

THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE PACIFIC WAR

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NIMITZ HONORS NATIONAL SYMBOL OF FREEDOM ON FLAG DAY *AUDIENCE MEMBERS TO LEARN FLAG ETIQUETTE, RESPECT*

With its 50 stars and 13 stripes, the United States flag signifies the country it flies over and the many freedoms, rights and responsibilities its citizens enjoy. On Flag Day, Monday, June 14, this national and iconic symbol will be honored at the National Museum of the Pacific War at 11:30 AM with 10,000 small flags placed in the ground around Memorial Courtyard.

Flags are received from Americans around the country who have donated them in honor or in memory of an individual or as a general thank you and salute to the military and the freedoms United States citizens enjoy today. Those donating flags are able to write messages on tags expressing their gratitude to those that serve or have served in the military. These tags will be attached to the flags.

Prior to the program, the flags will be placed in the ground by Fredericksburg High School NJROTC to symbolize the thousands of military men and women who are prepared to fight for the freedoms and rights represented by the flag.

The program will cover the history of the United States flag and flag etiquette— demonstrating respect for the flag, how to fold it and how to properly display the national symbol.

Following the program, Boy Scout Troop 137 will lead a ceremony in the Plaza of the Presidents demonstrating how to properly dispose of flags no longer suitable for display. These worn and tattered flags have been given to the museum throughout the year by various individuals and organizations that are familiar with the ceremony at the Nimitz. Upon being burned, the ashes will be buried in a flowerbed before sunset.

The National Museum of the Pacific War, a Texas Historical Commission property operated by the Admiral Nimitz Foundation, is located in Fredericksburg, hometown of Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz. It is the only institution in the continental United States dedicated exclusively to telling the story of the Pacific Theater in World War II.

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