

to be known as "The Star-Spangled Banner."

In 1818 Congress passed a third act in relation to the stars and stripes that provided for the original alternating thirteen, with one star to represent each state. Today's flag--thirteen stripes and 50 stars--is a clear statement that this arrangement has not since been altered.

The Flag-- Its Display

It is the universal custom to display the national flag from sunrise to sunset on buildings and on stationary flagstaves in the open on all days that weather permits, but especially on national and state holidays and other days that may be proclaimed by the President of the United States. On Memorial Day, the U.S. flag should be half-staffed until noon.

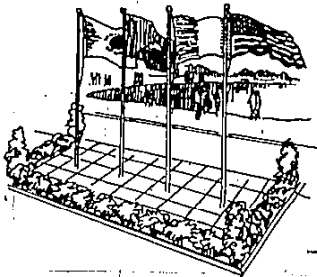
The U.S. flag may be displayed at night when it is desired to produce a patriotic effect.

The U.S. flag should be displayed on or near the main building of every public institution, during school days in or near every schoolhouse, and in or near every polling place on election days.

Always hoist the U.S. flag briskly. Lower it ceremoniously.

When displayed outdoors with other flags, the position of honor for the U.S. flag is the U.S. flag's own right, which is normally the extreme left position as the flags are most frequently viewed.

When the U.S. flag is displayed on a pole projecting from a building, the union of the flag should be placed at the peak of the staff unless the flag is at half-staff. When suspended from a rope extending from the building on a pole, the flag should be hoisted out, union first, from the building.



When flags of two or more nations are displayed: In this circumstance, all the flags including the U.S. flag are to be flown from separate staffs of the same height. The flags should be of approximately equal size. International usage forbids the display of the flag of one nation above that of another nation in time of peace.

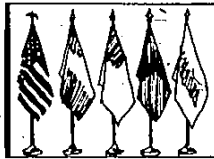
When other flags are flown from the same halyard: the U.S. flag should always be at the peak. When other flags are flown from adjacent staffs, the U.S. flag should be hoisted first and lowered last. No flag may fly above or to the right of the U.S. flag.

When flown at half staff: the U.S. flag should be first hoisted to the peak for a moment and then lowered to the half staff position. The

flag should be again raised to the peak before it is lowered for the day.

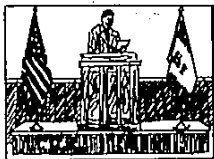
The U.S. flag should form a distinctive feature at the ceremony of unveiling a statue or monument, but should never be used as the covering for the statue or monument.

When the U.S. flag is used to cover a casket, it should be so placed that the union is at the head and over the left shoulder. The flag should not be lowered into the grave or allowed to touch the ground.



The U.S. flag should be at the center and at the highest point of the group when a number of flags of States or localities or pennants of societies are grouped and displayed from staffs. When the U.S. flag is on display with flags of other nations, all staffs should be of equal height with the U.S. flag in the position of honor at the U.S. flag's own right, which is the extreme left as the flags are viewed.

The U.S. flag, when displayed with another flag against a wall from crossed staffs, should be on the U.S. flag's own right, and its staff should be in front of the staff of the other flag.



In the chancel of a church or on a speaker's platform the U.S. flag is placed to the speaker's right. Other flags are to be placed to the speaker's left. When displayed elsewhere than in the chancel or on the platform, the U.S. flag should be placed at the right of the audience as they face the platform. Other flags are to be to the left of the audience.

If displayed flat against the wall on a speaker's platform, the U.S. flag should be placed above and behind the speaker with the union of the flag in the upper left hand corner as the audience faces the flag.

The U.S. flag, when carried in a procession with another or other flags, should be either on the marching right (the flag's own right) or, if there is a line of other flags, in front of the center of that line. Never display the U.S. flag from a float except from a staff, or so suspended that its folds fall free as though staffed.

(The information presented about the flag is based on Public Law 829--77th Congress and Amendments thereto.)

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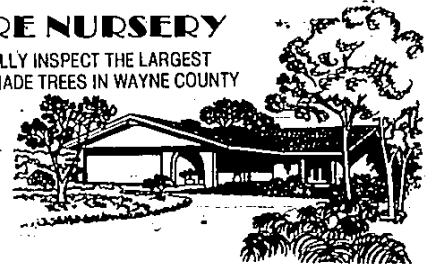
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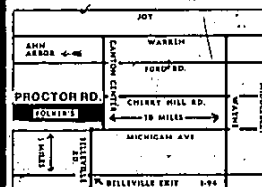
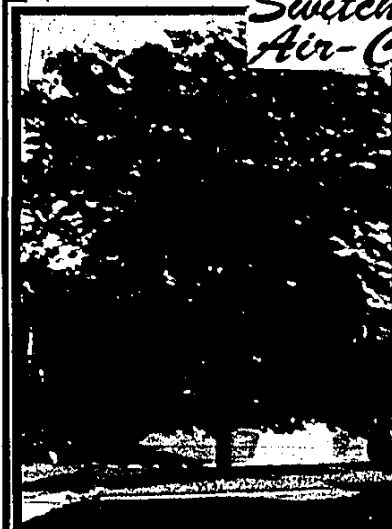
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