

Celebrate Constitution Day & Citizenship Day on September 17

Knowing what is in the U.S. Constitution and why the Constitution is relevant to us today is fundamental to our being able to defend it. As federal civil servants supporting the Department of Defense, we have a special obligation to understand and appreciate the U.S. Constitution and the role we each play in providing 'for the common defense'.



What is the Constitution?

The United States Constitution has withstood the test of time for more than two centuries as our Nation's charter of government and the guarantor of our liberties. Signed in Philadelphia on September 17, 1787, this founding document reflects our core values and enshrines the truths set forth in the Declaration of Independence, that we are each endowed with certain unalienable rights. As the beneficiaries of these rights, all Americans have a solemn obligation to participate in our democracy so that it remains vibrant, strong, and responsive to the needs of our citizens.

President Barack Obama
September 16, 2009

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Test Your Constitutional Knowledge Mini Quiz

1. Which of these groups would have had the right to vote in 1910?
 - a. All men over the age of 21
 - b. White, 20-year old men
 - c. Black, 20-year-old women
 - d. White women over the age of 21
2. Which of these best describes what the Constitution is for our nation?
 - a. Argument for a republican form of government
 - b. Democratic ideals of the American people
 - c. The supreme law of the land
 - d. Statement of independence
3. Of the 15 rights listed in the Bill of Rights, which of the following is NOT specifically identified?
 - a. Freedom of the press
 - b. The right to privacy
 - c. The right to bear arms
 - d. The right to a speedy trial by jury
4. Which of these rights was guaranteed by the Constitution before the Bill of Rights was added?
 - a. Freedom of religion
 - b. Freedom from unreasonable search and seizure
 - c. Freedom from unlawful imprisonment
 - d. Freedom from quartering of troops in one's home

Answers and more can be found at <http://constitutionday.cpm.osd.mil>