people more opportunity to develop their "Potential for Greatness" than any other nation on earth. I challenge you to develop yours!

Today we honor CHARLES A. LINDBERGH. Tomorrow could we honor you?

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