



A Community Partnership for Veterans
Flag Day Celebration!
JUNE 14 2018

I AM THE FLAG

I am the flag of the United States of America.

My name is Old Glory.
I fly atop the world's tallest buildings.
I stand watch in America's halls of justice.
I fly majestically over institutions of learning.
I stand guard with power in the world.
Look up and see me.

I stand for peace, honor, truth and justice.
I stand for freedom. I am confident.
I am arrogant. I am proud.
When I am flown with my fellow banners,
My head is a little higher,
My colors a little truer.
I bow to no one!
I am recognized all over the world.
I am worshipped - I am saluted.
I am loved - I am revered.
I am respected - I am feared.

I have fought in every battle of every war for more than 200 years.
I was flown at Valley Forge, Gettysburg, Shiloh and Appamatox.
I was there at San Juan Hill, the trenches of France, in the Argonne Forest, Anzio, Rome and the beaches of Normandy.
Guam, Okinawa, Korea and KheSan, Saigon, Vietnam know me.
I was there. I led my troops.
I was dirty, battleworn and tired, but my soldiers cheered me and I was proud.

I have been burned, torn and trampled on the streets of countries

I have helped set free. It does not hurt for I am invincible.

I have been soiled upon, burned, torn and trampled in the streets of my country.

And when it's done by those whom I've served in battle - it hurts.

But I shall overcome - for I am strong.

I have slipped the bonds of earth and stood watch over the uncharted frontiers of space from my vantage point on the moon.

I have born silent witness to all of America's finest hours.

But my finest hours are yet to come.

When I am torn into strips and used as bandages for my wounded comrades on the battle field,

when I am flown at halfmast to honor my soldier,

or when I lie in the trembling arms of a grieving parent at the grave of their fallen son or daughter,

I am proud.

I am the flag of the United States of America.

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Flag Day Celebration!

Thursday, June 14, 2018

1200 – 1400

Ft. Negley 1100 Ft. Negley Blvd. Nashville, TN 37203

Host VETLINX Community Partnership for Veterans www.VetLinx.org

Event site Ft. Negley The event will begin at noon on the hill by flag pole behind the rock wall entrance.

12:00 – 1215 **Flag Ceremonies & Presentations**

Welcome | Col. Jim Bachman, U.S. Army (Ret)

VETLINX | Laurel Bowman, Administrator

TDVS | Tennessee Department of Veteran Services

Commissioner Many-Bears Grinder

1215 – 1225 **Flag Folding Ceremony- Presented by CMVA**

Members of the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association conducting this ceremony.

1225 –1235 **Salute to Old Glory!**

Ft. Negley/ Story behind the flag | Krista Castillo, Museum Coordinator at Metro Government Parks, Fort Negley Visitors Center and Park

Hoist Flag | Members of the following organizations:

- Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association
- American Legion Riders
- Rolling Thunder, Inc. Chapter Tennessee 1
- National Anthem | Alicia Lundquist
- Closing Remarks | Jim Bachman

1235 – 1400 **All Guests Invited: Refreshments & Fellowship in the Conference Room!**

Weather Plan In the event of inclement weather this ceremony will be held either partially or totally indoors. If conducted outdoors, seating will be available in mostly shaded areas. You may wish to bring an umbrella for shading or if rain is expected.

Special thank you to all guests in attendance today, guest speakers, employees of Ft. Negley, Volunteers, Veteran Organizations, and the food and drink sponsors!

Happy 243rd Birthday!

How It All Started: Origins of the United States Army



The group of militia members who showed up to fight the British in 1775, were paid and equipped by the colonies without a formal type of government authorization that would later characterize operations and strategy of the U.S. Department of Defense.

Before a battle in 1775 near Boston, it was realized that a serious rethink of the militia concept was in order; according to Army.mil, the Massachusetts Provincial Government petitioned the Second Continental Congress to let that entity have control over New England troops.

The actual result was the creation of a standing colonial army led by its' new commander-in-chief, George Washington, who assumed command in the summer of 1775. In December of 1776,

Washington led his famous expedition across the Delaware River to attack a garrison at Trenton.

Read more: <https://militarybenefits.info/army-birthday/#ixzz5HvbhHiL2>

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Flag Etiquette

STANDARDS of RESPECT

The Flag Code, which formalizes and unifies the traditional ways in which we give respect to the flag, also contains specific instructions on how the flag is not to be used. They are:

- The flag should never be dipped to any person or thing. It is flown upside down only as a distress signal.
- The flag should not be used as a drapery, or for covering a speaker's desk, draping a platform, or for any decoration in general. Bunting of blue, white and red stripes is available for these purposes. The blue stripe of the bunting should be on the top.
- The flag should never be used for any advertising purpose. It should not be embroidered, printed or otherwise impressed on such articles as cushions, handkerchiefs, napkins, boxes, or anything intended to be discarded after temporary use. Advertising signs should not be attached to the staff or halyard
- The flag should not be used as part of a costume or athletic uniform, except that a flag patch may be used on the uniform of military personnel, fireman, policeman and members of patriotic organizations.
- The flag should never have placed on it, or attached to it, any mark, insignia, letter, word, number, figure, or drawing of any kind.
- The flag should never be used as a receptacle for receiving, holding, carrying, or delivering anything.

When the flag is lowered, no part of it should touch the ground or any other object; it should be received by waiting hands and

arms. To store the flag it should be folded neatly and ceremoniously.

The flag should be cleaned and mended when necessary.

When a flag is so worn it is no longer fit to serve as a symbol of our country, it should be destroyed by burning in a dignified manner.

Note: Most American Legion Posts regularly conduct a dignified flag burning ceremony, often on Flag Day, June 14th.

Displaying the Flag Outdoors

When the flag is displayed from a staff projecting from a window, balcony, or a building, the union should be at the peak of the staff unless the flag is at half staff.

When it is displayed from the same flagpole with another flag - of a state, community, society or Scout unit - the flag of the United States must always be at the top except that the church pennant may be flown above the flag during church services for Navy personnel when conducted by a Naval chaplain on a ship at sea.

When the flag is displayed over a street, it should be hung vertically, with the union to the north or east. If the flag is suspended over a sidewalk, the flag's union should be farthest from the building.

When flown with flags of states, communities, or societies on separate flag poles which are of the same height and in a straight line, the flag of the United States is always placed in the position of honor - to its own right. The other flags may be smaller but none may be larger. No other flag ever should be placed above it.

The flag of the United States is always the first flag raised and the last to be lowered.

When flown with the national banner of other countries, each flag must be displayed from a separate pole of the same height. Each flag should be the same size. They should be raised and lowered simultaneously. The flag of one nation may not be displayed above that of another nation.

Raising and Lowering the Flag

The flag should be raised briskly and lowered slowly and ceremoniously. Ordinarily it should be displayed only between sunrise and sunset. It should be illuminated if displayed at night.

The flag of the United States of America is saluted as it is hoisted and lowered. The salute is held until the flag is unsnapped from the halyard or through the last note of music, whichever is the longest.

Displaying the Flag Indoors

When on display, the flag is accorded the place of honor, always positioned to its own right. Place it to the right of the speaker or staging area or sanctuary. Other flags should be to the left.

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, localities, or societies are grouped for display.

When one flag is used with the flag of the United States of America and the staffs are crossed, the flag of the United States is placed on its own right with its staff in front of the other flag.

When displaying the flag against a wall, vertically or horizontally, the flag's union (stars) should be at the top, to the flag's own right, and to the observer's left.

Parading and Saluting the Flag

When carried in a procession, the flag should be to the right of the marchers. When other flags are carried, the flag of the United States may be centered in front of the others or carried to their right. When the flag passes in a procession, or when it is hoisted or lowered, all should face the flag and salute.

The Salute

To salute, all persons come to attention. Those in uniform give the appropriate formal salute. Citizens not in uniform salute by placing their right hand over the heart and men with head cover should remove it and hold it to left shoulder, hand over the heart. Members of organizations in formation salute upon command of the person in charge.

The Pledge of Allegiance and National Anthem

The pledge of allegiance should be rendered by standing at attention, facing the flag, and saluting.

When the national anthem is played or sung, citizens should stand at attention and salute at the first note and hold the salute through the last note. The salute is directed to the flag, if displayed, otherwise to the music.

The Flag in Mourning

To place the flag at half staff, hoist it to the peak for an instant and lower it to a position half way between the top and bottom of the staff. The flag is to be raised again to the peak for a moment before it is lowered. On Memorial Day the flag is displayed at half staff until noon and at full staff from noon to sunset.

The flag is to be flown at half staff in mourning for designated, principal

government leaders and upon presidential or gubernatorial order.

When used to cover a casket, the flag should be placed with the union at the head and over the left shoulder. It should not be lowered into the grave.

10 fun facts about the American flag and the history of Flag Day!

- Congress adopted the Stars and Stripes as the American flag on June 14, 1777.
- For a while, the U.S. added stripes and stars to the flag when welcoming new states. At one point, the flag has 15 stripes and 15 stars. As the country continued to add new states, they decided to go back to the 13 stripes for the original 13 colonies.
- The colors of the flag have important meanings. Red symbolizes hardiness and valor, white symbolizes purity and innocence and blue represents vigilance, perseverance and justice.
- The first Flag Day observance was on June 14, 1885, when 19-year-old school teacher Bernard J. Cigrand placed a 38-inch star flag in a bottle on his desk. He assigned essays about the flag and its significance.
- In 1894, the governor of New York directed that the flag be displayed on all public buildings on June 14.
- On May 30, 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued a

It may have taken a while to officially declare June 14 as Flag Day, but now that it's a reserved holiday, take your American flag out and wash it if you have to. Make sure you show your American pride on June 14!



Thank you for attending the Flag Day Celebration!

VetLinx

VetLinx is an all-volunteer nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization in middle Tennessee established in 2013. Our mission is to fill the gaps in service through projects and events. Please go to www.vetlinx.org to learn more about what we do and join our team!

VetFest 2018! Registration open!

This year's VetFest will take place on November 10th at Harlinsdale Farms in Franklin, TN. Hope to see you here!

- presidential proclamation establishing Flag Day as the anniversary of the Flag Resolution.
- On August 3, 1949, President Truman signed an Act of Congress that would designate June 14 of each year as National Flag Day.
- When the flag can no longer be repaired or used, it must be destroyed in a dignified matter, such as burning.
- If dirty or soiled, an American flag may be washed and dry cleaned.
- If a flag touches the ground, it does not have to be destroyed. Instead, just wash it if it's dirty.