



Illinois State Organization, NSDAR Marria Blinn, State Regent



The Flag of the United States of America Committee

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This committee encourages a deep patriotic respect for the flag. The main goals are to keep the flag flying; educate proper etiquette for the flag; to protect and defend it; and to promote civic responsibility through education, initiatives and services to all.

Illinois chapters and DAR members support these objectives with a variety of initiatives.

1. Fly the flag daily! Properly and proudly wear a flag pin on your clothing.
2. Always include a "Flag Minute" at every chapter meeting or in the newsletter. Check The Flag of the United States of America committee page for examples of Flag Minutes (*see link below*).
3. Promote flag etiquette through familiarization with "The Flag Code" leaflet which is published by the DAR and includes excerpts from the official United States Flag Code. Copies of the DAR Flag Code can be purchased from the DAR store (*see link below*).
4. Present a Flag of the United States of America which has been flown over DAR Constitution Hall in Washington, DC along with a commemorative certificate to a person or organization deserving recognition.
5. Present Flag certificates to those in your community who fly the flag often and properly. This can include individuals, schools, businesses, government agencies, and libraries.
6. Offer to present programs about the flag to local organizations and/or schools. A suggestion for a program is how to properly fold the flag. Program materials are available from the DAR store.
7. Further education of our flag and nation's history by financially supporting the building of the Liberty Education Plaza. This is a project created by State Regent Blinn as Illinois' DAR legacy for America's 250th celebration. The new plaza will be located by the Flag Day Memorial in Batavia, Illinois. It will be an open plaza for the community to reflect, discuss, and engage our country's history and the flag.
8. Celebrate the DAR America 250! Legacy Project with an official commemorative "parade-style" 3'X5' flag. It is made of weatherproof material suitable for outdoor display at parades, events, or meetings. It can be purchased through the DAR online store. Also available are a 12"X18" America 250! garden flag and a 4"X6" flag with an optional base for table top use.
9. Distribute "The Flag Code" leaflet, hand held flags, and flag pins to new citizens at Naturalization ceremonies when the opportunity arises. Also distribute to schools, veterans facilities and organizations, at community events, and retirement homes.
10. Celebrate Flag Day on June 14th with a Flag Day program.
11. Braille flags are available through the DAR store.



Additional Resources:

- Visit The Flag of the United States of America DAR webpage –

<https://www.dar.org/members/committees/service-committees/flag-united-states-america/about-committee>

- Shop at the DAR Store –

<https://shop.dar.org/dar-store-1/>