

# ***Americanism***



We have made it to our destination.

Continue to be ***“A Force for Veterans”***

Remember to continue gathering your information and to report it next year 2026-2027.

Continue to spread patriotism! Teach our children flag etiquette and instruct the pledge of allegiance.

Continue teaching the VFW Auxiliary Traditions

***“From Sea to Shining Sea Honoring Veterans***

***Who Keep Us Safe”***

Thank you for your dedication and hard work.

Thank you for your awesome reports.

Keep up the great work!



*Cheri Brown PDP, Americanism Chairman 2025-2026*

## ***13 Folds of the US Flag***

- **1st Fold:** Symbolizes life.
- **2nd Fold:** Signifies a belief in eternal life
- **3rd Fold:** Honors and remembers veterans who gave their lives for the country.
- **4th Fold:** Represents the citizen's trust in God (weaker nature).
- **5th Fold:** A tribute to the United States.
- **6th Fold:** Represents where hearts lie in pledging allegiance.
- **7th Fold:** A tribute to the Armed Forces.
- **8th Fold:** Honors those who passed away (valley of the shadow of death) and mothers.
- **9th Fold:** A tribute to womanhood.
- **10th Fold:** A tribute to fathers who have sacrificed for the country.
- **11th Fold:** Represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon (glorifying the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob).
- **12th Fold:** Represents an emblem of eternity (glorifying the Trinity).
- **13th Fold:** The final fold, with stars uppermost, reminding citizens of the national motto, "In God We Trust."

### ***Did you know..***

The American flag is worn with the stars facing forward. It often appears reversed on the right shoulder of an uniform.

It “symbolizes forward movement, resilience and a flag flying in the breeze while moving forward in battle”

On the left sleeve it is worn in the standard orientation (stars on left).



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# *America*

*God Bless America! Land that we Love!*



*July 4, 2026*

*Celebrating the 250<sup>th</sup> birthday!!  
(Semiquincentennial) marking 250 years  
since the signing of the Declaration of Independence  
in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.*

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