

STATE SENATOR

Patrick Colbeck

2017 MEMORIAL DAY

A Grateful Nation Remembers

FREEDOM CENTER

Serving Those Who Serve Us.

Freedom Center

If your summer travel plans include a stop at Detroit Metropolitan Airport, be sure and visit a DTW Freedom Center. One is located in the McNamara Terminal and another in the North Terminal.

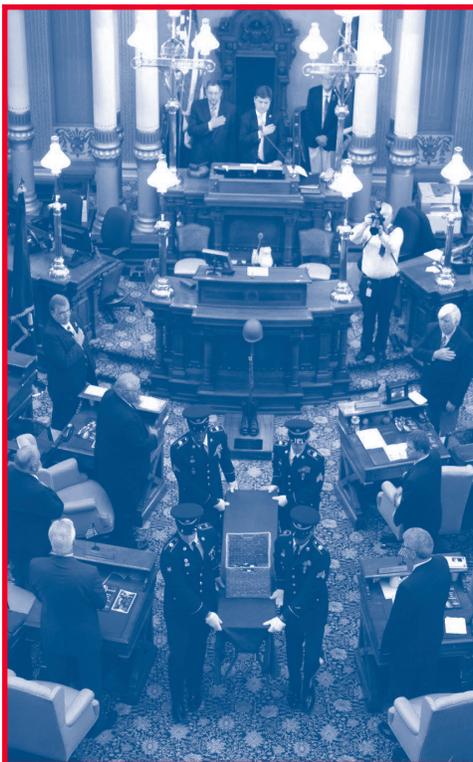
Staffed by trained volunteers and funded by donations, Sen. Colbeck co-founded and serves on the board of this organization to help ensure our service members and their families can use these military hospitality lounges and always get the welcome they deserve. The lounges provide complimentary food and beverages, comfortable seating, a children's area and other amenities. More than 62,000 guests have been served this year alone!

Colbeck supports Senate measure to honor Vietnam veterans

Earlier this year, the Senate adopted Senate Resolution 35 to commemorate March 29, 2017 as Vietnam Veterans Day.

Members of the Michigan Senate voiced their support to establish this special day as an appropriate way to honor those members of the U.S. Armed Forces who served our country with honor in Vietnam, as well as the 242,562 Vietnam veterans living in Michigan. More than 2,650 Michigan residents lost their lives in the Vietnam War.

The date marks the anniversary of the day that combat and combat support units withdrew completely from South Vietnam.



New Legislation Aids Veterans

For those who defend our liberty, it's important when they come home that we show appreciation for their service. Encouraging veteran employment via our state procurement process is one way we can do this. Sen. Colbeck introduced SB 177 as a means of prioritizing businesses who employ veterans while also improving the transparency and effectiveness of state procurement.

The Senator also wants to remind veterans of a new law that provides tax relief to veteran organizations for fundraisers that benefit an active duty service member or a veteran. The law creates a new sales tax exemption to help ensure every penny raised at a fundraiser is used to benefit the service member or veteran. The exemption is limited to a value of less than \$25,000 per fundraising event.

Flag honors

It is a source of great pride to see our country's flag flown in front of so many homes and businesses.

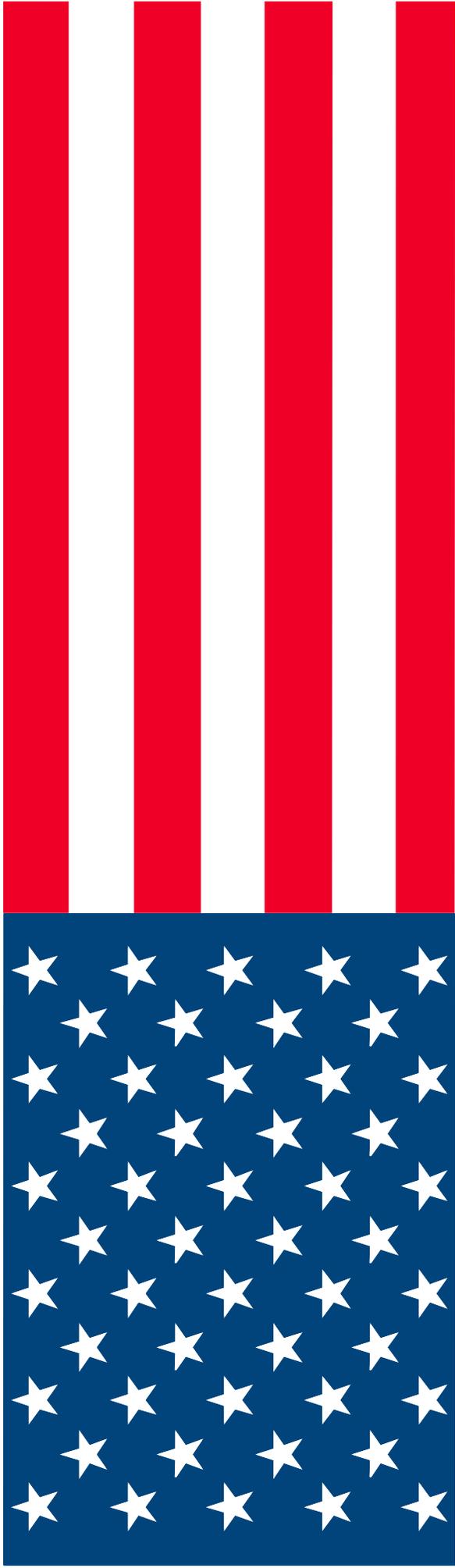
If you don't have a flag of your own you can fly this Memorial Day, consider placing the reverse side of this flyer in your front window to help show our veterans your support.

You can receive an e-mail notification when the governor orders U.S. flags to be lowered to half-staff throughout Michigan and on Michigan waters. Sign up for Half-staff Flag Alerts at www.michigan.gov under the Featured Links section.

REMEMBERING OUR FALLEN

The May 25, 2017 Senate ceremony marks the 23rd anniversary of this solemn Senate tradition. Sen. Colbeck is honored to organize this event.

Each year, this special legislative Memorial Day service pays tribute to the Michigan servicemen and women who have given their lives in service to our country. It's important to ensure their legacy of honor and sacrifice is never taken for granted or forgotten.



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