

Fun Facts

- ~ Betsy Ross sewed the first American Flag in May 1776
- ~ The Thirteen stripes on the flag represent the original thirteen colonies.
- ~ The world's largest American flag is 505 feet by 225 feet and weighs about 3,000 pounds. The Super Flag travels around the USA to a variety of stadiums and events.
- ~ The flag was first flown from Fort Stanwix on August 3, 1777.
- ~ The name "Old Glory" was given to our National Flag August 10, 1831, by Captain William Driver.
- ~ The fifty star pattern was created by high school student Robert Heft from Lancaster, Ohio
- ~ The flag inspired the song "Star Spangled Banner" by Francis Scott Key. It was written at Ft. McHenry during the War of 1812.

Flag Retirement Ceremony

Come and see the proper way to retire the American Flag. Learn how to correctly retire a flag. This ceremony will be held on **August 1, 2015 at 10 a.m. at Heebner Park in Worcester**

If you have a flag that needs to be retired and can't attend the ceremony on August 1st, please contact jillian.silver7197@gmail.com

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Flag Etiquette



**Do you know how
to properly treat
the flag?**

Flag Etiquette

Do's and Don'ts

Do's

- ~ Treat the flag with respect
- ~ Should be displayed only from sunrise to sunset unless it is illuminated.
- ~ Keep the flag in good condition; mend and clean when necessary
- ~ When flying the flag the field of stars should be positioned at the top left.

Don'ts

- ~ Let the flag touch the ground.
- ~ Write on, draw on, or mark the flag in any way
- ~ Use the flag as decoration or advertisement
- ~ Fly the flag upside down (except in an emergency on a ship/boat)
- ~ Use the flag as cover or as cloth
- ~ Fasten it or tie it back. Always allow it to fall free.

How to Fold the flag

Step 1:

Hold the flag waist-high with another person. The surface is parallel to the ground

Step 2:

Fold the flag in half length wise. The stripes over the field of stars. Fold in half length wise again.

Step 3:

Make triangular fold starting away from the field of stars.

Step 4:

Now, only a triangle of the field of stars should be visible.

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.

Flag Symbolism

The colors on the flag stand for different things.

RED – bravery and valor

WHITE - hope, purity, and innocence

BLUE – vigilance, perseverance, and justice.

George Washington said, “We take the stars from Heaven, the red from our mother country, separating it by white stripes, thus showing that we have separated from her, and the white stripes shall go down to posterity representing Liberty.”