

Arkansas Society Daughters of the American Revolution

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Flag of the United States of America Committee

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Chapter Chairmen:

This committee was designed to promote a strong patriotic feeling and respect for our flag in 1909. Its principle objectives then are still fundamental today: to keep the flag flying, to protect it continuously under all conditions, and to educate citizens regarding its correct usage.

Your chapter can support these objectives by:

Being familiar with the Flag Code. The DAR published leaflet The Flag Code has excerpts from the official United States Flag Code and may be purchased from the DAR Store in the Office of the Corresponding Secretary General.

Distribute The Flag Code leaflets, table-size flags, flag pins to schools, retirement homes, veteran's facilities, and at such patriotic events as Memorial Day, Veteran's Day, Flag Day, and Fourth of July celebrations.

Continue to serve as positive role models in your community by presenting certificates to individuals and groups to recognize correct flag usage. Assist with the replacement of worn and/or damaged flags. Celebrate Flag Day on June 14 with a special celebration in your community.

Wear a flag pin! The flag pin should only be worn on the left side of your apparel and is the only pin you may wear on that side when you are wearing your insignia ribbon. It may not, however, be placed on the official DAR insignia ribbon.

Make use of opportunities to talk about the flag. Have flag facts ready to incorporate into a discussion. People are truly interested in learning about the flag.

Carry and distribute flag stickers, flag pins, small flags, and flag code leaflets. (Purchasing in quantity is often more economical.) Involve youth in flag ceremonies and parades: members of C.A.R., JAC clubs, and scout troops. Present certificates to individuals and groups to recognize correct flag usage, Flag Day celebrations, and flag dedications.

Encourage the replacement of worn flags in your community and present programs on the proper disposal of the worn flag.

Correct, in a tactful manner, improper use and/or placement of the flag.

Present flags, flag pins, and flag history books to Good Citizen winners, essay and JAC winners, and speakers.

Contact your U.S. Congressman to obtain flags that have flown over our nation's Capitol.

Present flags to libraries, schools, etc. as a chapter or a joint chapter project.

Encourage organizations and/or clubs to include the Pledge of Allegiance during their meetings. Offer a table-sized flag to the president or chairman, thereby providing an incentive for the Pledge to be included. Recite the Pledge of Allegiance every day. Listening carefully to the words reminds us of our commitment to patriotism.

Gift a blind or sight-impaired veteran with a Braille flag.

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Days to Display the Flag of the United States of America

New Year's Day, January 1

Martin Luther King's birthday, January 15

Inauguration Day, January 20

Abraham Lincoln's birthday, February 12

Presidents' Day, 3rd Monday in February

George Washington's birthday, February 22

Easter Sunday

Mother's Day

Armed Forces Day, 3rd Saturday in May

Memorial Day (half-staff until Noon)

Flag Day, June 14

Independence Day, July 4

Labor Day

Patriot Day, September 11 (half-staff)

Constitution Day, September 17

Columbus Day, October 12

Veterans Day, November 11

Election Day

Thanksgiving Day

Christmas Day

Conduct and Respect for the Flag of the United States of America

During the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, playing the National Anthem, or flag passing in review:

Stand at attention, facing the flag. During the playing of the National Anthem, if no flag is present, stand facing the music.

Persons in uniform should remain silent, face the flag, and render the military salute. Veterans, not in uniform, may render the military salute.

The left hand should be holding nothing with your arm resting at your side.

Men should remove their headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart.

What better way to Celebrate America than to fly the flag!!