



THE AMERICAN LEGION'S MEANINGS FOR

THE FOLDS OF THE AMERICAN FLAG

The **1ST FOLD** of our flag is a symbol of life.

The **2ND FOLD** is a symbol of our belief in eternal life.

The **3RD FOLD** is made in honor and remembrance of the veteran departing our ranks, and who gave a portion of his or her life for the defense of our country to attain peace throughout the world.

The **4TH FOLD** represents our weaker nature; as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace, as well as in times of war, for His divine guidance.

The **5TH FOLD** is a tribute to our country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, "Our country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right, but it is still our country, right or wrong."

The **6TH FOLD** is for where our hearts lie. It is with our heart that we pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

The **7TH FOLD** is a tribute to our armed forces, for it is through the armed forces that we protect our country and our flag against all enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of our republic.

The **8TH FOLD** is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day, and to honor our mother, for whom it flies on Mother's Day.

The **9TH FOLD** is a tribute to womanhood, for it has been through their faith, love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great have been molded.

The **10TH FOLD** is a tribute to father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of our country since he or she was first born.

The **11TH FOLD**, in the eyes of Hebrew citizens, represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies, in their eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

The **12TH FOLD**, in the eyes of a Christian citizen, represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in their eyes, God the Father, the Son and Holy Ghost.

When the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost, reminding us of our national motto, "In God We Trust."



17th Wake Forest
**MEMORIAL
FLAG-RAISING
CEREMONY**

HONORING
SGT. JAMES E. STEFFENS,
US MARINE CORPS

APRIL 3, 2017 ★ 11 A.M.

WAKE FOREST TOWN HALL ★ CENTENNIAL PLAZA

PRESIDING

Jim Dyer

RETIRING THE COLORS FOR*

Lt. John E. Wooten, Jr., US Merchant Marine

PRESENTATION TO FAMILY

Commissioner Greg Harrington

INVOCATION

Shari Tompkins

PRESENTING THE COLORS FOR*

Sgt. James E. Steffens, US Marine Corps

'AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL'

Daniel Bell

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE*

Savannah & Jason Burns

Gavin & Reagan Heaward

James, Audrey, Jaden & Anna Tompkins

REMARKS

Shari Tompkins

PLACING THE WREATH

Jimmy Tompkins, Todd Heaward & Jamie Burns

TAPS

Instrumental

'AMAZING GRACE'

Daniel Bell

MAY 1, 2017 CEREMONY

Jim Dyer

BENEDICTION

Jim Dyer

*Audience stands at attention if able



PRESENTED BY

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American Legion Auxiliary Unit 187, Wake Forest Purple Heart Foundation,
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