



November 9, 2023
Salute to Veterans

YOUR COMMUNITY SALUTES ALL THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED IN THE ARMED FORCES! THANK YOU TO THE 478 VETERANS WHO HAVE SUBMITTED PHOTOS SINCE 2009 TO THE SIOUX VALLEY NEWS FOR THE SALUTE TO VETERANS SECTION. ALL ARE HEROES!

Canton Veterans Day Program

Friday, November 10, 2023 ~ 2:00pm

Canton Performing Arts Center

Honoring All Veterans

This program is sponsored by Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, Lincoln County Cruisers and Canton School District

WELCOME VETERANS

PLEASE STAND AS WE HONOR OUR VETS

Welcome

Elijah Anderson, Representative of Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Masters of Ceremonies

Kent Knudson, Principal of CMS & CHS

Presentation of Colors

Canton Boy Scouts, Canton Troop 60

Pledge of Allegiance & SD Flag Pledge

KP, KG & 1st Grade Students, Lawrence Elementary School

(Please stand and listen as the students recite and sign the Pledge of Allegiance/SD Flag Pledge)

"National Anthem"

CHS Hawkapella, Directed by Mr. Jacob Versteeg

Opening Prayer

Jon Spilichal-Larson, Pastor of Canton Lutheran Church

"My America" – Joyce Eilers

4th Grade Class, Directed by Miranda Mack Acc. by Jenna Stearns

Veterans by 5th Graders

5th Grade Students, Lawrence Elementary

"Thank You Veterans"

Sign Holders ~ 5A: Sawyer Harris, Taylor Stevens, Jack Devitt, Aiden

5A: Maisy Knudson ~ Easton Skiles

Gannon, Parker Sehr 5O: Abram Ulrikson, LilyAnn Sehr, Liz Fossum, Brynli

5O: Soleigh Steinmetz ~ Owen Biteler

Stearns, Kadem Miller, Gaige Anderson 5W: Soren Hill, Paislee Wickre,

5W: Charlie Karel ~ Liz Folkens

Aunika Bryant, Henry Feilmeier, Xander Veldhuizen

"Battle Hymn of the Republic"

Tamela Van Kalsbeek

"Importance of Caregivers"

Dan Rath, USD Geriatric Fellowship Program Director

Speakers

Sgt. Corey, Jenny & Connor Briest – Yankton, SD

Corey was severely injured in an IED explosion while deployed in Iraq in 2005. His son, Connor was just a year old when Corey was injured. In 2022, Connor enlisted in the National Guard in the same occupation & unit his father was in, as an artillery crewmember. Together with Corey's wife, Jenny, they are here to share their story.

Recognition of HS Students

Pierce Mastalir, CHS Senior Class of '24 – US Army
Casey Sheridan, CHS Senior - Class of '24 – US Marines

Veteran's Appreciation Quilt

Prairie Threads Quilt Guild of Canton- presented by members of the Quilt Guild

Awards to All Veterans

Presented by Lincoln County Cruisers

"Salute to America's Finest"

CHS Band – Small Ensemble, Directed by Mrs. Kristen Dunlap

US Army Banner

Payton Barnes, CMS 7th Grade Student

US Navy Banner

Tessa Thompson, CMS 7th Grade Student

US Coast Guard Banner

Michael Jorgenson, CMS 7th Grade Student

US Marine Banner

Lily McKenney, CMS 7th Grade Student

US Air Force Banner

Aden Schaeffer, CMS 7th Grade Student

Presentation of Thank You Cards

Colored by KP, KG & 1st Grade Students

Thank You

Rick Williamson, Sr. Vice Commander VFW Post 3164 Canton, SD

"God Bless America"

CHS Band – Please join in on chorus (on back page)

Ryan Kuper, Soloist, CHS 2024 Graduate

Retire Colors

Canton Boy Scouts, Canton Troop 60

Program Attendants: Briggs Jarman, Reed Wentz, Kambree Roberts, Mya Anderson, 6th Grade CMS Students

Please remain standing until all of our Veterans have exited the stage. Thank you!



No matter the division, we salute your service to our nation, its citizens and freedoms!

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A Call to Service

By: Kala Hazelhoff

Sgt. Corey Briest, a former artillery crewmember of the Yankton South Dakota National Guard, was severely injured during an IED explosion while deployed to Iraq in December of 2005. The explosion also killed multiple SD members of the 1-147th Field Artillery Battalion. Briest suffered terrible injuries, including a traumatic brain injury which caused him to have limited mobility and speech, along with some blindness. He had a prolonged stay at a hospital in California and made an outstanding recovery after working with occupational, speech and physical therapists. Corey, his wife Jenny, daughter, and son were able to come home to a fully handicap accessible home, thanks to their community stepping up to help.

Briest has always wanted to help people. Before leaving for Iraq, he had taken an EMT course, planning to come back home to become a paramedic. He even took his materials along to study and keep up on his knowledge while deployed. Briest currently still goes to therapies three times a week to keep up with what he has gained back. A therapist mentioned that they could have the equipment moved into their home for Corey to use, but he said no. He is committed to going to therapy on those days and views it as "his job" now.

During the time of the accident, Briest's son Connor was only a year old. While growing up, Connor witnessed all the trials and tribulations his father and family had to endure. He has been intrigued in the service from a young age, always wanting to dress up like an Army soldier. He showed interest in joining and had a family conversation about what that would look like, and if it was really something he truly wanted to do with his life. He was motivated to join by how his father acted during the challenges he went through. Aware more than others of the sacrifice it might mean but has also seen the brotherhood aspect that it has brought into his family's life. Connor joined the National Guard; in the same unit and occupation his father was in eighteen years ago. He has been through boot camp and graduated with honors at AIT training. Following in his father's footsteps, he has also taken an EMT course. He also attends Mitchell Technical Institute, with the goal to become an electrical power lineman. His parents have been proud of him throughout it all but remind him to make his own path along the way.

Briest will be joined by his wife Jenny at the Canton Veteran's Day Program on November 10th.



THANK YOU TO EVERY VETERAN

In times of conflict and in times of peace, the men and women of America's Armed Forces have dedicated themselves to protecting our freedom, our ideals, our security and our way of life for generations. On Veterans Day and every day, we salute America's veterans and military for their courage, their sacrifice and their service to this great country.

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HONORING OUR VETERANS

What Does It Mean To Say 'Thank You'?

Veterans Day is a time for us to pay our respects to those who have served. For one day, we stand united in respect for you, our veterans.

"When someone thanks me for my service it is a humbling experience," explained Harrisburg resident and Army veteran, Drew Sanders. "It's nice to know the unseen things we did and went through in far off countries are recognized and appreciated at home."

This holiday started as a day to reflect upon the heroism of those who died in our country's service and was originally called Armistice Day. It fell on Nov. 11 because that is the anniversary of the signing of the Armistice that ended World War I. However, in 1954, the holiday was changed to "Veterans Day" to account for all veterans in all wars.

Veterans Day is a federal holiday, a bank holiday and, in most states, a state holiday. That means that federal employees, including military members, are typically given the day off and, in most states, state workers are as well. It celebrates the service of all U.S. military veterans, while Memorial Day, a federal holiday on the last Monday in May, honors those who have died while in military service. Another military holiday that also occurs in May, Armed Forces Day, observed on the third Saturday in May, honors those currently serving in the U.S. military.

City of Harrisburg and American Legion Post #45 are bringing attention to Veterans Day this year with new patriotic banners around Lake Ole, including a US Flag display. An effort city officials say should set conditions for increased remembrance throughout the year.

"I think we're all a little guilty of 'living in the moment'," says Larry Klipfel, Director of Community Programming for the city. "We hope everyone can take one of those moments as you drive by or walk around Lake Ole to pause and reflect on veteran service."

Veterans Day is an important day to "thank veterans" as we show appreciation to members of our military, past and present. While many businesses will offer discounts to veterans, Klipfel reminds us that some of the best appreciation you can give is by simply showing up.

"That might mean attending a Veterans Day event, correctly flying the US Flag, or visiting the VA hospital to volunteer in some way," he says. Klipfel served for eight years as a Field Artillery officer completing one combat tour in Afghanistan.

The changing face of Americas veteran population

Many are heroes to us, but to them they are just normal people. They are modest. They don't look for publicity. They claim to just be doing their job. There are around 19 million U.S. veterans, according to data from the Department of Veterans Affairs, representing less than 10% of the total U.S. adult population.

"I was 16 during the attacks on 9/11 and decided that day that serving my country is something that I was going to do. During that time my older brother was already in the Army, so I followed in his footsteps," says Drew Sanders.

Sanders joined the Army in 2005 as an Airborne Infantryman in the 82nd Airborne Division in Fort Bragg, NC. He served one combat tour in Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Gulf War and Post 9/11-era veterans now account for the largest share of all U.S. veterans. VA estimates indicate there are 5.9 million American veterans who served during the Vietnam era and 7.8 million who served in the Gulf War era, which spans from August 1990 through the present. There are also around 240,000 World War II veterans and about 933,000 who served during the Korean conflict, the VA estimates.

For many, the transition back to civilian life is not easy. Struggles to find meaningful employment, difficulty in relationships, and behavioral health challenges can often be detractors to settling in.

Sanders says that his transition home to South Dakota was no cakewalk. "Many of my friends and family had left the area so it was lonely at times trying to find people to relate with. We all need help journeying through life. Being that support person or just a good neighbor might be your way of saying 'thanks' to a veteran."

A community of Veterans

Gulf War and Post 9/11-era veterans represent senior citizens down the late 20-somethings currently serving. They are your high school teachers, administrative professionals, HVAC specialists, musicians, and much more.

Wondering where are the veterans in your community? Veterans and active-duty military owners of a vehicle may have special license plates with service insignia. The US flag or P.O.W. flag in the neighbor's yard might be an indicator, too. Or maybe it's a hat or shirt from their time in service. It won't take you long to start noticing.

Harrisburg is a Purple Heart City, which is part of the Purple Heart Trail—a symbolic and honorary system of roads, highways, bridges, and other monuments that give tribute to the men and women who have been awarded the Purple Heart medal. Neighboring communities on the Trail include Canton, Garretson, Parker, and Sioux Falls.

Veterans in Harrisburg are active in many ways. From involvement in service organizations, to employees at the Veterans Administration, activities and support to the School District, Chamber of Commerce, and many more, American Legion Post #45 is leading the way.

"For many of us, our commitment to service didn't end when we hung up our uniforms," says Nate Blom, Vice Commander of Post #45. "From local events to the state legislature, the American Legion doesn't stop finding ways to thank our veterans."

The men and women of the Legion and its Auxiliary serve Legion Baseball, volunteer at Harrisburg Days, bear the Colors at high school sporting events, and host many fundraisers throughout the year.

"The flags at Lake Ole will be put up throughout the year to honor and bring awareness to veteran issues."

American Legion Post #45 meets the second Monday of the month at 7:00pm at Legion Hall, 300 E Main Street.

Say it, or fly it, like you mean it

With many deals and discounts abounding, Eric Tutt, manager of ACE Hardware in Harrisburg, wants to be a resource for saying "thank you." Tutt served in the US Army as a small arms repair specialist, employs two other veterans, and wants everyone to know about proper flag etiquette.

Respect for the flag is important. So much so, that Congress enacted a law around it. "You'll see our US flag flying all year round out front. And when it starts to get tattered, we take it down and replace it," said Tutt.

To help with this, ACE Hardware has a drop box for you inside the main entrance. "If you see your neighbor's looking too worn, offer to help them bring it down and we'll get it properly disposed of."

Veterans seeing resources are encouraged to contact Susan Irons at the Lincoln County Veteran Service Office 605 764 5571 (open Monday and Tuesday)



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Flag display and disposal

The federal flag code says the universal custom is to display the U.S. flag from sunrise to sunset on buildings and stationary flagstaffs in the open, but when a patriotic effect is desired the flag may be displayed 24-hours a day if properly illuminated during the hours of darkness. Also, the U.S. flag should not be displayed when the weather is inclement, except when an all-weather flag is displayed.

Displaying the Flag:

On Same Staff

U.S. flag at peak, above any other flag.

Grouped

U.S. flag goes to its own right. Flags of other nations are flown at same height.

Marching

U.S. flag to marchers right (observer's left).

On Speaker's Platform

When displayed with a speaker's platform, it must be above and behind the speaker. If mounted on a staff it is on the speaker's right.

Decoration

Never use the flag for decoration. Use bunting with the blue on top, then white, then red.

Salute

All persons present in uniform should render the military salute. Members of the armed forces and veterans who are present but not in uniform may render the military salute. All other persons present should face the flag and stand at attention with their right hand over the heart, or if applicable, remove their headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart.

Over a Street Union (stars) face north or east depending on the direction of the street.

Half Staff

On special days, the flag may be flown at half-staff. On Memorial Day it is flown at half-staff until noon and then raised.

Do not let the flag touch the ground.

Do not fly flag upside down unless there is an emergency.

Do not carry the flag flat, or carry things in it.

Do not use the flag as clothing.

Do not store the flag where it can get dirty.

Do not use it as a cover.

Do not fasten it or tie it back. Always allow it to fall free.

Do not draw on, or otherwise mark the flag.

Flag Disposal:

1. The flag should be folded in its customary manner.

2. It is important that the fire be fairly large and of sufficient intensity to ensure complete burning of the flag.

3. Place the flag on the fire.

4. The individual(s) can come to attention, salute the flag, recite the Pledge of Allegiance and have a brief period of silent reflection.

5. After the flag is completely consumed, the fire should then be safely extinguished and the ashes buried.

6. Please make sure you are conforming to local/state fire codes or ordinances.

Note: Please contact your local American Legion if you'd like assistance or more information on proper flag disposal.

To help aid in the proper disposal of worn flags, the *Sioux Valley News* will accept old flags at the office, 213 E. 5th in Canton for the Canton American Legion. The *Sioux Valley News* will then deliver the flags to the American Legion to be disposed of properly.




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August 2022, the Canton Chamber of Commerce paid tribute to veterans through Canton Civil Wars Days.

Canton's first Civil War Days was held on N. Bridge Street in Canton, with over 1,000 spectators in attendance. The event was complete with two reenactments of actual Civil War battles, nature trails to explore, historically recreated camp sites for both the Union and Confederate Armies, debates/conversations between President Abraham Lincoln and abolitionist Frederick Douglass, several food trucks and vendors, a Sunday morning community church service, activities for kids and more.

A Civil War Ball was also held on Saturday night in Jack Fox Park, and reenactors marched through Forest Hill Cemetery on Sunday morning to salute and pay tribute to the Civil War Veterans who are buried in the cemetery. While the Civil War did not occur on South Dakota soil, many Veterans settled in Lincoln County following the war and over 80 are buried in Forest Hill alone. Each of their names were read aloud in a short ceremony by Bill Peterson and Romy Klessen.

The two battles that were reenacted over the weekend were the Battle of Champion Hill (May 16, 1863) on Saturday and Hatcher's Run (February 5-7, 1865) on Sunday. The following excerpts from the event program explain the significance of the battles:

The battle of Champion Hill was one snippet of the Vicksburg Campaign. The Union victory there and other places along the line forced the Confederates into the fortifications at Vicksburg. There were tense moments on various parts of the field as CSA General Pemberton advanced. General Grant unexpectedly moved units that slowed down the CSA Army.

Saturday's battle helped explain how the US Troops, though pushed back, were able to slow the attack until the rest of the US Army came up for the counter attack.

In the battle of Hatcher's Run, the stalemate around Petersburg had entered its 8th month. General Grant had extended his line stretching the Confederates thin. General Warren's fifth Corp pushed their opponents back over Hatcher's Run, allowing the siege line around Petersburg to be extended and of course, ended in a victory at Petersburg. Sunday's engagement reflected Union units pushing back an outpost over the run.



A Richly Deserved Salute To Our Veterans

This Veterans Day, What Will Your Commitment Be?

By Virginia Olson

This year marks the 105th anniversary of the last day of World War I – the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918. In November 1919, President Woodrow Wilson decreed that Nov. 11 should be observed as Armistice Day with companies honoring the occasion of suspending business for two minutes at 11 a.m. and communities holding subsequent parades and events.

In 1938, Congress made Armistice Day a legal federal holiday. In 1954, Veteran organizations successfully lobbied Congress to change the name of the observation to Veterans Day to include and honor the efforts of those who fought in WW II and the Korean War. In 1968, the federal government passed legislation to observe legal holidays on Mondays, arguing that three-day weekends would encourage travel and recreation, thus stimulating the economy.

But the significance of the date was not lost on President Gerald Ford. During his term, Veterans Day was moved back to Nov. 11 to honor its history.

Today, U.S. military officials point out that many people confuse Memorial Day with Veterans Day. Memorial Day honors military personnel who died in battle or as a result of their wounds. Veterans Day is set aside to thank and honor those who served in the military, in wartime and in peacetime. It is intended to thank living veterans for their services, to acknowledge their contributions to national security and to underscore their sacrifice and duty.

And there is a business side to military service, too. Training, discipline, leadership accountability, loyalty – the traits that are ingrained in the military are just as important to business success. Service members are asked to do jobs that no one really wants to do. They aren't offered a choice to say no.

South Dakota's citizen soldiers and airmen are also among these ranks. Serving as airmen and soldiers in the SD National Guard whether at home or abroad, requires a sense of purpose, uncompromising integrity and fierce humility. As a force, they stand strong – and always ready.

The U.S. Census Bureau estimates there are 16.5 million living veterans out of our total population of 331.9 million. Statistically, that gives up plenty of opportunity to personally say thanks for their service.

This history lesson has a reason: No other group in American history deserves recognition more than our veterans. Their selfless acts merit gratitude and reflection. As a Veterans Day request, please show your appreciation for those who have served.

Veterans, we salute you!

Ways to Express Appreciation on Veterans Day

- Ask questions about a veteran's service. Don't say 'thank you' and walk away
- Have a conversation about what's going on in the military today. There are many different websites that provide good information
- Vote and choose your elected officials carefully. After all, that's one of the freedoms our military protects
- Serve others. Respect your fellow citizens and serve the community



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On June 14, 1923 the National Flag Code was adopted at the National Flag Conference.

The meeting was held in Washington D.C. to establish procedures for displaying the United States Flag. The code was based on Army and Navy practices. In 1942, Congress passed a joint resolution to make the Flag Code a law.

Today, we celebrate June 14 as Flag Day.

Although it is a law, there are no penalties and the Flag Code is a voluntary guide for showing respect to the U.S. Flag. Forty-seven states have their own laws

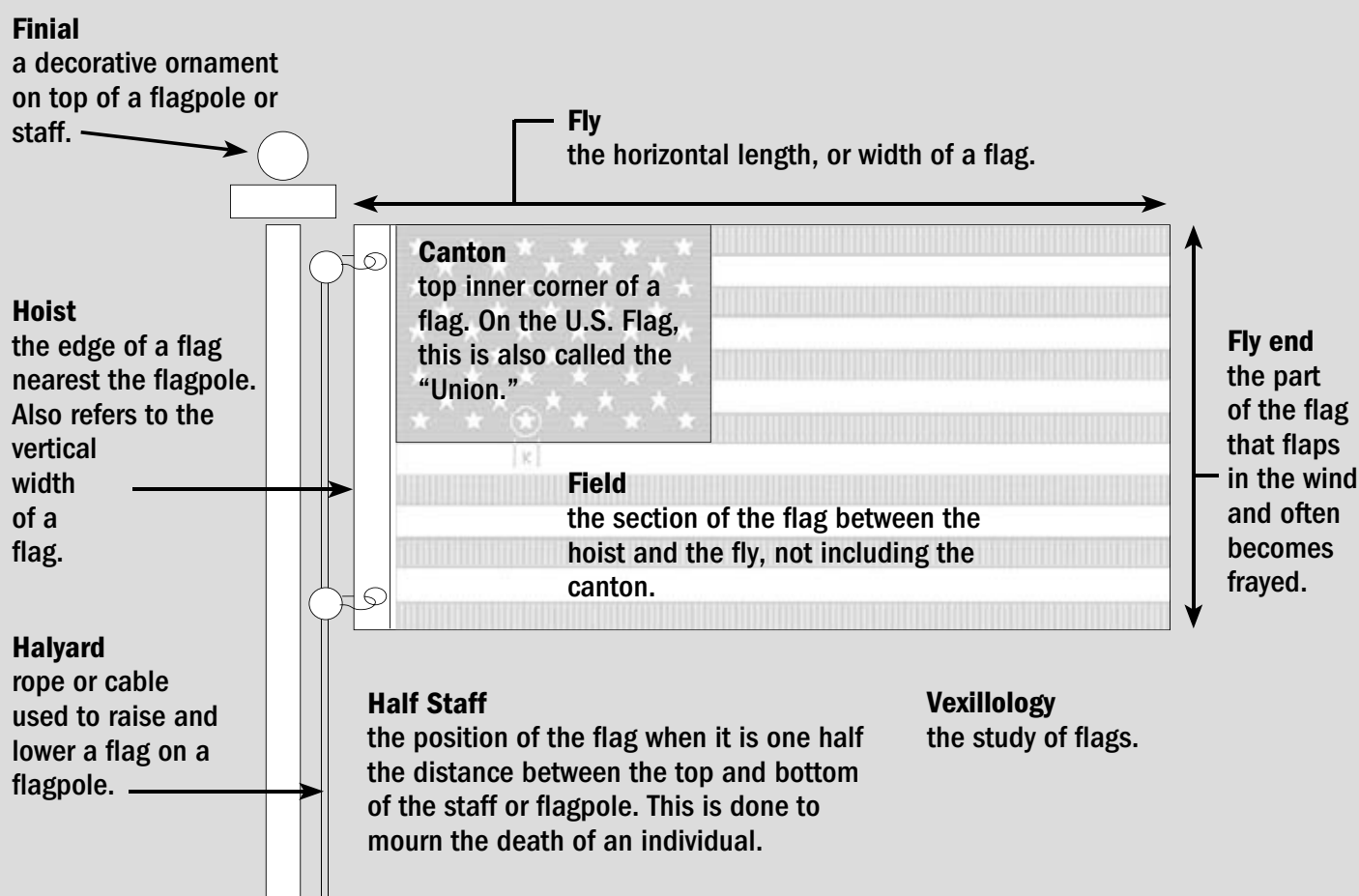
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Flag Etiquette

- ★ The U.S. Flag should be displayed from sunrise to sunset, unless it is well lit during the darkness.
- ★ The U.S. Flag should always be placed above other flags and pennants. There is one exception during a special Navy ceremony at sea.
- ★ On a stage, the U.S. Flag should always be placed behind the speaker and to his/her right.
- ★ When hanging the U.S. Flag vertically or horizontally from a wall or window, the canton, or union, should be at the top right of the flag. When you face the flag, it should be on your left.
- ★ On Memorial Day, the U.S. Flag is flown at half staff until noon, and then raised until sunset.
- ★ The President of the United States, governors and limited other government officials may direct the U.S. Flag to be flown at half staff.

- ★ The U.S. Flag should not be allowed to touch the ground, but if it does, you are not required to destroy it as long as it is still suitable for display.
- ★ It is acceptable to wash or dry clean a U.S. Flag to keep it in good shape.
- ★ Only all-weather U.S. Flags made of non-absorbent material should be displayed during bad weather.
- ★ When a U.S. Flag has served its life, it should be destroyed, preferably by burning. Many American Legion posts have special ceremonies on Flag Day, June 14. You may have your own ceremony to discreetly burn worn out flags.
- ★ Never use a U.S. Flag to cover a statue or monument or drape the flag over the hood, top, sides or back of a vehicle, train or boat.
- ★ The U.S. Flag should not be used as wearing apparel, including costumes or athletic uniforms, bedding or drapery.
- ★ Every schoolhouse should display the U.S. Flag during school days.
- ★ The U.S. Flag should never be used for advertising purposes.

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1. Look through your newspaper for pictures and stories of holidays, events and deaths where the U.S. Flag will be displayed.
2. Write an editorial giving your opinion on this topic: Should there be a Constitutional amendment making it illegal to burn our flag in protest or is burning the flag an expression that is part of our Freedom of Speech?

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