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Our Flag



Salute to Flag

I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO MY FLAG,
AND THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS,
ONE NATION INDIVISIBLE,
WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL

National Anniversaries

The Flag should be displayed—
Lincoln's Birthday, February 12th.
Washington's Birthday, February 22nd.
Memorial Day, May 30th.
Flag Day, June 14th.
Independence Day, July 4th.

Memorial day the Flag should be flown at half staff from sunrise until
noon, full staff from noon until sunset

W. Va. Daughters of the



American Revolution

The American's Creed

I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people, whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic; a sovereign Nation of many sovereign States; a perfect Union, one and inseparable, established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.

I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it; to support its Constitution; to obey its laws; to respect its Flag; and to defend it against all enemies.

Correct Use of the Flag

1. The Flag should fly from a staff whenever possible.
 2. When the National Flag is displayed with other Flags, it should be placed at the right.
 3. When the Flag is used for decorative purposes, it should always be hung straight with the blue field to the North or East. The Flag should never be draped. BUNTING should always be used for festoons or draperies.
 4. In military circles, the Flag is always raised at sunrise and lowered at sunset. The war secretary advises that from private Flag poles, the Flag may fly at all hours, day or night.
 5. When two American Flags are crossed or hung together, the blue fields should face each other.
 6. When the National colors are passing on parade or in review, the spectator should, if walking, halt, if sitting, arise and stand at "attention." Men and boys should remove their hats.
 7. Always stand when the "Star Spangled Banner" is being played.
 8. When the Flag is placed over a casket, the blue field should be at the head. When the Flag is flown at half staff as a sign of mourning or other calamity it should be raised to full staff, then lowered to half mast. It is always hoisted to the top before it is finally lowered.
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Misuse of the Flag

Desecration of the Flag means to offer it an indignity by diverting it from its sacred purpose or office. All desecrations of the Flag are not violations of the Flag Law, but all violations of the Flag Law are desecrations.

1. The Flag should never touch the ground or be placed lower than a person sitting. Keep Old Glory above your head, both literally and figuratively.

2. The Flag should never be dipped or lowered for salute on land. You should salute the Flag—not the Flag salute you.

3. The Flag should never be used as a covering for a table, box, platform, etc. It may be used to cover an Altar with the blue-field at the right as you face the Altar, and nothing except the Bible should ever be placed upon it.

4. The Flag was never intended for a plaything. Children should be taught to regard the Flag with reverence.

5. The Flag should never be used as an article of wearing apparel or as a whole or part of a costume. As a badge it should be worn over the left breast.

6. When the Flag is used in unveiling a statue or monument it should not be allowed to fall to the ground but raised aloft to wave out and form a distinctive part of the ceremony.

7. Old worn out Flags, when no longer fit for display, should be burned privately.

Violation of the Law

A violation of the Flag Law of West Virginia is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) or Imprisonment for not more than Thirty (30) Days or both.

1. The statutes of the United States forbid the use of the Flag in registered trade marks.

2. The Flag can never be used for advertising purposes in any manner whatsoever.

3. The Flag should never be stamped or printed or embroidered upon any article of merchandise, such as, collars, neckties, handkerchiefs, heels of shoes, paper napkins, toys, etc. To even have any such article in your possession to sell or give away or for any purpose whatever is a violation of the law.

The West Virginia Flag Law

The defilement of the flag is expressly prohibited by an act of

the legislature of 1915, the full text appearing as follows:

An act to prevent and punish the desecration, mutilation or improper use of the flag of the United States of America and the flag of this state.

Be it enacted by the legislature of West Virginia:

Section 1. That any person who for exhibition or display shall place or cause to be placed, any words, figures, marks, pictures, designs, drawings, or any advertisement of any nature, upon any flag, standard, color or ensign of the United States, or upon the state flag of this state, or shall expose or cause to be exposed to public view any such flag, standard, color or ensign, upon which shall have been printed, painted or otherwise placed, or to which shall be attached, appended, affixed, or annexed, any words, figures, marks, pictures, designs, drawings, or any advertisement of any nature or kind, or who shall expose to public view, manufacture, sell, expose for sale, give away, or have in possession for sale or to give away, or for use for any purpose any article or substance, being an article of merchandise or a receptacle of merchandise, or article or thing for carrying or transporting merchandise, upon which shall have been printed, painted, attached or otherwise placed, a representation of any such flag, standard, color or ensign, to advertise, call attention to, decorate, mark or distinguish the article or substance on which so placed, or who shall publicly mutilate, deface, defile or defy, trample upon or cast contempt, either by words or acts, upon any such flag, standard, color or ensign, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall, upon conviction, be fined not less than five nor more than one hundred dollars, and may, at the discretion of the court or justice trying the case, be confined in the county jail for a period not exceeding thirty days. Any justice of the peace of the county wherein the offense was committed shall have concurrent jurisdiction of such offense with the circuit or other courts of said county.

Section 2. The words, "flag, standard, color or ensign of the United States," as used in this act, shall be construed to include any flag, standard, color, or ensign; or any representation or picture of a flag standard, color or ensign, made of or upon any substance whatever, and of any size whatever, showing the national colors, the stars and the stripes.

Section 3. This act shall not apply to any act permitted by the statutes of the United States or of this state or by the regulations of the United States army and navy, or of the national guard of this state; nor shall this act be construed to apply to the regular issue of a newspaper or other periodical, or to any book, certificate, diploma, warrant or commission, on which shall be printed said flag, disconnected from any advertisement, or to the vignette of any political ballot.