

George Washington.

Political party: unaffiliated. Father of our country.

A founding father though he was never a biological father. First president born in Virginia. Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army.

Only had a grade-school education but received a surveyor's license from The College of William and Mary.

The only slave owning Southern Founding Father who emancipated his slaves.

Contrary to myth he did not have wooden teeth but he actually wore dentures made from ivory and human teeth.

Even though his teeth were false his hair was real. He had long hair which would wear in a ponytail. He did powder his hair white, which was the custom of the day.

Fun fact: He was a redhead!

First president to run uncontested.

First president to deliver an inauguration address and his second one is the shortest one history.

Only president to win unanimously, twice.

Only president who never lived in the White House.

First president to deliver a farewell address.

He enjoyed entertaining and loved dancing.

First president on a postage stamp.

First president to be made an honorary citizen of a foreign country (France).

First and only president to personally lead troops into battle, during the Whiskey Rebellion.

Fun fact: even though he led newly formed government in enforcing the taxation of whiskey, he certainly embraced distilling whiskey.

In 1797, shortly after leaving office, he opened a distillery on his vast Mount Vernon estate. It produced nearly 10,000 gallons of liquor in 1799, far more than the average of 650 gallons produced by the other Virginia-based at the time.

He has the most places in the US named after him & the only president with a state named after him.

President of the Constitutional Congress and first person to sign the Constitution.

In 1976 was posthumously awarded the General of the Armies of the United States. It's the highest military rank; nobody will ever outrank him.

"The time is now near at hand which must probably determine whether Americans are to be freemen or slaves; whether they are to have any property they can call their own;"

ADDRESS TO THE CONTINENTAL ARMY BEFORE THE BATTLE OF LONG ISLAND | TUESDAY, AUGUST 27, 1776

Interesting side note, forgive the explanation if you already know this, but Washington's inauguration was April 30, 1789, which was well after the July 4, 1776 Declaration of Independence. Why so long? The Revolutionary War didn't end until September 3, 1783 when The Treaty of Paris was signed by U.S. and British Representatives.

The government of the 13 original colonies was framed by the Articles of Confederation, which was debated upon starting in 1776, created in 1777, and finally ratified in 1781. It was eventually superseded by the US Constitution, which was formed as the confederation congress realized they could not simply amend the Articles of Confederation.

The Continental Congress created the Constitution in 1787, it was ratified in 1788, and went into effect March 4, 1789. George Washington was the president of the Constitutional Congress and the first to sign.