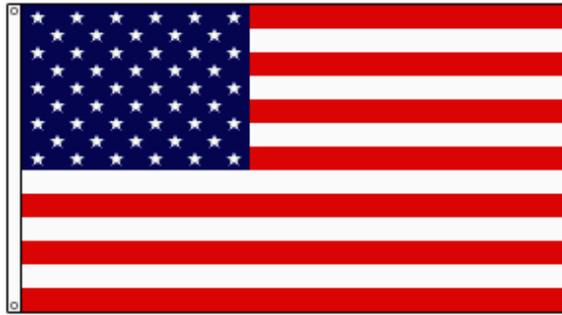
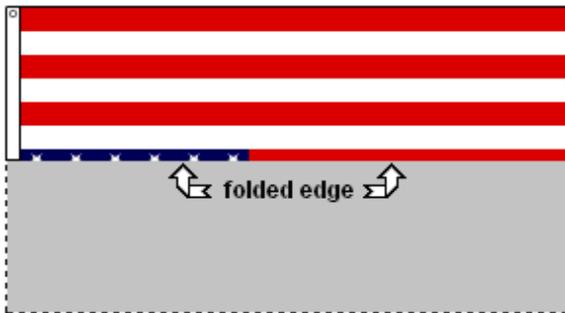


Folding the United States Flag

(There is no official flag-folding ceremony and there is no official meaning for each fold.)

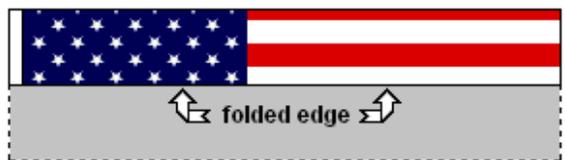


Fold 1:



The 13 stripes represent the original 13 states: Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Georgia, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maryland, South Carolina, New Hampshire, Virginia, New York, North Carolina, and Rhode Island.

Fold 2:



The 50 stars represent our 50 United States of America.

Fold 3:



"I know not what course others may take; but as for me, give me liberty or give me death" - Patrick Henry

Fold 4:



"These are the times that try men's souls. The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of their country; but he that stands it now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman" - Thomas Paine

Fold 5:



"We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal. They are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights. Among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness" - Declaration of Independence

Fold 6:



"We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution of the United States of America" - United States Constitution

Fold 7:



"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press, or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances" - First Amendment

Fold 8:



"The basis of our political system is the right of the people to make and to alter their constitutions of government" - George Washington

Fold 9:



"My God! How little do my countrymen know what precious blessings they are in possession of, and which no other people on earth enjoy!" - Thomas Jefferson

Fold 10:



"Fourscore and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal" - Abraham Lincoln

Fold 11:



"Give me your tired, your poor, Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, The wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me, I lift my lamp beside the golden door" - Emma Lazarus, inscription on the Statue of Liberty

Fold 12:



"Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country" - John Fitzgerald Kennedy

Fold 13:



"I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character" - Martin Luther King, Jr.

(Tuck in the flap)

