

Now is the time to review guidelines for the flag

With Memorial Day weekend just around the corner, and the flag of the United States of America being readied for display, now would be a good time — a great time — to review a few of the guidelines associated with Old Glory.

We are all patriotic and many of us literally wrap ourselves in the flag. We shouldn't really be doing that, it diminishes the spirit and purpose for displaying our nation's symbol. If you question yourself about the appropriateness of a display you have in mind, don't do it — it probably wouldn't pass the test.

The Department of Kansas, Veterans of Foreign Wars, passed along these guidelines as you prepare to let Old Glory proudly take its place in front of the crowd:

- a) The flag displayed on a vehicle should be fastened to the right side bumper, or antenna, or to the window.
- b) If displaying the flag on a wall, the blue field should be in the upper left corner and it should never touch the ground.
- c) When displaying an all-weather flag outdoors, 24 hours a day, there should be a light near it at night so it is not in complete darkness.
- d) When the flag becomes worn, please replace it.

Here are some additional questions and answers appearing on www.vfw.org:

What should you do with a worn or torn U.S. flag?

Such a flag should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning. Individuals should be responsible for destroying the worn flag in their possession and burying the ashes. Some VFW Posts provide assistance.

If two flags are staffed before the entrance of a building, where should the U.S. flag be?

On the left side as observed from the street. **When is it permitted to half-staff the U.S. flag?**

Only the president of the United States or the governor of the state may order the flag to be at half-staff to honor the death of a national or state figure. Unfortunately, many city, business and organization leaders are half-staffing the flag upon the death of an employee or member. Instead, it is suggested to half-staff (if on a separate pole) the city, business or organizational flag. The federal flag code does not prohibit this type of half-staffing.

How should the U.S. flag be displayed from a staff when on a platform or on the floor in a church or auditorium?

The U.S. flag should always be placed to the right of the speaker (viewer's left) without regard to a platform or floor level. Any other flags displayed should be placed on the left of the speaker or to the right of the audience.

What is the meaning of the gold fringe on some flags?

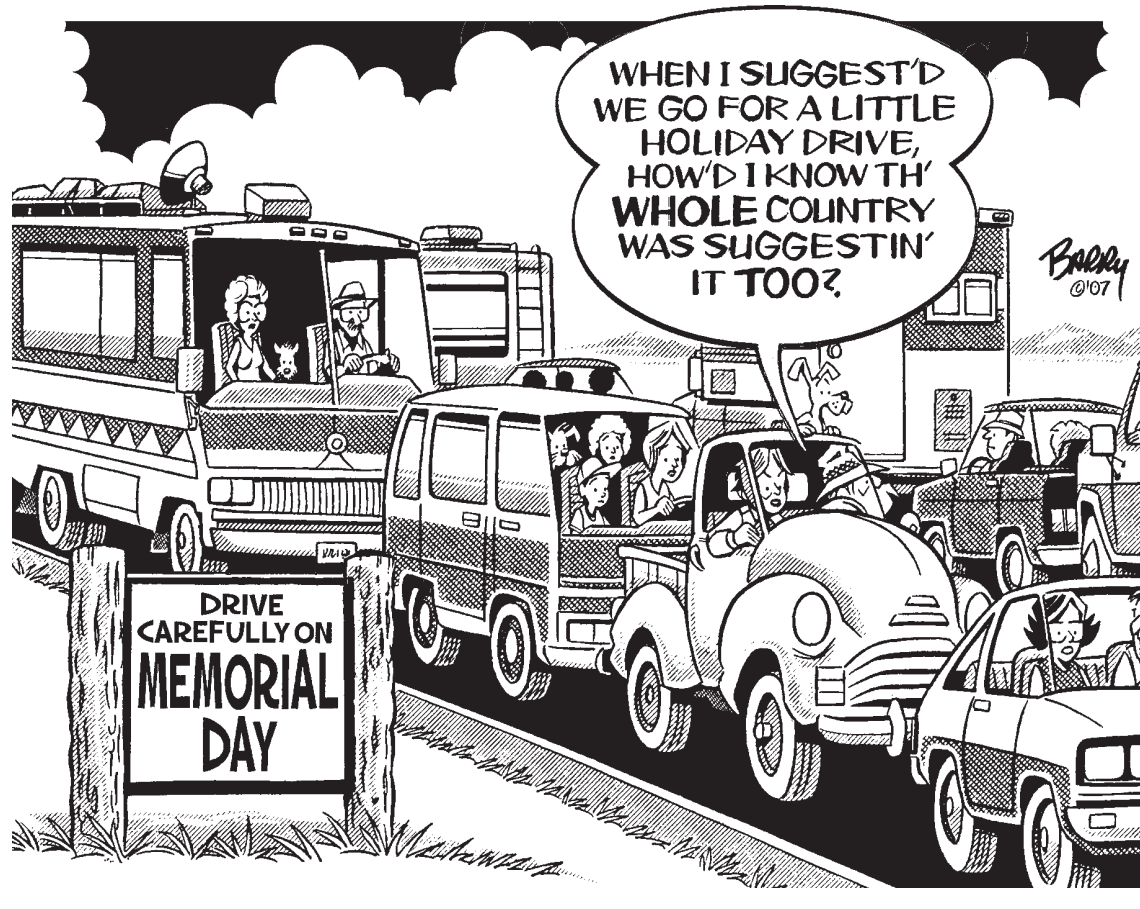
The addition of the fringe started in the early 1800s as decorative enrichment. There are no rules that prohibit the use of fringe on a U.S. flag by nongovernment groups or organizations.

To receive a free copy of the VFW's "Our Flag" brochure send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to:

Flag Brochure/VFW Citizenship Education Dept.
 VFW National Headquarters
 406 W. 34th St.
 Kansas City, MO 64111

It is our hope this editorial helps you in your preparation to display the U.S. Flag this coming Memorial Day weekend.

-Tom Dreiling



News From the Past

100 years ago - 1907
 High school notes: The box social given by the students for the benefit of the library resulted in a net income of \$29. The first class ever graduated from the Cheyenne County High School, two young men and four young women, will hold its commencement on May 16.
 Olin Smith has just finished putting down a cased well for William Neff. They had to drill 250 feet. No wonder the water tastes so good when it comes from such a distance.
 Work on the new brick yard is under full headway with a complete force of help and soon St. Francis will be able to supply the neighboring towns with a superior quality of brick.
 Work on the new Christian Church was commenced last week. The excavation for the basement was finished on Tuesday.
 The new city council met on Tuesday evening and organized by electing R.M. Jaqua as president.
 The firm of Miller and Deal has been dissolved, Phillip Miller having disposed of his interest to John I Deal, who will continue the business at the old stand.

60 years ago - 1947
 The Plum Creek 4-H'ers have gathered 33,000 pounds of scrap iron to help the Sheffield Steel Corporation increase its supply of iron. A large amount of steel used in the war was left on foreign soil. The steel company had sponsored a contest of 4-H club and the money earned by the Plum Creek club was used to buy equipment for a baseball team.
 A large number of votes, 365, were cast in the race for mayor with W.O. Fallis winning.

45 years ago - 1962
 Richard Schlepp is the St. Francis representative to Boys State.

Hangin' With Marge

Graduation is over

By Margaret Bucholtz



Graduation is over and it was time to watch our youth spread their wings and become the adults that we worked so hard to raise.

Along with the joy of seeing that handsome or beautiful person walk down that aisle comes many silent moments of tears for the parents and grandparents.

Any of us that have seen our kids leave and go out in the big world know that both the child and the parents lives will never be the same. The child is looking forward to a bright future with enthusiasm and yet fear of being able to succeed.

The parents are looking at that same child with wonderful memories of their childhood and is not worried that their child can't succeed, but know that their home will always have that void. No more will they be able to wake up each morning and see that ruffled head of hair, sleepy-eyed little child that they can hug everyday.

Each child will have success, maybe not all the money they want, but they will succeed in life. They will leave their homes knowing they have been loved and cared for by their parents and families, and they will pass that same love on to others.

Graduates, don't get so busy in life that you can't pick up that phone and call home. Don't work so hard that you forget that each day there are many friends and families that will follow you in every walk of life.

Every day take time to look at the sunrise, sunset and all the beauty that nature has to offer. Have time for laughter, time for crying and time just for yourself.

Mistakes are normal, success is normal, but love is a gift.

Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick



At the paper I'm trying to make my rounds and get reacquainted with everyone. The problem is in my legs. After walking several blocks and standing, they get a bit weak.

I have to remember that healing takes time. It helps to know that those around me are more patient with me than I am with myself.

One step I took was driving again.

While I was in Denver, when I got to go somewhere, someone else drove. But the day came when I had to get to a doctor's office at Swedish Medical Center and then drive out of town in rush-hour traffic. Needless to say, it wasn't fun, but with baby steps I made it.

Emergency medical service honored

Letter to the Editor

The week of May 20 to 26 is Emergency Medical Service Week. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all volunteer Cheyenne County Emergency Medical Technicians.

Emergency Medical Technicians are usually the first person you see after calling 911 with an emergency, whether it be medical or trauma. They get you to the hospital. The technicians spend an endless number of hours recertifying for continuous education to help others. The technician jumps out of bed at 3 in the morning when the page goes out, or leaves work to answer that 911 page. They leave family dinners, holidays, school programs, to help those in need. A technician is a vital public service. The members of emergency medical services are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The technician that takes you on to a larger specialty hospital cares about you, no matter who you are. We care because we do know you and your family. We strive to give you the best possible pre-hospital care.

Cheyenne County has 25 Emergency Medical Technicians with about 15 of those being very active with ambulance runs. My hope is that the next time you see that volunteer technician on the street, you walk up to them and say, thanks you for what you do! They are extraordinary people providing extraordinary service.

Janelle Bowers
 County Emergency Medical Service Director

We care
 Sorry if we woke you in the middle of the night,
 But someone in your neighborhood is fighting for their life.
 Sorry if we block the road and make you turn around,
 But there's been a bad wreck with people on the ground.
 When you see us coming I hope you'll understand,
 Let us have the right of way someone needs our helping hand.
 Sometimes a child is choking, sometimes a broken leg,
 Sometimes a heart stops beating and when we get there it's too late.
 So if you see us crying when we think we are alone,
 You'll know we had a bad one and we're feeling mighty down.
 We don't do it for the money you know we don't get paid,
 We don't do it for the glory but for life that might be saved.
 Somewhere deep within us our souls are crying out,
 We're here to help our neighbors in their hour of pain and doubt.
 God gave us something special to help us see you through,
 We do it because we love you and we care about you too.

GOD SAYS
And, behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of.
Genesis 28:15

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