



## Directeur Americanism Grande du Indiana



*Dear Parents,*

The Forty & Eight Veterans organization has presented your child with an American Flag, in keeping with our National Program. The purpose of this program is to ensure that all youth will have their own American Flag. May they learn to love it, honor it, and protect it as so many millions of Americans have done before them.

### **Displaying the Flag**

When the Flag of the United States is on display, the flag is accorded the place of Honor, always positioned at its own right. It should be placed to the right of the speaker, singing area or sanctuary. Other flags should be to the left. The Flag should be at the center and at the highest point of the group when a number of flags of states, localities, or societies are grouped for display.

When flown with flags of states, communities, or societies on separate flag poles which are of the same height, and in a straight line, the Flag is always placed in the position of honor – to its own right.

The Flag is always the first to be raised and the last to be lowered. The Flag should be raised briskly and lowered ceremoniously. Ordinarily, it should be displayed only between sunrise and sunset and should be illuminated if displayed at night.

When flown with the national banner of other countries, each flag must be displayed from a separate pole of the same height. Each flag should be the same size. They should be raised and lowered simultaneously. The flag of one nation may not be displayed above that of another country.

When the National Anthem is played or sung, citizens should stand at attention and salute at the first note and hold the salute through the last note. The salute is directed toward the Flag, if displayed, otherwise to the music. Those in uniform should use the hand salute; civilians should place the right hand over their heart.

### **To place the Flag at half-staff**

Hoist it to the peak for an instant and then lower it to a position halfway between the top and the bottom of the staff. The Flag is to be raised again to the peak before it is lowered. On Memorial Day, the Flag is displayed at half-staff until noon and to full staff from noon to sunset.

When the Flag is lowered, no part of it should touch the ground or any other object; it should be received by waiting hands and arms. To store the Flag, it should be folded neatly and ceremoniously. First, fold it length wise in half, then repeat with the blue field on the outside. Finally, while one person holds the blue field, another makes a triangular fold in the opposite end and continues to fold it in triangles until the Flag resembles a cocked hat with only the blue showing.

When the Flag is no longer fit to serve as the symbol of our country, it should be destroyed by burning in a dignified manner. Specific instructions on how the Flag is not to be displayed is contained in the U.S. Flag Code (Public Law 829-77). NOTE: They can be dropped off at most Veterans organization posts.