



Folds 1 and 2

- The lower half of the stripe section is folded lengthwise over the stars is Fold 1, and symbolizes life. Fold 2 is where the flag is folded lengthwise again with the blue field on the outside. This is a symbol of the belief in eternal life, which in the Christian faith, means the promise of a place in heaven.

Folds 3 and 4

- Fold 3 begins with a series of triangular folds until you reach the end of the flag. Make a triangular fold by bringing the bottom folded edge of the striped corner to meet the top edge of the flag. Fold 3 is made to honor and remember the soldier who gave his life defending his country. Fold 4 represents our weaker nature, such as when we turn to God for guidance in times of peace or war.

Folds 5 and 6

- Fold 5 is a tribute to the United States. The meaning of this fold is attributed to a military hero, Stephen Decatur; "Our country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right; but it is still our country, right or wrong." The meaning of the Fold 6 is where our hearts lie, such as when you pledge allegiance to the flag; you do so by placing your right hand over your heart.

Folds 7 and 8

- The meaning of the Fold 7 is a tribute to the Armed Forces. The Armed Forces protects the United States and the flag against all enemies. The meaning of Fold 8 is described by USA Patriotism! as, "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 mother, for whom it flies on Mother's Day."

Folds 9 and 10

- Fold 9 is a tribute to womanhood. Through a woman's faith, love, loyalty and devotion, she has molded those who made the United States a great country. The meaning of Fold 10 is a tribute to fathers because they have watched their children leave home to defend this country.

Folds 11 and 12



- Fold 11, for Hebrews, represents the lower part of the seal of King David. King Solomon supposedly received the seal from heaven, and gives praise to the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Fold 12, for Christians, represents an emblem of eternity and gives praise to God the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit.

Fold 13

- When the flag is completely folded, only the white stars are visible against the blue background. This last fold is a reminder of the United States' official motto, which was first applied to U.S. coins in 1864, "In God We Trust."

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