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We Hope You Take The Time To Read This To Understand What The Flag-draped Coffin Really Means . . .

Here is how to understand the flag that lies upon a coffin
and is surrendered to so many widows . . .



Do you know that at military funerals, the 21-gun salute stands for the sum of the numbers in the year 1776?

Have you ever noticed that the honor guard pays meticulous attention to correctly folding the United States of America Flag 13 times? You probably thought it was to symbolize the original 13 colonies, but below is the significance:

The 1st fold of the flag is a symbol of life.

The 2nd fold is a symbol of the belief in eternal life.

The 3rd fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veterans departing the ranks who gave a portion of their lives for the defense of the country to attain peace throughout the world.

The 4th fold represents the weaker nature, for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace as well as in time of war for His divine guidance.

The 5th fold is a tribute to the 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."

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The 6th fold of the flag is for where people's hearts lie. It is with their heart that They pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.

The 7th fold is a tribute to its Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that they protect their country and their flag against all her enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of their 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.

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

The 10th fold is a tribute to the father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of their country since they were first born.

The 11th fold represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies in the Hebrews' eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

The 12th fold represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in the Christian eyes, God the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit.

The 13th fold, or when the flag is completely folded, finds the stars are uppermost, reminding all of their nation's motto, "In God We Trust."

After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under General George Washington, and the Sailors and Marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones, who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States, preserving for them the rights, privileges and freedoms they enjoy today.

There are some traditions and ways of doing things that have deep meaning. In the future, you'll see flags folded, and now you will know why.

Remember that the month of September reminds us of eight significant events:

- 1) September 2 - V-J Day - Japan signed a formal surrender 1945
- 2) September 7 - Labor Day, a national holiday
- 3) September 10 - U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps Incorporated 1962
- 4) September 11 - Patriot Day (flags fly at half-mast until sunset)
- 5) September 14 - In 1814, Francis Scott Key wrote "Star-Spangled Banner"
- 6) September 17 - In 1787 the U.S. Constitution was approved; Citizenship (Constitution) Day
- 7) September 18 - In 1947, the U.S. Air Force was established; POW/MIA Recognition day
- 8) September 29 - VFW Established in 1899

Robert L. (Bob) Haley, Middletown Moose Lodge 501, Elected President of the Ohio State Moose Association

INDEPENDENCE... At the recently concluded 81st Annual Convention of the Ohio State Moose Association, Robert L. (Bob) Haley, a member of Middletown Moose Lodge 501 since 1981, was elected to serve as the Association's President.

In his Moose life, Bob soon became active and served all offices of the Lodge, including twice as its Governor. Currently, Bob serves as Jr. Governor and Community Services Chairman.

No stranger to the work of the Moose Legion, Bob has held all offices of Moose Legion Liberty Five.

Similarly, Bob worked his way through the offices of District One, including serving as its President and



Robert L. (Bob) Haley

remained active in the District by having served five years as District 1 Membership advisor before being elected Association Treasurer in 2006.

Bob joined the Moose Legion in 1991 and was elevated to the Fellowship Degree of Honor in 1994 and

to the Pilgrim Degree of merit in 2002.

Bob is a member of the 200 Division of the 25 Club. In addition to all his other responsibilities, Bob also serves the Association as Training Coordinator. He is certified to train the TIPS program, Administrators-Officer Leadership, and LCL/Quick Books.

Working his way through the chairs of the Association, Bob has established his "bonifides" to become President.

Bob and his wife Joyce reside in Middletown and are the proud parents of two grown sons and equally proud of their two grandsons!

On August 1st, during his trip through Ohio, Supreme Governor Liguori Saladin was treated to the way that Ohio continues to rival Florida for top-producing Association in membership. As right, Saladin poses with the cooks at the family picnic at Crystal Lakes Moose Lodge 2464.



Worth-seeing *TRIP*

Saladin's swing through Ohio gives him many Ohio Moose experiences that he won't likely forget.

Sunday, August 2nd, saw Liguori at Indian Lake Moose Lodge 1533, where he was greeted by a huge contingent of Moose Riders and their many varieties of bikes.

Not to be outdone, Lakeview Moose members turned out in their fancy golf carts.

See next page for more pictorial coverage of Sup. Governor Saladin's visit to Indian Lake 1533





Local Moose golf cart owners put on quite a show for Supreme Governor Saladin.

Then at eleven o'clock, the Lodge held a Tommy Moose Presentation.

The Lodge honored Saladin with gifts by which he could remember both the Lodge and Ohio.

More pictures on next page. . . compliments of OSMA Photographer George Grosser, pictured above



After the Tommy Moose Presentation, it's time for 'fun-in-the-sun' at the lakeside patio



A gift can be for a special occasion or given as a random act of kindness to surprise someone you know. What if your gift could help save someone's life?

GIVE GIFTS THAT SAVE LIVES

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) recommends showing how much you really care by giving emergency preparedness items as gifts, including:

- **Smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors**
- **Appropriate fire extinguishers**
- **Foldable ladders for second-story escape routes**
- **Disaster kits for home and vehicle**
- **NOAA Weather radios and extra batteries**
- **Enrollment in a CPR or first-aid class**

(You may visit FEMA by going on-line at www.fema.gov or www.floodsmart.gov for more information on disaster preparedness.)

Lodge chairmen often flail around in a sea of I-don't-knows, looking for ideas about how to extend the outreach of their Community Service projects.

An additional idea is for you to check out child passenger safety online. It is amazing at how many parents know so little about how to install a child's car seat or booster seat. **A video may be viewed at www.chop.edu/carseat.** It's an easy-to-understand source. You might want to be committed to Partners for Child Passenger Safety as a Community Service project.