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What I Know about these 4 American flags flown at major historical events in US History.

ANSWERS WILL VARY, but may include:

Flag #1- Fort McHenry flag

- 1. The actual flag flown over Fort McHenry in 1814 battle against British near Baltimore Harbor.
- 2. Seeing the flag still flying at day break, the attorney, Francis Scott Key was inspired to write the National Anthem.
- 3. Measures 30 by 42 feet and cost \$405.90 to make.
- 3. Flag made from 400 yards of wool bunting.
- 4. The 15 stars each measured 2 feet from point to point.
- 5. The flat is currently housed in the national Museum of American History.

Flag #2 - Battle of Iwo Jima

- 1. The Battle of Iwo Jima (19 February–26 March 1945), was a major battle in which the United States fought for and captured the island of Iwo Jima from the Japanese.
- 2. The Battle of Iwo Jima was unique in its setting. One hundred thousand men fighting on a tiny island one-third the size of Manhattan with Mt. Suribachi, the 550-foot volcanic cone, protecting the Japanese

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Flag #3 - Apollo 11 Tranquility Base Flag

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- 1. The first moon landing by the Apollo 11 crew took place July 20, 1969.
- 2. What is the condition of Tranquility base after 40 years? Was the American flag blown over on the Eagle's ascent and is it now a bleached skeleton? What are the relatively long term effects of the lunar environment on human artifacts?
- 3. The flag was deployed at 4 days, 14 hours and 9 minutes into the mission and it wasn't easy.
- 4. Astronaut Buzz Aldrin recalled what happened when he and Neil Armstrong tried to set the flag up. "It took both of us to set it up and it was nearly a public relations disaster," he wrote, "a small telescoping arm was attached to the flagpole to keep the flag extended and perpendicular. As hard as we tried, the telescope wouldn't fully extend. Thus the flag which should have been flat had its own permanent wave." The wrong coating had been applied to the telescoping rod, so it wouldn't fully extend, which is why the flag looks like it is waving in the wind. Ironically, that famous picture of Buzz Aldrin posing next to the flag is often cited as evidence by conspiracy theorists as proof the mission to the moon was a hoax.

What I Learned about these 4 American flags flown at major historical events in US History

Flag #4 - 9/11 National Flag

- 1. Around 4 or 5 p.m., A trio of firefighters caught the eye of a photographer at Ground Zero.
- 2. The three firefighters, William Eisengrein, George Johnson and Daniel McWilliams, had discovered a US flag on the back of a yacht inside a boat slip at the World Financial Center
- 3. The three firemen decided to raise the flag on the spur of the moment. McWilliams said that "a big part of this is maintaining the unity of the whole team." The men were stressed from the WTC collapse and the lack of survivors among the debris.
- 4. 343 firefighters died in the Trade Center disaster, along with 23 New York City and 37 Port Authority police officers and six medical rescue workers.
- 5. Destroyed in the aftermath of the World Trade Center attacks on September 11, 2001, and stitched back together by local group, the National 9/11 Flag is a living testament to the resilience and compassion of

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soldiers. 3. The invading US Marines fought above ground while the defending Japanese fought from below ground in caves. 4. The Marines suffered 75% casualties often with only one or two men walking away from the battle. 5. On day the photo was taken, 250 Marines stormed Mt. Suribachi, but only 27 walked back down.	5. Flying a flag on the moon was going to be a challenge because the United Nations had passed a treaty stating "outer space, including the moon and other celestial bodies, is not subject to national appropriation." The United States would not and could not claim the moon. 6. Now there are six U.S. flags on the lunar surface, left by the crews of each Apollo mission. Each flag was deliberately designed with the same flaw to prevent the horizontal telescoping rod from fully extending	the American people.
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