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Mail form and check or money order to National Flag Celebration Inc., P.O. Box 953, Vincennes, IN 47591. All proceeds from the sale of plates will allow NFCI to further patriotic and educational goals.

## An Invitation to... NFCI Annual Celebration

Each year National Flag Celebration Inc. hosts a week-long celebration beginning on June 7th and ending on Flag Day, June 14. Various patriotic events are planned, including concerts, children's contests, dances, parade, banquet, awards presentation and memorial service. Because each year's festival schedule varies, NFCI invites you to call 812-882-4960 or write to P.O. Box 953 Vincennes, IN 47591 for a calendar of events

### A warm welcome awaits you in Vincennes at our historical sites... where history comes alive.

- \* George Rogers Clark National Historical Park
  - \* Indiana Territory Capitol (Oldest government building in the Midwest)
  - \* Grouseland (Home of William Henry Harrison, first Governor of the Indiana territory and ninth President of the United States)
  - \* Birthplace of Author Maurice Thompson ( Author of "Alice of Old Vincennes")
  - \* The Old French House
  - \* Elihu Stout Print Shop
  - \* Sonotabac Prehistoric Mound
  - \* Vincennes University ---Founded 1801
  - \* Old Cathedral---Founded 1702
- 500 MOTEL ROOMS AVAILABLE**  
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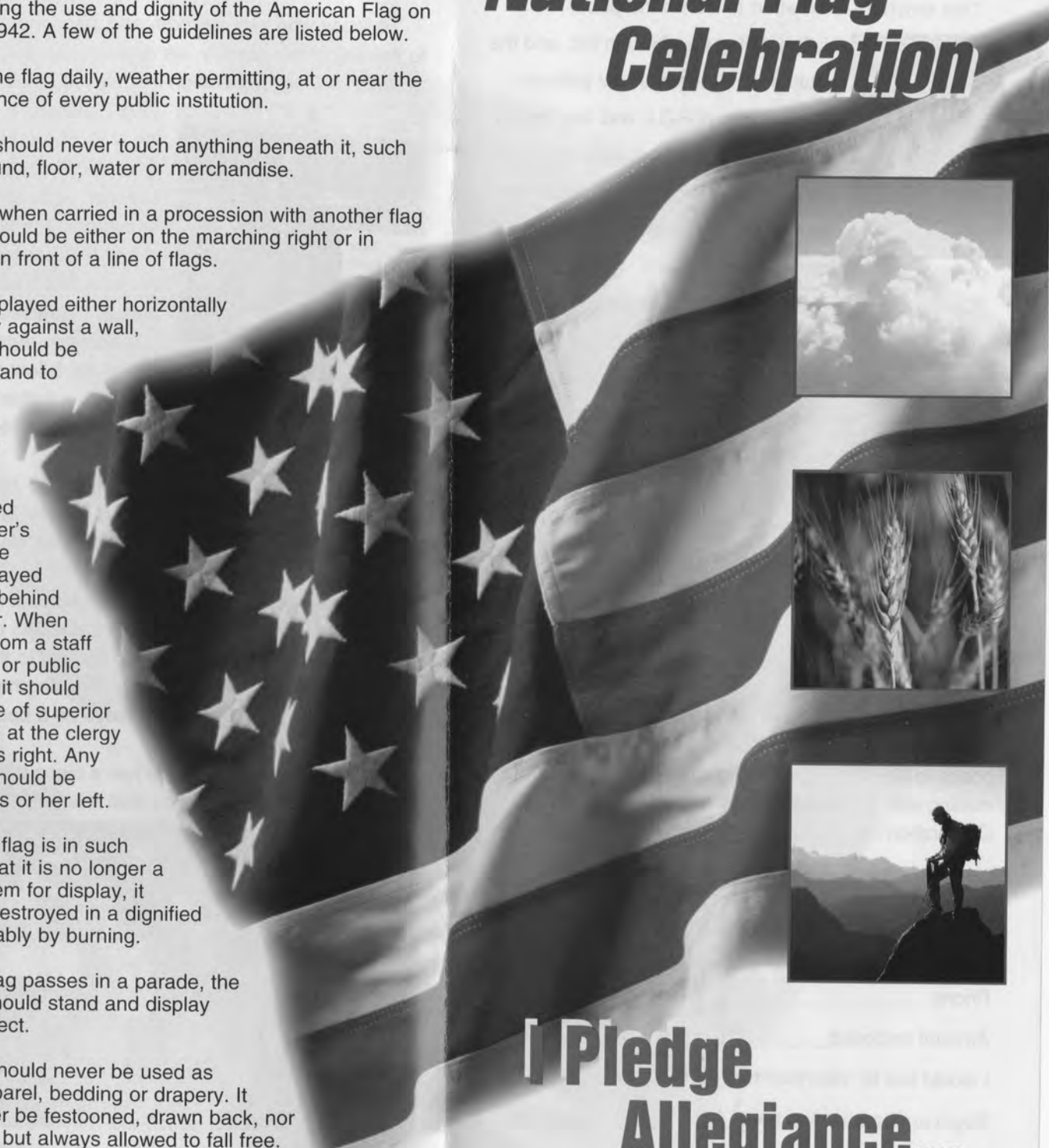
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## FLAG ETIQUETTE

The U.S. Congress established a set of rules and protocol governing the use and dignity of the American Flag on June 22, 1942. A few of the guidelines are listed below.

- \* Display the flag daily, weather permitting, at or near the main entrance of every public institution.
- \* The flag should never touch anything beneath it, such as the ground, floor, water or merchandise.
- \* The flag, when carried in a procession with another flag or flags, should be either on the marching right or in the center in front of a line of flags.
- \* When displayed either horizontally or vertically against a wall, the union should be uppermost and to the flag's own right (observer's left).
- \* When used on a speaker's platform, the flag is displayed above and behind the speaker. When displayed from a staff in a church or public auditorium, it should hold a place of superior prominence at the clergy or speaker's right. Any other flag should be placed to his or her left.
- \* When the flag is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, it should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning.
- \* When a flag passes in a parade, the audience should stand and display proper respect.
- \* The flag should never be used as wearing apparel, bedding or drapery. It should never be festooned, drawn back, nor up, in folds, but always allowed to fall free.

## Beautifully America... Fly Our Flag National Flag Celebration



# I Pledge Allegiance...

## A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN



George E. Lane

This brochure is an effort to inform the public of National Flag Celebration Inc. and the goals and purposes of our patriotic organization. N.F.C.I. was founded in July 1989, for the purpose of promoting patriotism, honor and respect for the flag of our country, as well as the ideals it represents.

During peace time, the flag often has little significance or meaning to many Americans, but to those of us who served our nation or fought to defend that symbol, our flag has great significance, a deep significance that the defended can never fully appreciate. I urge everyone to join in the annual Flag Celebration the week of June 7th through June 14th in Vincennes, Indiana!

**Beautify America: Fly the Flag of our Country and enjoy the freedom it represents.**



The Board of Directors of NFCI invite all who would participate in furthering the causes championed by its purposes to become a part by completing this form and mailing with a monetary donation to National Flag Celebration Inc., P.O., Box 953, Vincennes, IN 47591

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City & State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to: volunteer for \_\_\_\_\_

Begin an organization here \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

## Philosophy of National Flag Celebration Inc.

To those who love freedom and pay honor and respect to the flag of our country, we dedicate our purpose:

National Flag Celebration Inc. was founded in July 1989, following a decision by the U.S. Supreme Court's edict that "to burn, mutilate, damage, walk upon, deface or disgrace our beloved flag in any manner was not unlawful and it was without penalty." Needless to say that decision enraged mil-



Lt. Col. Matt Urban, Medal of Honor recipient.

lions of our fellow countrymen and women. We, as Americans, have a better way to honor and respect our beloved flag and the ideals it represents.

We enlisted the support of local patriotic Americans to start. We then went on to enlist the support of freedom loving people everywhere, and that is how National Flag Celebration Inc. was founded.

To those Americans who support our cause, patriotism is not a one, two or three-day affair. It is 365 days per year. We should show honor and respect to the flag of our country every day of the year. The flag has stood the test over and over, and it will always be a beacon for all who love freedom.

Some would say the flag is just a piece of cloth: true, but much more are the ideals that this beautiful emblem



Teachers and Fifth graders from North Knox Central Elementary show posters of the fifty states, during 1993 Flag Celebration Parade in Vincennes, Indiana.

represents. The flag is many things to many people. It represents all those who have served in our Armed Forces over the years in peace time or war. It represents Gold Star mothers and fathers, wives and husbands who gave up their loved ones, children who lost their parents for the freedom of others. It also represents the permanently disabled veterans who return home with less of a body than when they left to serve.



General William C. Westmoreland and Vincennes University President Dr. Phillip Summers

Yes, that is why we pay honor and respect to the flag of these United States, for it represents all of the above. Not to pay respect would be a disgrace to those we revere.

We invite those who believe as we do, to join with the National Flag Celebration Inc. in our patriotic cause.

## Goals of National Flag Celebration Inc.

1. Promote patriotism, honor and respect for our flag and the ideals it represents.
2. Encourage flag education in all fifth grade classes across this nation.
3. Organize self-help for homeless veterans and their families in all states, to give them a hand up instead of a hand out so they will once again have their dignity and become taxpaying citizens.
4. Actively support those who are involved in protecting our environment.
5. Expand our "Students of the World" program, a program designed to bring better understanding between the students of our country and those of foreign nations attending our institutions of higher education. These are the leaders of tomorrow, and it is far better that we understand one another now than to meet on a battlefield later.



NFCI Treasurer Jerry McGaughey and Chairman George Lane observe the Flag Celebration in Vincennes, IN, with General William C. Westmoreland.

## - Dignity and Love -

Once upon a time I was the beginning you anxiously awaited.  
Now I can pass you by in a parade.  
And you are too busy to notice me,  
waiting for the floats and bands to start.

Once you loved me so, you pledged your life to me,  
Said you would even die for me.  
Used to be you were so very proud of me,  
You treated me respectfully. No scoff nor scorn was shown.  
You even gave me my own special day.  
So I could see your love for me on display.  
That seems so long ago.

Now I feel disgraced.  
I've been spit upon, Set on fire,  
Tattered and torn, Bullet holes and blood.  
Going places I wasn't wanted,

But worst of all —  
Being thrown in a heap across a counter top,  
Washed with soap and water,  
Dried in a dryer, Hung as a window shade,  
Even sat upon. These things and more  
Make me question your love for me.  
After caring for you all these years.  
If I could cry, there would be a torrent of tears.

Is it too much to ask, that some of my dignity be restored?

Tell others that I stand for Freedom and Rights for all,  
Of my love for you.  
Teach your children to cherish me. And to hold me dear.

For sometimes I fear I might someday, somehow disappear.

To be remembered, as if in make believe,  
To seem only as someone's dream.

I need your love always. Not just special times.

To keep My Stars shining.  
My Stripes glowing. My Red so bright.  
My White so shimmering. My Blue so brilliant.

I need to know you still love me.  
A little bow of your head,  
Your hand upon your heart. The persons next to you will see,  
You do still care for me. Standing up might be too brave.

It just makes it easier to see you  
As I wave.

Sharon Rodney  
McMinnsville, Oregon