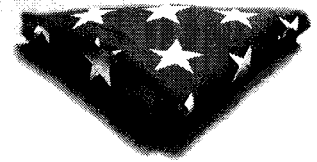


THE THIRTEEN FOLDS OF THE AMERICAN FLAG

The **FIRST FOLD** of our flag is a symbol of life.

The **SECOND FOLD** is a symbol of our belief in eternal life.

The **THIRD FOLD** is made in honor and remembrance of the veterans departing our ranks who gave a portion of their lives for the defense of our country to attain peace throughout the world.



The **FOURTH FOLD** represents our weaker nature, for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace as well as in times of war, for His divine guidance.

The **FIFTH FOLD** is a tribute to our country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, "Our Country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right; but it is still our Country, right or wrong."

The **SIXTH FOLD** is for where our hearts lie. It is with our heart that 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.

The **SEVENTH FOLD** is a tribute to our Armed Forces, for it is through them that we protect our country and our flag against all her enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries or our republic.

The **EIGHTH FOLD** is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day.

The **NINTH FOLD** is a tribute to womanhood and Mothers. For it has been through their faith, their love, their loyalty, and their devotion, that the character of the men and women who have made this country great, has been molded.

The **TENTH FOLD** is a tribute to the father, for he too has given his sons and daughters for the defense of our country since they were first born.

The **ELEVENTH FOLD** represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon, and glorifies in the Hebrews eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

The **TWELFTH FOLD** represents and emblem of eternity, and glorifies in the Christians' eyes, God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

The **THIRTEENTH FOLD** or when the flag is completely folded, the stars are in the uppermost, reminding us of our nation's motto, "In God We Trust"

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