

Folding of the United States Flag for a Deceased Veteran



The point of honor of the flag of the United States is a canton of blue containing the stars representing the states our buddy served in uniform. The point of honor of the flag of the United States dresses from the left to the right and the only time it is inverted when displayed in this manner is when it comes to serve as a pall on the casket of the veteran who has served his country honorably in uniform.

The first fold of our flag is a symbol of life.

The second fold is a symbol of our belief in the eternal life, and this fold we make in honor and remembrance of this veteran whom we are commemorating, for he, too, gave a portion of his life for the defense of our country and our flag. His efforts to attain peace throughout the world have not been in vain and shall never be forgotten.

We fold to the left in the shape of a triangle, for this is where our hearts lie – and it is with our hearts 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.

We fold again to the left in the shape of a triangle, representing our weaker nature; for we, as American citizens, trust in God, and it is to Him we turn in time of peace, as well as in times of war, for His divine guidance.

We fold to the right as a tribute to our Armed Forces; for it is through these same Armed Forces that we protect our country and our flag from all her enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of our Republic.

We fold again to the right as a tribute to our country; for in the words of the immortal Stephen Decatur, "OUR COUNTRY, IN DEALING WITH OTHER COUNTRIES, MAY SHE ALWAYS BE RIGHT; BUT IT IS STILL OUR COUNTRY, RIGHT OR WRONG."

We fold to the left as a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day, and this fold is made to honor Mother for whom it flies on Mother's Day.

We fold again to the left as a tribute to our Womanhood; for it has been through their faith, love, loyalty, and devotion that the characters of the men that have made this country great have been molded.

We fold to the right as a tribute to Father, for he, too, has given of his sons for the defense of our country since she was born.

We fold from the stripes toward the stars; for whereas the stripes represent the thirteen original colonies that founded our Republic, they are now embodied in the fifty sovereign states represented by the stars, so that the stars cover the stripes.

We fold to the left in the shape of a triangle; for, in the eyes of a Hebrew citizen, this represents the lower portion of the Seal of King David and King Solomon, and glorifies in their eyes the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.

We fold again to the left in the shape of a triangle; for, in the eyes of the Christian citizen, this represents an emblem of Eternity and glorifies in their eyes God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

When our flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost, which reminds us of the national motto, "IN GOD WE TRUST."

After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a three-cornered cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under General George Washington, and the sailors and marines who served under Captain Paul Jones, and for over two hundred years, followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States, having preserved for us the freedom which we are enjoying today.

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