

THE 13 FOLDS OF THE U.S. FLAG



**OUR FLAG DOES NOT
FLY WITH THE WIND.**

**IT FLIES WITH THE
LAST BREATH OF EACH SOLDIER
WHO DIED PROTECTING IT**

THE SYMBOLISM OF THE 13 FOLDS OF THE U.S. FLAG

The American flag is one of the most important symbols of the United States. Folding the American Flag into a triangle gives unique honor and respect to the flag. The flag is folded to represent the original thirteen colonies of the United States. Each fold also carries its own meaning. Here is an explanation of what each of the folds means.

1. The 1st fold of the flag is a symbol of life.
2. The 2nd fold is a symbol of the belief in eternal life.
3. The 3rd fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veterans departing the ranks who gave a portion of their lives for the defense of the country to attain peace throughout the world.
4. The 4th fold represents the weaker nature, for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace as well as in time of war for His divine guidance.
5. The 5th fold is a tribute to the country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, 'Our Country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right; but it is still our country, right or wrong.'
6. The 6th fold is for where people's hearts lie. It is with their heart that they pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.
7. The 7th fold is a tribute to its Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that they protect their country and their

flag against all her enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of their republic.

8. The 8th fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day.
9. The 9th fold is a tribute to womanhood, and Mothers. For it has been through their faith, their love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great has been molded.
10. The 10th fold is a tribute to the father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of their country since they were first born.
11. The 11th fold represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies in the Hebrews eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.
12. The 12th fold represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in the Christians eyes, God the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit.
13. The 13th fold, or when the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost reminding them of their nations motto, 'In God We Trust.'

After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under General George Washington, and the Sailors and Marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones, who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States, preserving for them the rights, privileges and freedoms they enjoy today.



MEMORIAL DAY PRESENTATION

SATURDAY, MAY 26, 2018

AND

SUNDAY, MAY 27, 2018

To our men and women in uniform, past, present, and future, we thank you for your bravery, hard work and dedication in keeping our country safe. God bless you.

SPECIAL THANKS

TO

GENE KELLEY & JOE NEVATINSKI

FOR THEIR

DEMONSTRATION OF THE FLAG FOLDING CEREMONY

Did You Know? *Currently every armed forces veteran and member on active duty or in the active reserve has the right to be buried with patriotic flourishes provided by a military honor guard at no cost to the family. However, for this to occur, you MUST provide a copy of the deceased's DD214 form to the military.*