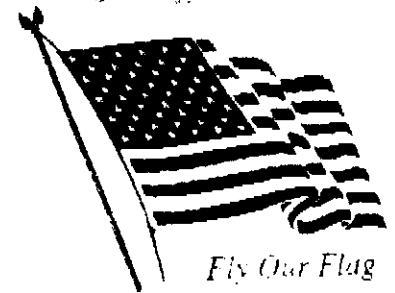


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Admiral **E. R. Zumwalt, U.S.N. (Ret)**

Dear Admiral Zumwalt,

I wanted to send you a few lines to let you know that National Flag Celebration Inc. is alive and struggling despite the apathy of many that would have you believe patriotism is dead, however, contrary to that belief those of us who care about our flag and what it represents are determined to see that Old Glory receives the honor and respect that it deserves

We are now in the process of final plans for our upcoming week of celebration here in Vincennes. This year we will have the Disney Mickey Mouse as our Grand Marshal on Sunday, June 15th. We are expecting a large turnout for this occasion. Children from ages 0-100 will enjoy the famous Disney character. We thank Disney and our local Wabash CableVision for this surprise.

I often see you at hearings on the Hill or at times on the history channel and I am glued to the television watching as you testify before committees. Needless to say that from a former Air Corp. person you are one of the finest leaders our country has seen and I hope more Admiral Zumwalts come along in the future.

My son David had a great retirement in Denver from the Navy and it was very emotional as he loved his Navy and sailors with all his heart. He admonished the officers as he took his last walk that they should take care of his sailors and they would take care of the them. Many tears were shed at that retirement program. He was loved by all in his command and they showed that love and respect. Your letter that was sent was read at the retirement program and David remarked your letter was more important than that of the President.

We wish you could be with us and share in our excitement.

Kind regards,

*George E. Lane*  
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