"The raising of the flag on Suribachi means a Marine Corps for the next 500 years"

- James Forrestal, Secretary of the Navy, to General Holland M. Smith, USMC

**Important Dates**

- **February 19**: D-Day on Iwo Jima
- **February 23**: 1st and 2nd flag raised
- **March 14**: 2nd flag taken down
- **March 26**: The battle of Iwo Jima ends
- **April 26**: Both flags return to the U.S.

**Flags Raised**

1. 28 1/2” x 55 1/2”
2. 58” x 88 3/4”

**6 Flag Raisers**

*For 2nd flag raising*