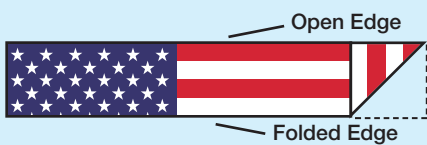
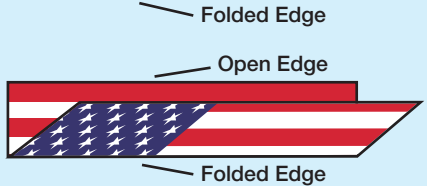
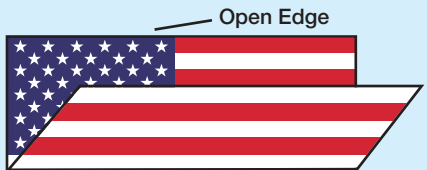


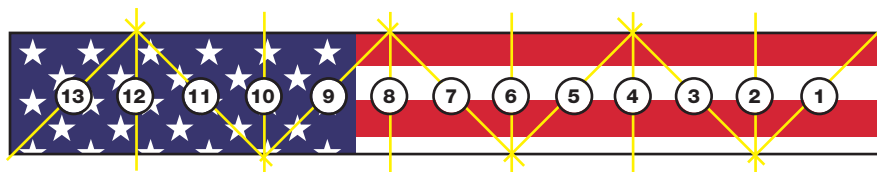
Proper Folding of the United States Flag



1. Begin with one person at either end, holding the flag waist high, with the surface parallel to the ground.
2. Fold the lower half of the stripe section lengthwise over the field of stars, holding the bottom and top edges securely.
3. Fold the flag again lengthwise, now with the blue field on the outside.
4. Make a triangular fold by bringing the striped corner of the folded edge to meet the open (top) edge of the flag.
5. Turn the outer (end) point inward, parallel to the open edge, to form a second triangle.
6. Continue the triangular folding until the entire length of the flag is folded in this manner.
7. When the flag is completely folded, only a triangular blue field of stars should be visible. If a hem protrudes beyond the blue field, it should be neatly tucked inside the folds of the flag so it does not show.

Symbolism of the 13 Folds

- The first fold** – Liberty.
- The second fold** – Unity.
- The third fold** – Justice.
- The fourth fold** – Perseverance.
- The fifth fold** – Hardiness.
- The sixth fold** – Valor.
- The seventh fold** – Purity.
- The eighth fold** – Innocence.
- The ninth fold** – Sacrifice.
- The tenth fold** – Honor.
- The eleventh fold** – Independence.
- The twelfth fold** – Truth.
- The final fold** creates a finished triangle, with the stars facing up, symbolizing our national motto: “In God We Trust.”



Honoring a Life Well Lived – A Job Well Done

When a military veteran patient passes away, a Village Hospice team member arranges for the veteran to be draped with a U.S. flag while being transported from the bed to the hearse. It is placed with the stars over the head and heart and stripes to the feet. Once the hearse doors close, the team formally re-folds the flag according to U.S. military protocol. We consider it a privilege to serve those who have served our country and to provide care with honor and dignity and understanding.