

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 HENRY J. KAISER.

- Born:** May 9, 1882 (Taurus) in Sprout Brook, New York, one of four children.
- Died:** August 24, 1967.
- Father:** Francis J. Kaiser, shoe factory mechanic.
- Mother:** Mary (Yopps) Kaiser, practical nurse.
- Accomplishment:** Founded Kaiser Industries.



HENRY J. KAISER

Forced to quit school at age 13, Henry J. Kaiser went to work in a Utica, New York dry goods store for \$1.50 a week to supplement his family's meager income. In 1912, he worked as a construction worker in the Pacific Northwest. In 1914, he formed his own construction company, Henry J. Kaiser Company Ltd. During the next decade, he constructed millions of dollars worth of roads in the Pacific Northwest. His company grew: in 1927, he did a \$20,000,000 road job in Cuba; in 1930, built levees on the Mississippi; 1930-33, constructed pipelines in the Southwest; 1931 began building the Hoover Dam; and in 1933, the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge. He also established the Permanente Cement Company to meet his needs for raw materials. Kaiser began building ships in 1940, (the famous Kaiser Liberty Ship), and built one-third of all U.S. Merchant Ships of W.W. II. In December 1941, Kaiser Steel was formed. In 1944, Kaiser Gypsum was formed. In 1945, the Kaiser-Frazier Automobile Company was born, and by 1948, it was the fourth largest producer of U.S. automobiles. Kaiser Aluminum was formed in 1949. In the early 1950's, Kaiser became the major land developer in Hawaii. When Henry J. Kaiser died on August 24, 1967, this \$1.50 a week dry goods clerk had built a two-billion dollar empire.

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 HENRY J. KAISER. Tomorrow could we honor you?

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