

Americanism Newsletter

September 3, 2021

September is upon us and I have only received 40 reports from 14 Auxiliary's. 1 of these is a report only and no picture or back up article. Please be sure to include 1 picture or article with each report. Snail mail or emails are fine. I do print them out.

I am very honored to be apart of an organization that helped Honor MIA Pfc. Louis Nelson Crosby with the Amazing service that he received and deserved on August 18, 2021.

Please take a moment to Honor all the People that lost there lives on September 11, 2021.

Did you every wonder why we fold the flag 13 times?

Have you ever noticed how the honor guard pays meticulous attention to correctly folding the American flag? Here's what each of those 13 folds mean:

The 1st fold of our flag is a symbol of life.

The 2nd fold is a symbol of our belief in eternal life.

The 3rd 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 at attain peace throughout the world.

The 4th fold represents our weaker nature, for American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of war for His divine guidance.

The 5th 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 6th 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 7th fold is a tribute to our Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that we protect our country and our flag against all her enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of our republic.

The 8th 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 9th fold is a tribute to womanhood, and Mothers. For it has been through their faith, their love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great has been molded.

The 10th fold is a tribute to the father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for defense of our country since they were first born.

The 11th 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 12th fold represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in the Christians' eyes, God the Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit.

The 13th fold, or when the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost reminding us of our nation's motto, "In God We Trust".

After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, reminding us of the soldiers who serve under General George Washington, and the Sailors and Marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones, who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States, preserving for us the rights, privileges and freedoms we enjoy today.

Praying everyone has a safe and happy Labor Day.

Remember to REPORT!! REPORT!! REPORT!!

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