Flag Care

Fly Ends: Watch for the first signs of fraying. Flag can be trimmed and re-hemmed, greatly prolonging the life of the flag.

Windy Days: High winds are extremely tough on flags. If at all possible take down the flag when winds exceed 30 mph.

Rain or Snow: For best results, do not expose your flag to these elements. If exposed, after a heavy rain or snow storm.take down flag and spread out to dry. **DO NOT FOLD OR ROLL UP A WET FLAG!**

Air Pollution: To minimize the effects of dirt, air, smoke, car emissions, etc. keep flag clean. Having two flags and interchanging them is highly recommended to prolong the life of the flag.

Cleaning the Flag: Nylon flags can be hand-washed in a mild detergent. Cotton and polyester flags should be dry-cleaned (A majority of dry-cleaners will dry-clean an American flag at no charge.)

Expected Life of a Flag: Sensible care can give you better return on that investment in terms of longer life. The U.S. Government generally expects an outdoor flag to last approximately 90 days when flown from dawn until dusk in good weather.

Flag Disposal: The U.S. Flag code states that when a flag is in such a condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, it should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning. Many Veteran and Civic Organizations will propery dispose of a flag at no cost.

Flag Flying Holidays

The U.S. Flag may be flown every day, especially on the following: For further information and updates please visit **www.nava.org**

- **January 1** New Year's Day
- **January 20th** Inauguration Day
- **3rd Monday in January** Martin Luther King's Birthday
- **February 12th** Lincoln's Birthday
- **3rd Monday in February** Presidents Day
- **February 22nd** Washington's Birthday
- **April 6th** Army Day
- **Easter Sunday**
- **3rd Saturday in May** Armed Forces Day
- **Last Monday in May** Memorial Day
- **May 30th** Memorial Day - Traditional
- **June 14th** Flag Day
- **July 4th** Independence Day
- **1st Monday in September** Labor Day
- **September 11th** Patriot Day
- **September 17th** Constitution Day
- **2nd Monday in October** Columbus Day
- **November 11th** Veteran's Day
- **4th Thursday in November** Thanksgiving Day
- **December 7th** Pearl Harbor Day
- **December 25th** Christmas Day

Other Recommended Flag Flying Days:

- **May 8th** V-E Day
- **2nd Sunday in May** Mother's Day
- **3rd Sunday in June** Father's Day
- **August 14th** V-J Day
- **August 19th** National Aviation Day
- **October 27th** Navy Day
- **1st Tuesday in** November, Election Day
- **November 10th** Marine Corps. Birthday

Valley Forge Flag History

Our flags supported our armed forces as they landed on the beaches of Normandy, and rolled through the European Campaign. They were there as our service men and women bravely turned the tide in the Pacific. In fact, it was a Valley Forge Flag that was raised on Mt. Suribachi on Iwo Jima. Our flags have been involved in the Korean Conflict, the Vietnam War, the invasion of Panama, Somalia, and the most recent wars. Our flags are with our troops and we support them.Valley Forge Flags have also draped the coffins of American Presidents for the last four decades, including Dwight D. Eisenhower, Lyndon Baines Johnson, and Richard M. Nixon, and most notably, John F. Kennedy. Valley Forge Flags have even left this Earth. They were part of the first Apollo mission to the moon, and are a regular traveler on the Space Shuttle missions. Serving America since the early 1900's, Valley Forge Flag is proud of being part of the essential fabric of our country's history.