



*The flag of the United States of America is ceremoniously folded 13 times when lowered or handed to the next of kin at the burial of a veteran.*

When our flag is completely folded, it takes on the appearance of a tri-corner hat, reminding us of the soldiers who served under General George Washington, the sailors and marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones, and all who followed in the U.S. armed forces. They have preserved the rights, privileges, and freedoms we enjoy and celebrate today.

The next time you observe a flag ceremony honoring someone who has served our country in the armed forces, the police department, or fire department, keep in mind their service and dedication. And remember those who sacrificed so much for us by honoring our flag and our country.

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*In honor of those who have served and fallen...*



*Our*  
**AMERICAN  
FLAG**

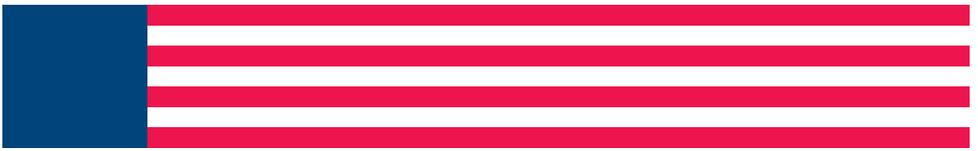
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*Here is a popular meaning of each fold*

- ★ The ***first fold*** of our flag is a symbol of life.
  - ★ The ***second fold*** is a symbol of our belief in eternal life.
  - ★ The ***third fold*** is made in honor and remembrance of the veterans departing our ranks who gave a portion of their lives in the defense of our country and to attain peace throughout the world.
  - ★ The ***fourth fold*** represents our weaker nature. We turn to God in times of peace, as well as in times of war, for divine guidance.
  - ★ The ***fifth fold*** is made as a tribute to our country. To paraphrase Stephen Decatur: Our Country in dealing with other countries, may she always be right; but it is still our country right or wrong.
  - ★ The ***sixth fold*** represents where our hearts lie. It is with our hearts that we pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.
  - ★ The ***seventh fold*** is made in tribute to our armed forces. It is these brave men and women who protect our country against her enemies, foreign or domestic.
  - ★ The ***eighth fold*** is in honor of mothers, for whom the flag flies on Mothers' Day.
  - ★ The ***ninth fold*** is a tribute to womanhood. The faith, love, loyalty, and devotion of women helped to mold the character of countless men and women who have made this nation great.
  - ★ The ***tenth fold*** is a tribute to fathers. They, too, have given their sons and daughters for the defense of our country.
  - ★ The ***eleventh fold*** represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon, glorifying the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.
  - ★ The ***twelfth fold*** represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.
  - ★ The ***thirteenth fold*** brings the stars uppermost, reminding us of our nation's motto, "In God We Trust."
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# How to Fly the **AMERICAN FLAG**

- The flag should be hoisted briskly and lowered ceremoniously.
- The flag is never allowed to touch the ground or floor.
- When hung over a sidewalk on a rope extending from a building to a pole, the union stars are always away from the building.
- When vertically hung over the center of the street, the flag always has the union stars to the north in an east/west street, and to the east in a north/south street.
- The flag of the United States of America should be at the center and at the highest point of the group when a number of flags of States or localities or pennants of societies are grouped and displayed from staffs.
- The flag should never be festooned, drawn back, nor up, in folds but always allowed to fall free.
- The flag should be displayed at half-staff until noon on Memorial Day, then raised to the top of the staff.
- Never fly the flag upside down except as a signal of distress in instances of extreme danger to life or property.
- The flag is never flown in inclement weather except when using an all-weather flag.
- The flag can be flown every day from sunrise to sunset and at night if illuminated properly.



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*Our United States flag embodies the freedoms we enjoy – freedoms that have been protected and preserved by the courage and sacrifice of our nation’s veterans. Please keep our veterans, our servicemen and women, and their families in your thoughts.*

**– State Senator Phil Pavlov**



## **Pledge of Allegiance**

*“I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America,  
and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible,  
with liberty and justice for all.”*

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag should be rendered by standing at attention, facing the flag with the right hand over the heart. When not in uniform, men should remove their headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart. Persons in uniform should remain silent, face the flag and render the military salute.



## **The Star-Spangled Banner**

*O say, can you see, by the dawn’s early light,  
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight’s last gleaming?  
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous fight,  
O’er the rampart we watched, were so gallantly streaming?  
And the rockets’ red glare, the bombs bursting in air,  
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.  
O say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave  
O’er the land of the free and the home of the brave?*

During rendition of the national anthem when the flag is displayed, all present except those in uniform should stand at attention, facing the flag with the right hand over the heart. Men not in uniform should remove their headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart. Persons in uniform should render the military salute at the first note of the anthem and retain this position until the last note. When the flag is not displayed, those present should face toward the music and act in the same manner they would if the flag were displayed there.