

# The Red, White and Blue Beacon of America



*“To be born free is an accident,  
To live free is a responsibility, and  
To die free is an obligation.”*



The brilliant flag waves today because of the sacrifice man has made through dedication to a long-term goal of a democratic republic with opportunity for all; immediate self-satisfaction did not spur them on to shed blood or lay down their hard-earned treasure but rather, the hope of a good life for their children.

## **The flag symbolizes everything worthwhile in our nation:**

<b>RED</b>	Sacrifice, courage and valor
<b>WHITE</b>	Purity and honesty, the traits that make men noble
<b>BLUE</b>	Quality and stamina

## **How to Display the Flag**

- Display the flag only from sunrise to sunset.
- It should be displayed on national and state holidays and historic and special occasions.
- The flag should always be hoisted briskly and lowered ceremoniously.

## **Do Not Do This With a Flag**

- Do not permit disrespect to be shown to the flag of the United States of America.
- Do not dip the flag to any person or thing.
- Do not let the flag touch anything beneath it, such as the ground, water, floor or merchandise.
- Do not fasten, display, use or store a flag in such a way it could be easily torn, soiled or otherwise damaged.

## **How to Fold the American Flag**

- Two persons, facing each other, hold the Flag waist high and horizontally between them.
- Fold the lower striped section lengthwise, over the blue field. Hold bottom to top, edges together, securely.
- Fold the Flag again, lengthwise, folded edge to open edge.
- A triangular fold is started along the length of the Flag, from the end to the heading, by bringing the striped corner of the folded edge to meet the open edge.
- The outer point is turned inward, parallel with the open edge, forming a second triangle.
- Repeat the triangular folding until the entire length of the Flag is folded.
- When the Flag is completely folded, only the triangular blue field should be visible.

A properly proportioned flag will fold 13 times on the triangles, representing the 13 Original Colonies. When finally complete the triangular folded flag is emblematic of the tri-corner hat worn by the Patriots of the American Revolution. When folded no red or white stripe is to be evident leaving only the honor field of blue and stars.