

DENTON COUNTY VETERAN

DEDICATED TO INFORMING THE VETERANS OF DENTON COUNTY
OF ISSUES WHICH CONCERN THEM

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Flag Day is Celebrated June 14th

And

The Week in which June 14th Occurs is National Flag Week

The twenty-one days from Flag Day through Independence Day was declared

by Congress as a period to honor AMERICA

<http://www.usflag.org/five.flags.html>

The Flags That Fly 24 Hours A Day

Historical Note: After the addition of the new House and Senate wings in the 1850s, even before the great dome was completed in 1863, photographs of the period show flags flying over each new wing and the central east and west fronts.

The custom of flying the flags 24 hours a day over the east and west fronts was begun during World War 1. This was done in response to requests received from all over the country urging that the flag of the United States be flown continuously over the public buildings in Washington, DC.

Presidential proclamations and laws since that time authorize the display of the flag **24 hours a day** at the following places:

Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine, Baltimore, Maryland (Presidential Proclamation No.2795, July 2, 1948).

Flag House Square, Albemarle and Pratt Streets, Baltimore Maryland (Public Law 83-319, approved March 26, 1954).

United States Marine Corp Memorial (Iwo Jima), Arlington, Virginia (Presidential Proclamation No.3418, June 12, 1961).

On the Green of the Town of Lexington, Massachusetts (Public Law 89-335, approved November 8, 1965).

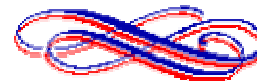
The White House, Washington, DC. (Presidential Proclamation No.4000, September 4,1970). Washington Monument, Washington, DC. (Presidential Proclamation No.4064, July 6,1971,

effective July 4, 1971). Fifty flags of the United States are displayed at the Washington Monument continuously.

United States Customs Ports of Entry which are continually open (Presidential Proclamation No.4131, May 5, 1972).

Grounds of the National Memorial Arch in Valley Forge State Park, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania (Public Law 94-53, approved July 4, 1975).

Many other places fly the flag at night as a patriotic gesture by custom.



Purchase a U.S. Flag that has flown over the Capitol

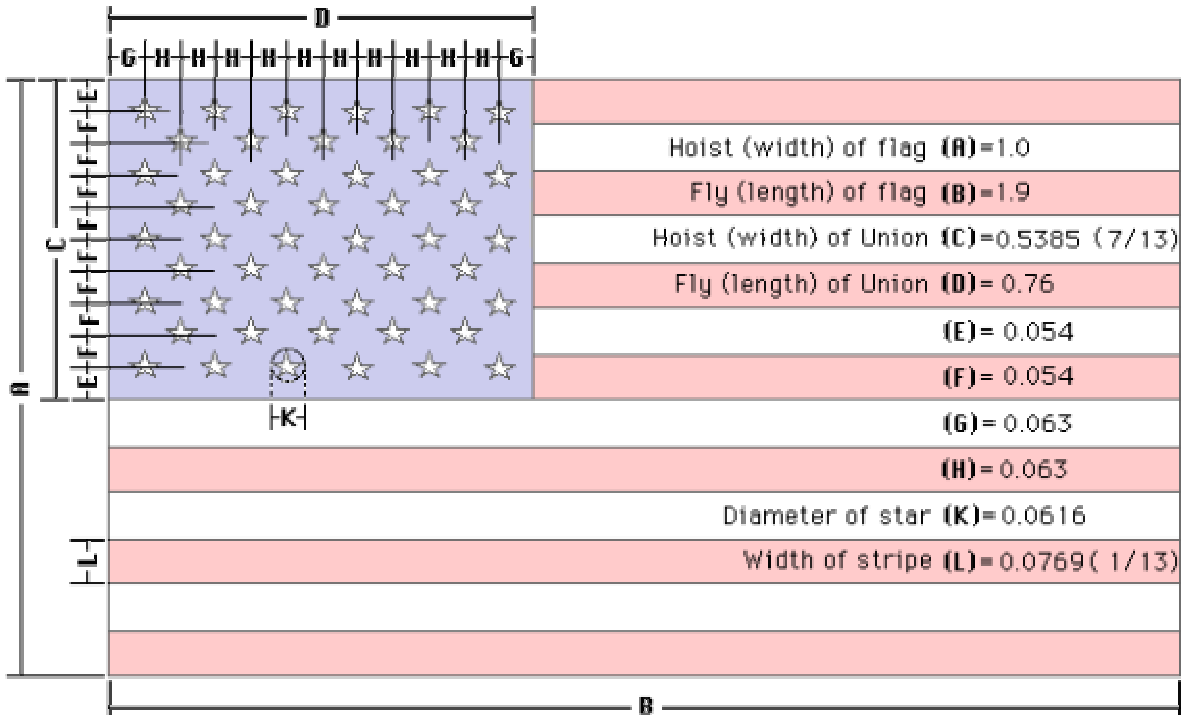
<http://www.usflag.org/capitol.flag.html>

Anyone can purchase a U.S. Flag that has flown over the United States Capitol building in Washington D.C. This can be accomplished writing a letter to your Senator with your request. Their address can be obtained by calling your local Public Library and asking for it or use the [Senators of the 107th Congress](#) web site to locate contact information for your Senator.

You may request that your flag be flown on a certain date such as a birthday or anniversary. Be sure to mail in your request at least 4 weeks prior to the date you have selected. Your flag will be mailed to you and arrive 3-4 weeks after the date you have specified (Since September 11th, 2001 it may take longer to receive your flag). Enclosed with your flag will be a Certificate from The Architect of The Capitol certifying that your flag was flown as requested. If you mention in your letter that this flag is for *any* specific occasion, that information will be included on the certificate.

Standard Proportions for the United States Flag

<http://www.usflag.org/flag.specs.html>



Standard Proportions

- Hoist (width) of flag **(A)** 1.0
- Fly (length) of flag **(B)** 1.9
- Hoist (width) of Union **(C)** 0.5385 (7/13)
- Fly (length) of Union **(D)** 0.76
- (E)** 0.054
- (F)** 0.054
- (G)** 0.063
- (H)** 0.063
- Diameter of star **(K)** 0.0616
- Width of stripe **(L)** 0.0769 (1/13)

View the [Government drawing](#) (45k gif 1493 pixels w x 879 pixels h) specifying the Flags dimensions.

<http://www.usflag.org/fold.flag.html#FFC>

Flag Folding Ceremony

The flag folding ceremony described by the Uniformed Services is a dramatic and uplifting way to honor the flag on special days, like Memorial Day or Veterans Day, and is sometimes used at retirement ceremonies.

Here is a typical sequence of the reading:
(Begin reading as Honor Guard or Flag Detail is coming forward).

The flag folding ceremony represents the same religious principles on which our country was originally founded. The portion of the flag denoting honor is the canton of blue containing the stars representing the states our veterans served in uniform. The canton field of blue dresses from left to right and is inverted when draped as a pall on a casket of a veteran who has served our country in uniform.

In the Armed Forces of the United States, at the ceremony of retreat the flag is lowered, folded in a triangle fold and kept under watch throughout the night as a tribute to our nation's honored dead. The next morning it is brought out and, at the ceremony of reveille, run aloft as a symbol of our belief in the resurrection of the body. (Wait for the Honor Guard or Flag Detail to unravel and fold the flag into a quarter fold--resume reading when Honor Guard is standing ready.)

The first fold of our flag is a symbol of life.

The second fold is a symbol of our belief in the eternal life.

The third fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veteran departing our ranks who gave a portion of life for the defense of our country to attain a 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 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 eighth fold is a tribute to the one who entered in to the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day, and to honor mother, for whom it flies on mother's day.

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

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

The eleventh fold, in the eyes of a Hebrew citizen, represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon, and glorifies, in their eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

The twelfth fold, in the eyes of a Christian citizen, represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in their eyes, God the Father, the Son, and Holy Ghost.

When the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost, reminding us of our national motto, "In God we Trust."

(Wait for the Honor Guard or Flag Detail to inspect the flag--after the inspection, resume reading.)

After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served 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.

Texas Veterans Land Board

David Dewhurst, Chairman

http://www.glo.state.tx.us/vlb/ssact_vlb.html

Notice to Borrowers

As we move toward a situation where more and more Reservists and National Guard are being recalled to active duty, please be reminded of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940. The Act allows for a reduction in interest rates, protection from eviction, and delay of all civil court actions. A more [detailed explanation of the Act](#) is available, courtesy of the U.S. Department of Defense Web site.

The Texas Veterans Land Board (VLB) has gone a step further, deciding to defer all payments and interest on land loans during the activation period.

If recalled to serve, the VLB will "freeze" land loans. No payment, interest or penalty will accrue during the time service is activated. Once returned to a non-active status, the veteran will have a ninety-day grace period before returning to regular payments or working on any delinquency that was present when the loan was frozen. If the loan was forfeited *prior* to being recalled, the forfeited status will not change. However, VLB will not finalize foreclosure until the veteran is given the same ninety-day grace period and a chance to reinstate.

To begin this process, veterans must submit to the VLB a copy of their orders that show the activation date, as well as the return date.

The Act does not apply to active duty military personnel. It only applies to Reservists and National Guard who are recalled to an active status.

Pfizer for Living Share Card applications are available today by calling 1-800-717-6005 and additional information is available at

www.pfizerforliving.com. The program will be administered by Argus Health Systems, Inc., an independent provider of pharmacy claims processing.



<http://www.lillyanswers.com/>
LILLY OFFERS \$12 FLAT FEE PER PRESCRIPTION FOR MILLIONS OF NEEDY SENIORS WITHOUT COVERAGE

Beginning March 5, Medicare-enrolled seniors and disabled who meet eligibility requirements can apply for a LillyAnswers card by calling 1-877-RX-LILLY to request an application.



<http://www.pfizer.com/pfizerinc/about/sharecard/factsheet.html>

PFIZER TO PROVIDE HEALTH BENEFITS, INCLUDING \$15 FLAT FEE FOR PFIZER PRESCRIPTIONS, TO LOW-INCOME SENIORS ACROSS AMERICA

Department of Veterans Affairs

Burial Flags

<http://www.vba.va.gov/bln/21/Milsv/Docs/Flageng.doc>

A United States flag is provided, at no cost, to drape the casket or accompany the urn of a deceased veteran who served honorably in the U. S. Armed Forces. It is furnished to honor the memory of a veteran's military service to his or her country. Eligibility for Former Members of Selected Reserve were added by Section 571 of Public Law 105-261.

Generally, the flag is given to the next-of-kin, as a keepsake, after its use during the funeral service. When there is no next-of-kin, VA will furnish the flag to a friend making request for it. For those VA national Cemeteries with an Avenue of Flags, families of veterans buried in these national cemeteries may donate the burial flags of their loved ones to be flown on patriotic holidays.

You may apply for the flag by completing VA Form 2008, Application for United States Flag for Burial Purposes. You may get a flag at any VA regional office or U.S. Post Office. Generally, the funeral director will help you. [Visit Our Web Site at http://www.cem.va.gov](http://www.cem.va.gov)



<https://www.vhacom.net/WebSites/Anonymous/Vhacom.nsf>

Q: How do I apply for a low income exemption for prescriptions

A: To be considered for the low income exemption, a veteran must agree to provide income information to VA. VA compares your income to the limit set by law every year. If your income level is below this limit, you are exempt from the medication co-payment. If your income level is higher than this limit, you are not exempt.

In addition, certain veterans with short-term financial hardships may be eligible for a waiver of the co-payments. To obtain additional information regarding a waiver, contact the Fiscal Officer or VA Revenue Coordinator at your VA health care facility.

Q: I can't afford to make co-payments. What do I do?

A: There are two options: The first option is to request a waiver for paying your current debt. If you request a waiver, you must submit sufficient proof that you can not financially afford to make payment to the VA. This process could take several months; please contact the Medical Care Cost Recovery Coordinator at the VA medical center where you received care.

The second option is to request a hardship determination to avoid future debts. If you request a hardship, you are asking the VA to change your status from an Above the Means Test Threshold Category (Means Test Co-payment Required) to a Below the Means Test Threshold Category (Means Test Co-payment Exempt) veteran. You will need to submit specific financial information about your current year income. A decision will be made based on the information you provide. This applies to the medical co-payment only and not the prescription co-payments.

Please contact your local VA Medical Center for additional assistance.

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