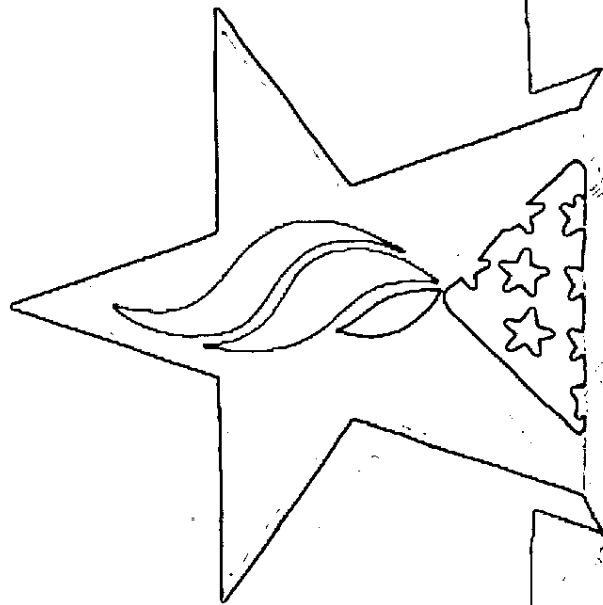


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HONOR AND REMEMBER

SSG Jonathan K. Dozier ~ 9 Jan 2008 ~ Iraq

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Sponsor Statement

HJR 53
Honor and Remember Flag

In the more than 200 years of our nation's history, there has never been an officially-recognized symbol that reminds us daily of the sacrifices made by members of our military who lost their lives in service to our country.

The **Honor and Remember Flag**, created by Honor and Remember, Inc., recognizes all individuals who died while serving our nation, not only those killed in action, but all who have died in the line of duty. The flag serves as a symbol of national gratitude for the over 1,600,000 American men and women who bravely made the ultimate sacrifice to preserve the freedoms we enjoy. The flag also helps to give closure to the thousands of families that deserve recognition for the sacrifice of a lost loved one.

An objective of the organization, Honor and Remember, Inc., is to place an Honor and Remember Flag in the hands of the immediate families who have lost someone in military service to America.

H.R. 1034 is a bill in Congress to designate the Honor and Remember Flag as an official symbol to recognize and honor members of the Armed Forces who died in the line of duty. **HJR 53** urges our Congress to enact a law officially recognizing the Honor and Remember Flag.

Contact: Karen Sawyer
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March 18, 2010
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FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2010 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: 1
 Bill Version: HJR 53
 () Publish Date: 3/12/2010

Identifier (file name): _____ Dept. Affected: _____
 Title Honor and Remember Flag RDU _____
 Component _____
 Sponsor House Rules Committee
 Requester House Military & Veterans' Affairs Committee Component Number _____

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

	Appropriation Required	Information						
		FY 2011	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
OPERATING EXPENDITURES								
Personal Services								
Travel								
Contractual								
Supplies								
Equipment								
Land & Structures								
Grants & Claims								
Miscellaneous								
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES								
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ()								
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts								
1003 GF Match								
1004 GF								
1005 GF/Program Receipts								
1037 GF/Mental Health								
Other Interagency Receipts								
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2010) cost: _____

POSITIONS

Full-time								
Part-time								
Temporary								

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

No impact on State departments.

Prepared by: Karen Sawyer, Staff Phone 907-465-5025
 Division Representative Carl Gatto, Chair, Military & Veterans' Affairs Committee Date/Time 03/12/10 1pm
 Approved by: _____ Date _____

The **Honor and Remember Flag's design** is distinctive, yet simple. Each detail on the flag symbolizes an important part of the overall meaning of the flag's message.



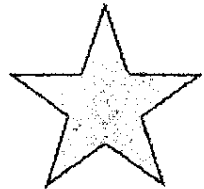
The Red Field represents the blood spilled by brave men and women in America's military throughout our history, who willingly gave their lives so that we all would remain free.



The Blue Star represents active service in military conflict. This symbol originated with World War I, but on this flag it signifies service through all generations from the American Revolution to present day.



The White Border surrounding the gold star recognizes the purity of sacrifice. There is no greater price an American can pay than to give his or her life in service to our country.



The Gold Star signifies the ultimate sacrifice of a warrior in active service who will not return home. Gold reflects the value of the life that was given.



The Folded Flag signifies the final tribute to an individual life that a family sacrificed and gave to the nation.



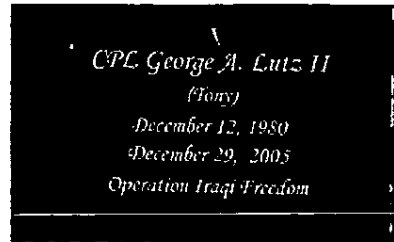
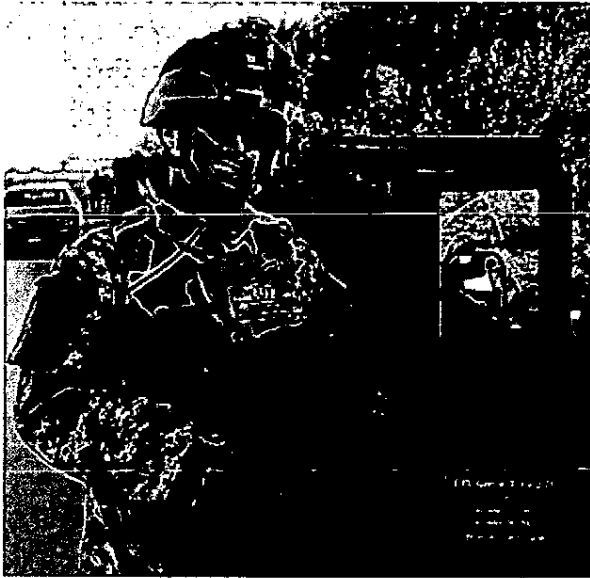
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Honor and Remember

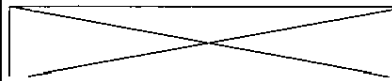
We will always Honor their selfless sacrifice and Remember them individually by name.



Honor and Remember origins:



Cpl George A. Lutz II
December 12, 1980
December 29, 2005
Psychological Operations
9th Batt, Ft Bragg, NC



On December 29, 2005, George Anthony Lutz II (Tony) was killed by a sniper's bullet while he was on patrol in Fallujah, Iraq. His family and friends endured the shock, emotional agony and overwhelming loss that accompanied the news of Tony's death, just like the many families who have suffered the same tragedy.

In the months that followed Tony's funeral, his father, George, visited other families who had lost loved ones in the Iraq war. He began to sense that he had joined the ranks of a unique fellowship. These families were only the latest additions to a group that originated with the American Revolution, when the first soldiers to shed their blood for our freedom gave their lives.

George found another commonality among the families of fallen soldiers. After their grief had transitioned to numbness and finally to acceptance, many families wanted to know two things: their sacrifice was not in vain and the nation would never forget. These concerns led George on a quest to discover if there was a universally recognized symbol that specifically acknowledges the American service men and women who never made it home. To his surprise, he found nothing. Thus the Honor and Remember Flag was conceived.

BELOW IS AN OPEN LETTER SENT TO THE SOLDIERS AT TONY'S SIDE THAT DAY.

Dear Downrange Soldiers,

On December 29th 2005, a sniper's bullet claimed the life of our son Tony. This was the most difficult day in our family's life, I cannot imagine a more tragic one. And as difficult a day it was for us, our heart breaks for those of you who were by his side. You see we know how Tony affected lives, how much of an impression he made on everyone he touched. That day we not only lost a son, but you lost a friend and a brother. We do not know all of the facts, but we do know that he died surrounded by those who loved him.

Tony was a man who tried to lighten every situation and I am sure there were many times you could remember when he made you smile or laugh out loud. He was dedicated to his family a good husband and father and spent every available minute communicating back home. And when he was home, loving on his wife and children. Some of you remember last summer when his daughter Ava was born and how he so appreciated being given the time to leave training to be by his wife's side.

He was a good soldier, rarely complaining and excited at every phase of his training. Being a former runner he especially loved PT, accepted the challenges of AIT, language school and was particularly proud of his Army and German jump wings.

Tony strongly believed in what he was doing, believed in the mission of liberating the Iraqi people and in his relationship with you his military family. He knew why he was there and even though he fully expected to return, he was prepared for the sacrifice. We want you to know that we firmly believe that he died fighting for those beliefs, and in no way hold anyone responsible for his death. There was nothing anyone could have done to more fully protect him. War breeds casualties and many thousands of moms and dads have given their children for freedom's cause. I would like to think that Tony's death would bring an end, but we know it hasn't. Others have since given their lives and many more will most definitely follow.

We are proud that he was a soldier not only in the American army but also in the army of God. Tony had a strong faith in his savior Jesus Christ and always knew his future reward. In fact one of the last words he wrote to me was "Dad, don't worry, God is literally my shield". He knew where he would spend eternity and lived that knowledge everyday. God had a purpose for Tony's life and took him that day; nothing could have prevented it.

I know that any one of you would have willingly taken his place if possible, but conversely know this as truth, that Tony would have run to take that bullet for you. And that day he did.

His mother and I want to be sure you know that we pray for your safety everyday. Keep your eyes open, be vigilant at every moment, win that war and come back safely to your families. But especially, seek after God's purpose in your lives.

When your mission is completed please call or write, our home is open and we welcome a visit from you. We would love to hear how Tony's life or death was meaningful to you. God Bless each of you, we cannot thank you enough for your service. Courage and Honor.

Very Respectfully

George L

Becoming a State Chapter

As the number of Honor and Remember supporters increases across America, so do the number of opportunities to promote the Honor and Remember mission and goals. With the help of many we are able to make positive inroads in hundreds of communities and all fifty states.

For those reasons, Honor and Remember is in the process of developing a network of state chapters that will serve as the front line of future efforts to build recognition, involvement and support for our cause. From its beginning, Honor and Remember has been a grassroots effort. We truly believe that the only way we can accomplish our mission is with a "boots on the ground" presence in every state that will enable us to: identify and communicate with local Gold Star families; promote the flag and the cause to municipal and state officials; encourage corporate sponsorship; collect petition signatures; and organize local fundraising and promotional events.

If you have an interest in helping us organize a state chapter where you live, please contact us below. Our National Chapter Director will respond with information and guidelines for creating an Honor and Remember chapter in your area.

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Sponsoring a Personalized Flag:

Our country was founded and maintained on individual separate lives, names not statistics. One life upon one life, precept upon precept, similar to the building blocks of a foundation, our country continues to remain strong and free.

A unique feature of the Flag design is the option to personalize it, to actually carry the name of a friend or loved one as part of its structure. Not only can the flag be flown in general but it can also be displayed in specific honor of one lost.

It is our desire and organizational goal that every family that lost a loved one in military service to our country should have a personalized flag. Regardless of the era, as far back as Korea, we are working on the task. A flag that proudly represents that special life lost and compliments the hundreds of thousands that will fly across this nation in grateful respect.

This mission includes partnering with individuals, organizations, corporations and government entities to seek out Gold Star families and help us by sponsoring and presenting Honor and Remember Flags.

Here are several examples of how partnerships are working:

Retired sailors from the FRA, Branch 5, Norfolk VA, collected funds to provide flags for all 17 families that lost loved ones on the USS Cole bombing. Personalized flags were presented at a special ceremony on October 12, 2008 the 8th anniversary of their October 12, 2000 sacrifice.

Cpl Matthew Drake, lone survivor of a suicide car bomber and mother Lisa Schuster donated and presented personalized flags October 15, 2008 to the three mothers who lost their soldier sons in Iraq on October 15th, 2004, the fourth anniversary of their loss. (See newsletter issue 4).

Honor and Remember Inc, presented flags to the president and executive board member of the National American Gold Star mothers on September 26th. Mrs Georgie Carter lost her son Bruce, in 1969, Vietnam, Mrs Molly Morel who lost Brent in 2004, Iraq.

We are currently working with our state government to present, in a general ceremony, Honor and Remember flags to Gold star families in the state. We hope to model this in state ceremonies around the country.

Local Veterans organizations are identifying Gold Star families in their areas and preparing flags for specific tribute presentations.

Gold Star mothers who have received flags are now presenting flags to others.

There are hundreds of ways to reach out and honor so many families who gave all. We believe that there are still over 20,000 families yet to individually recognize. We are currently fundraising and taking donations to accomplish our national goal.

If you would like to order a personalized flag for yourself or someone as a gift please visit our online store or donate below. However please contact us if you would like to participate in any other way to help accomplish our mission.

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1034

To amend title 36, United States Code, to designate the Honor and Remember Flag created by Honor and Remember, Inc., as an official symbol to recognize and honor members of the Armed Forces who died in the line of duty, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 12, 2009

Mr. FORBES introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To amend title 36, United States Code, to designate the Honor and Remember Flag created by Honor and Remember, Inc., as an official symbol to recognize and honor members of the Armed Forces who died in the line of duty, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. DESIGNATION OF HONOR AND REMEMBER**
4 **FLAG FOR FALLEN MEMBERS OF THE ARMED**
5 **FORCES.**

6 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

1 (1) Since the Revolutionary War, more than
2 one million members of the United States Armed
3 Forces have paid the ultimate price by sacrificing
4 their lives in the line of duty.

5 (2) The contributions of those fallen members
6 of the Armed Forces are deserving of national rec-
7 ognition.

8 (3) Currently, there is no officially recognized
9 symbol that acknowledges members of the Armed
10 Forces who died in the line of duty.

11 (b) DESIGNATION.—Chapter 9 of title 36, United
12 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
13 lowing new section:

14 **“§ 904. Honor and Remember flag for fallen members**
15 **of the Armed Forces**

16 “(a) DESIGNATION.—The Honor and Remember
17 Flag created by Honor and Remember, Inc., is designated
18 as the symbol of our Nation’s concern and commitment
19 to honoring and remembering the lives of all members of
20 the United States Armed Forces who have lost their lives
21 in the line of duty.

22 “(b) REQUIRED DISPLAY.—(1) The Honor and Re-
23 member Flag shall be displayed at the locations specified
24 in subsection (c) on the days specified in paragraph (2):

1 “(2) The required Honor and Remember Flag display
2 days are the following:

3 “(A) Armed Forces Day, the third Saturday in
4 May.

5 “(B) Memorial Day, the last Monday in May.

6 “(C) Flag Day, June 14.

7 “(D) Independence Day, July 4.

8 “(E) National POW/MIA Recognition Day.

9 “(F) Veterans Day, November 11.

10 “(3) In addition to the days specified in paragraph
11 (2), Honor and Remember Flag display days include—

12 “(A) in the case of display at the World War
13 II Memorial, Korean War Veterans Memorial, and
14 Vietnam Veterans Memorial (required by subsection
15 (e)(3)), any day on which the United States flag is
16 displayed;

17 “(B) in the case of display at medical centers
18 of the Department of Veterans Affairs (required by
19 subsection (e)(7)), any day on which the flag of the
20 United States is displayed; and

21 “(C) in the case of display at United States
22 Postal Service post offices (required by subsection
23 (e)(8)), the last business day before a day specified
24 in paragraph (2) that in any year is not itself a
25 business day.

1 “(c) LOCATIONS FOR FLAG DISPLAY.—The locations
2 for the display of the Honor and Remember Flag under
3 subsection (b) are the following:

4 “(1) The Capitol.

5 “(2) The White House.

6 “(3) The World War II Memorial, the Korean
7 War Veterans Memorial, and the Vietnam Veterans
8 Memorial.

9 “(4) Each national cemetery.

10 “(5) The buildings containing the official office
11 of—

12 “(A) the Secretary of State;

13 “(B) the Secretary of Defense;

14 “(C) the Secretary of Veterans Affairs;

15 and

16 “(D) the Director of the Selective Service
17 System.

18 “(6) Each major military installation, as des-
19 ignated by the Secretary of Defense.

20 “(7) Each medical center of the Department of
21 Veterans Affairs.

22 “(8) Each United States Postal Service post of-
23 fice.

24 “(d) DISPLAY TO BE IN A MANNER VISIBLE TO THE
25 PUBLIC.—Display of the Honor and Remember Flag pur-

1 suant to this section shall be in a manner designed to en-
2 sure visibility to the public.

3 “(e) LIMITATION.—This section may not be con-
4 strued or applied so as to require any employee to report
5 to work solely for the purpose of providing for the display
6 of the Honor and Remember Flag or any other flag.”.

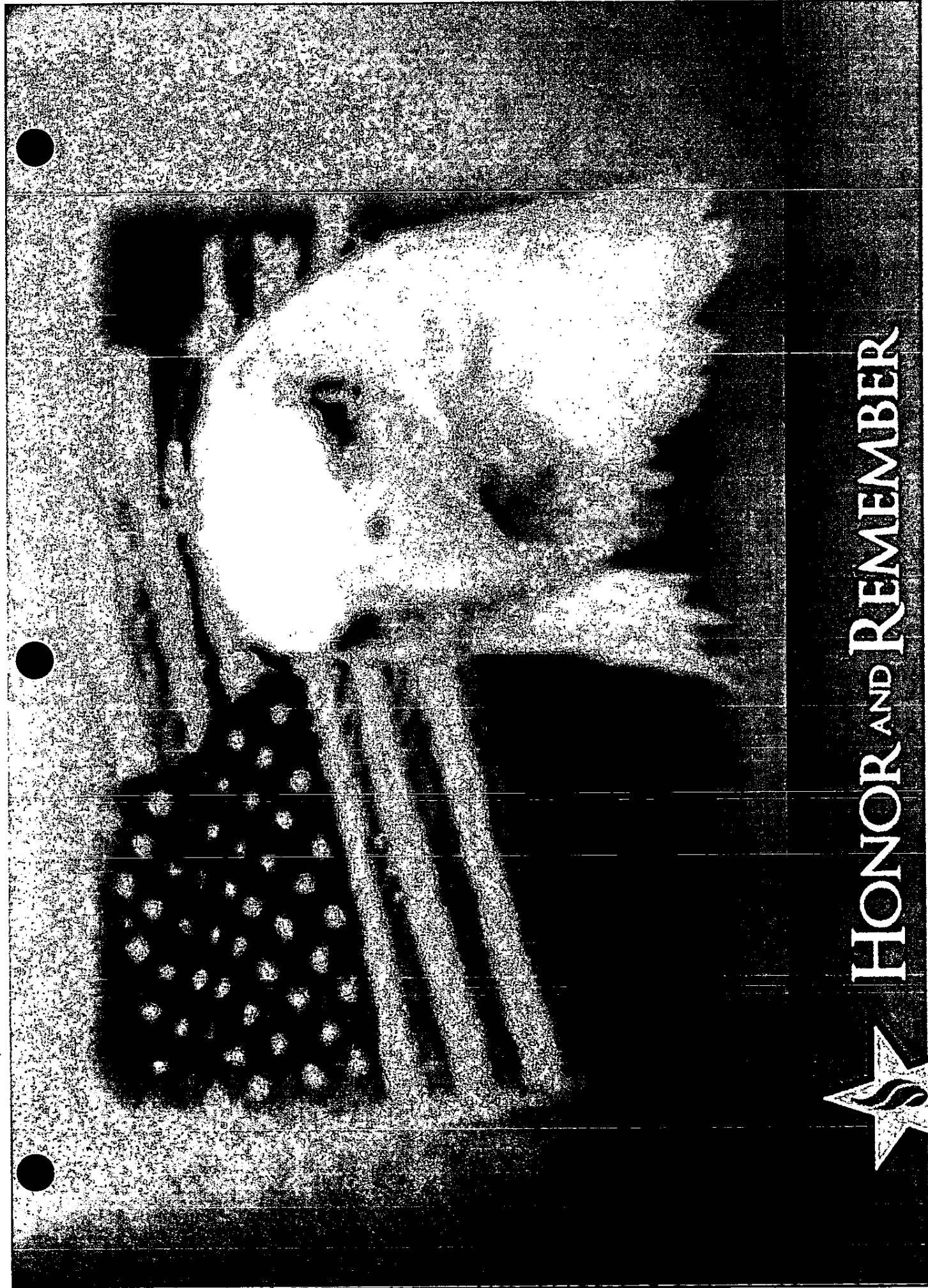
7 (e) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
8 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by adding
9 at the end the following new item:

“904. Honor and Remember flag for fallen members of the Armed Forces.”.

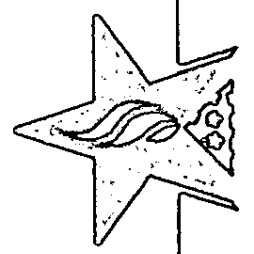
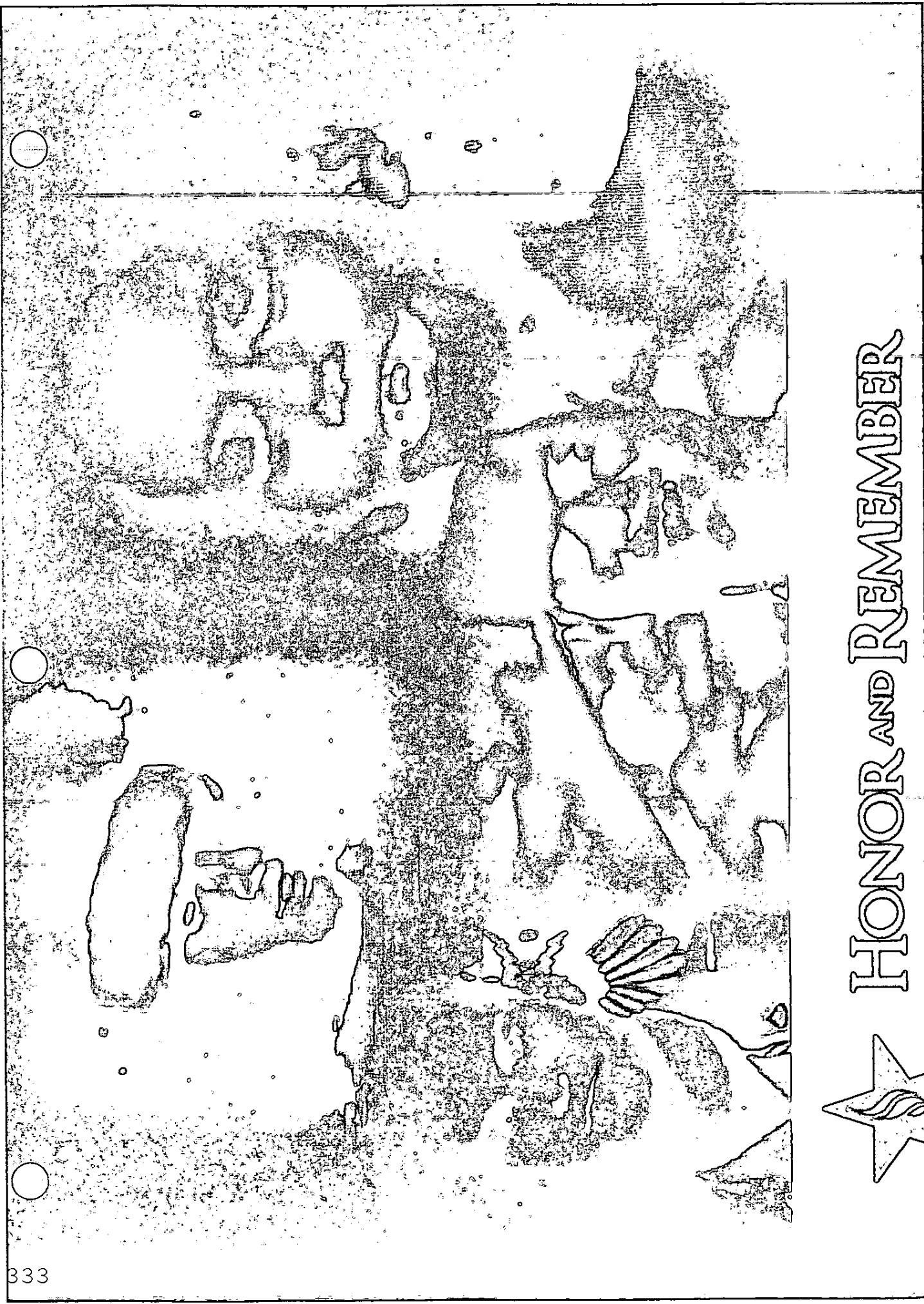
10 (d) REGULATIONS FOR IMPLEMENTATION.—Not
11 later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of
12 this Act, the head of each department, agency, or other
13 establishment responsible for a location specified in sub-
14 section (c) of section 904 of title 36, United States Code,
15 as added by subsection (a), shall prescribe such regula-
16 tions as necessary to carry out such section.

17 (e) PROCUREMENT AND DISTRIBUTION OF FLAGS.—
18 Not later than 30 days after the date of the enactment
19 of this Act, the Administrator of General Services shall
20 commence the procurement of Honor and Remember
21 Flags and distribute them as necessary to permit compli-
22 ance with section 904 of title 36, United States Code, as
23 added by subsection (a).

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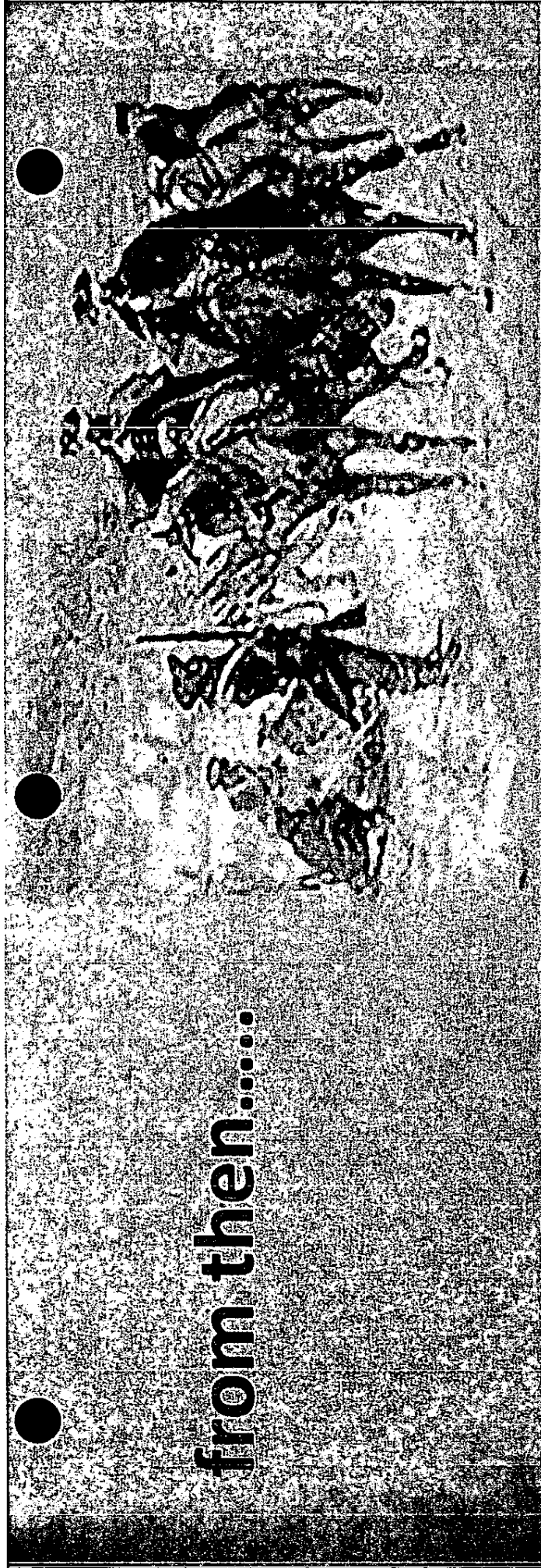
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A National Remembrance Flag?



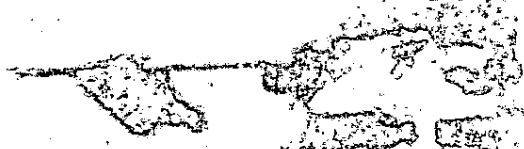
“Honor and Remember” has
launched a national campaign
and created an emblem, by
which every patriotic American
can acknowledge the ultimate
price of FREEDOM.

from then.....



**The “Honor and Remember Flag”
recognizes all individuals from all
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serving our nation. Not only those
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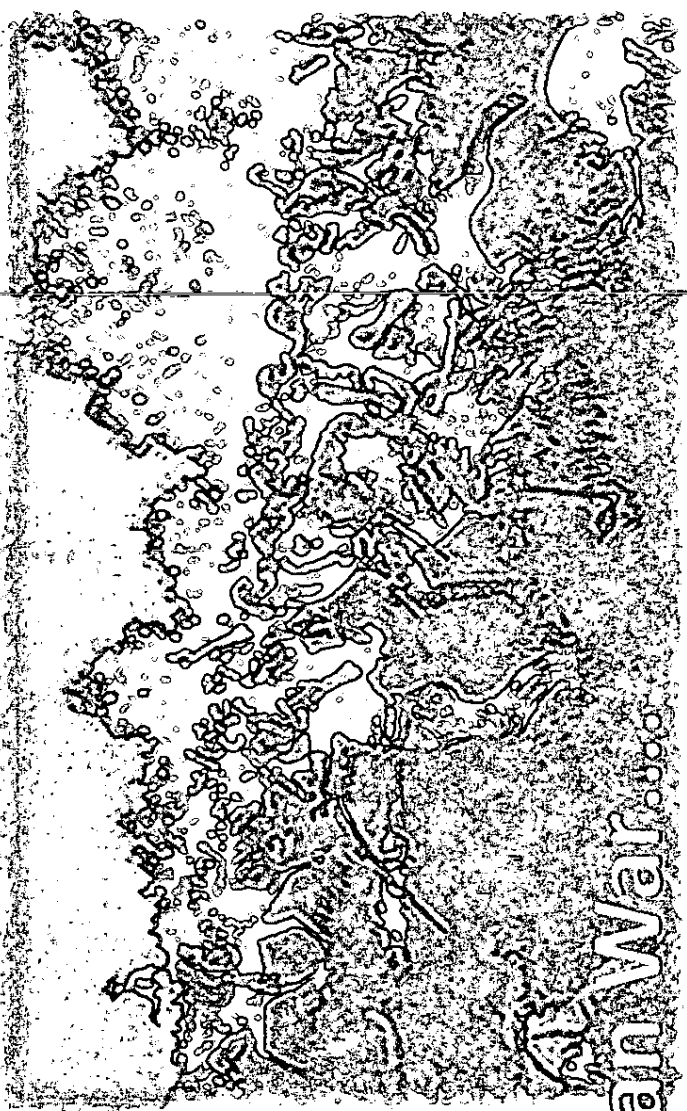




These families of today,
are only the latest
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to shed their blood for
our freedom gave
their lives.


Spanish American War...



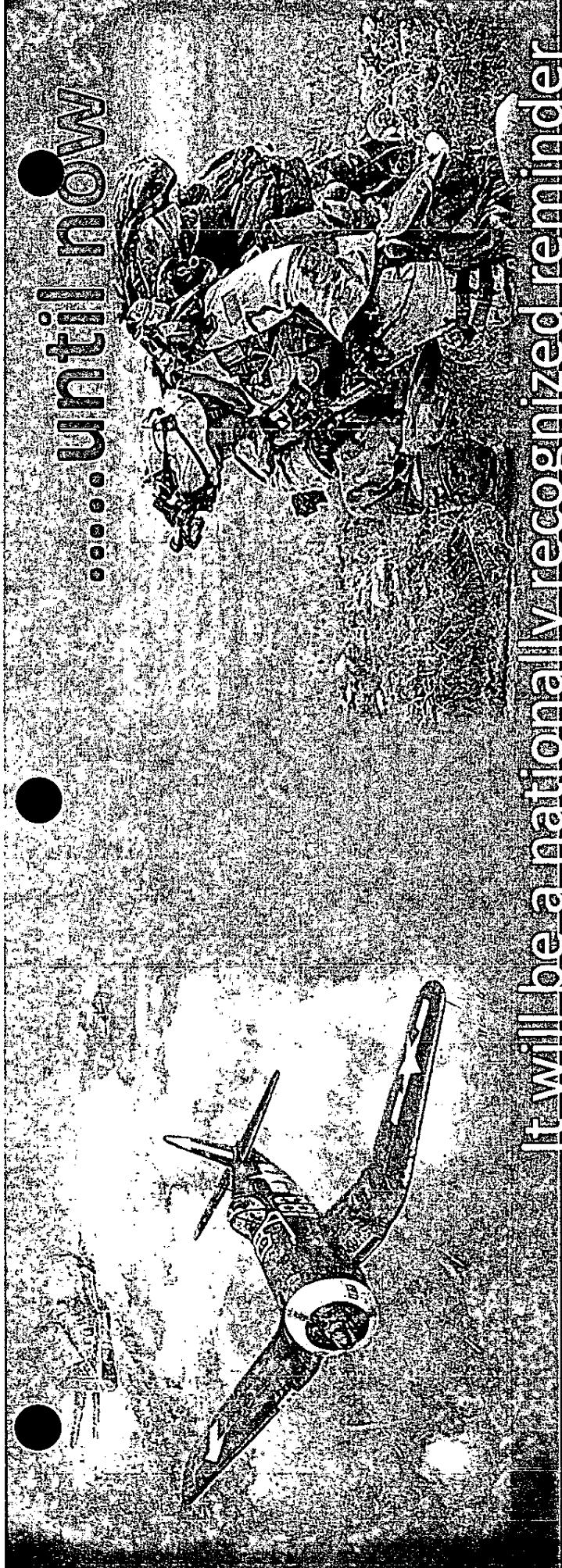
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The flag will serve as a symbol
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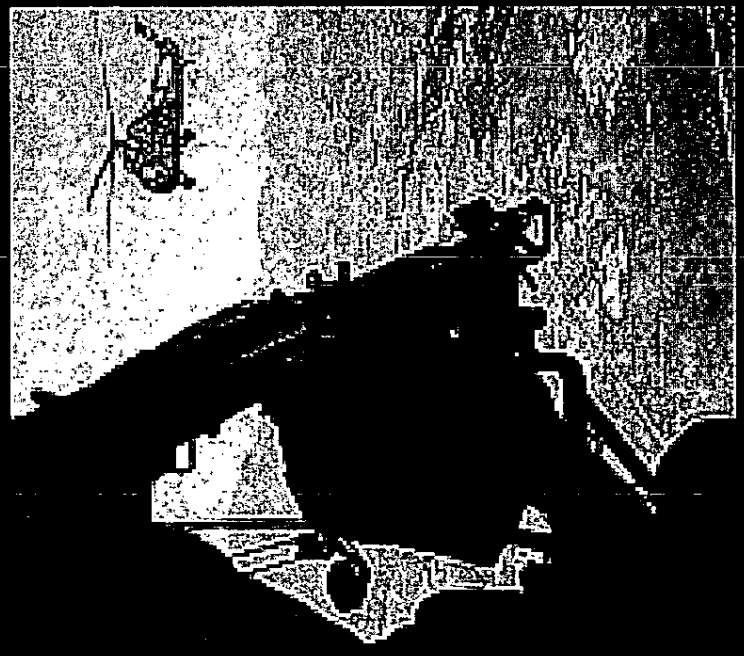
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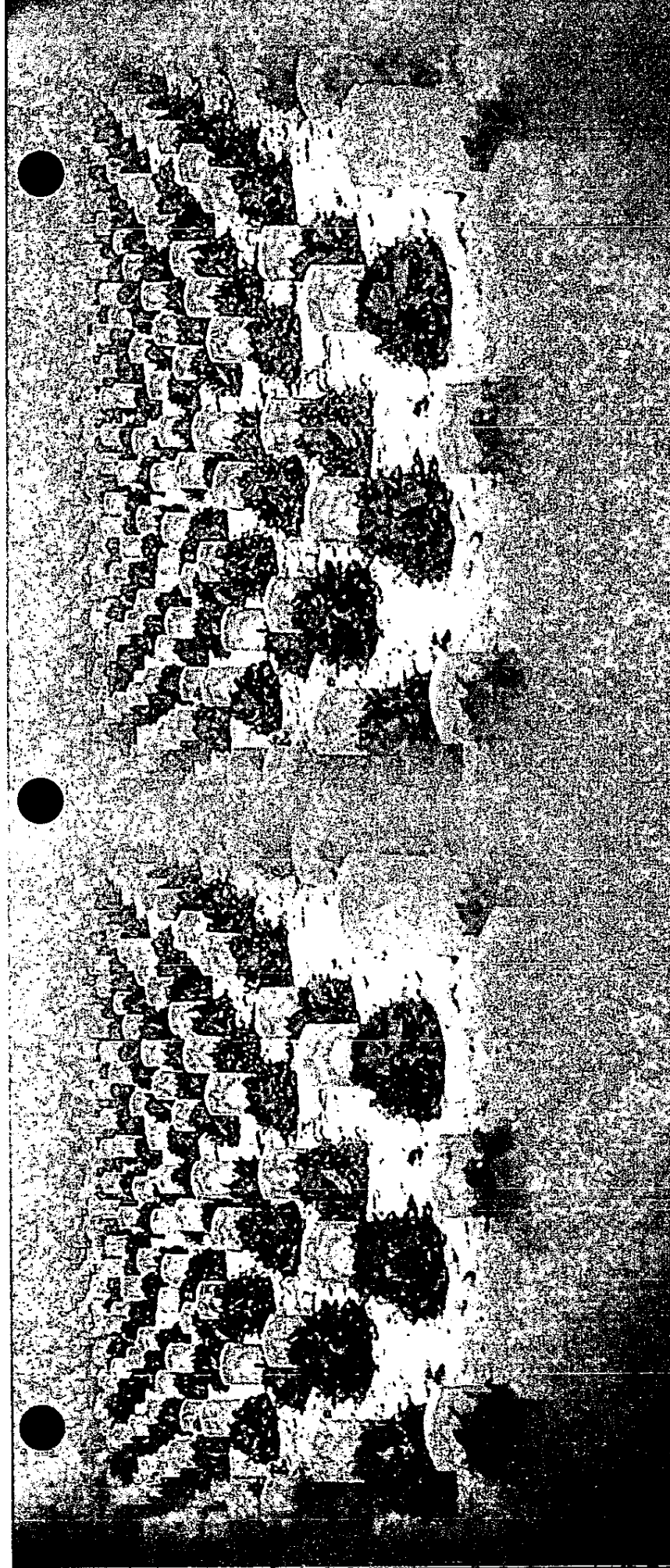


.....until now.....

It will be a nationally recognized reminder

to all Americans of the value of each individual life given for our freedom. Important objectives are to place an "Honor and Remember Flag" in the hands of immediate families who have lost a loved one in military service to America.





For the flag to fly continuously in eternal honor
and remembrance of our fallen military men
and women. To encourage all Americans to fly
this new emblem wherever our national flag is
flown.

● The Flag's Origin...

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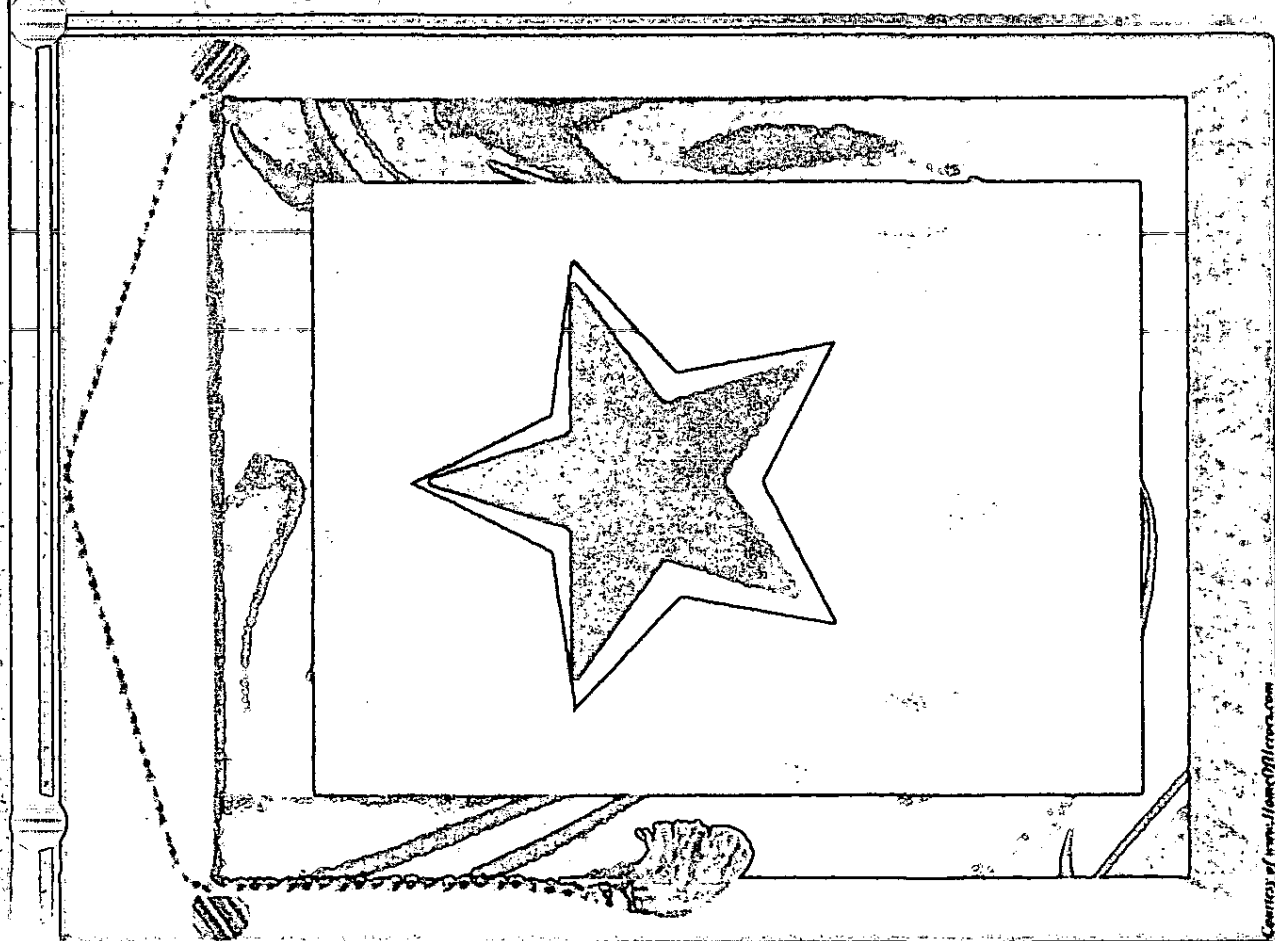
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Corporal George Anthony Lutz II

Dec. 12, 1980 -- Dec. 29, 2005

9th Battalion, Ft Bragg, NC



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In the months that followed Tony's funeral, his father George, visited other families who had lost loved ones in the Iraq war. He began to sense that he had joined a unique fellowship.

Gold Star Families

Thus was conceived, the "Honor and Remember Flag"

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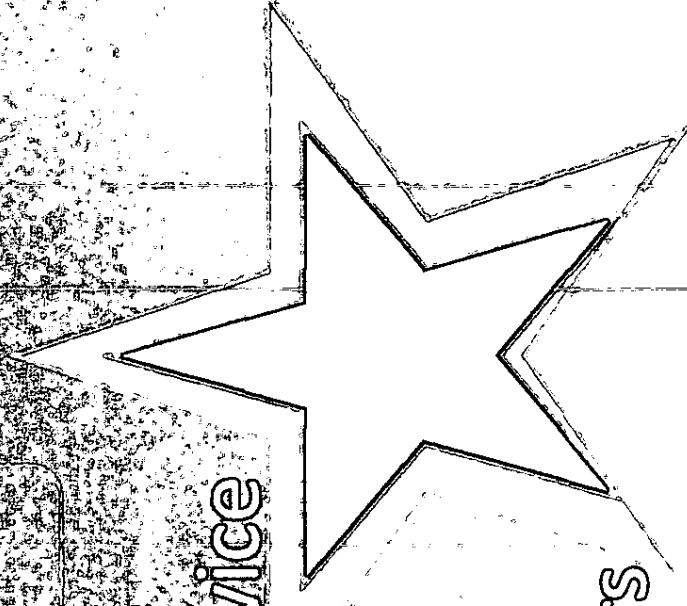
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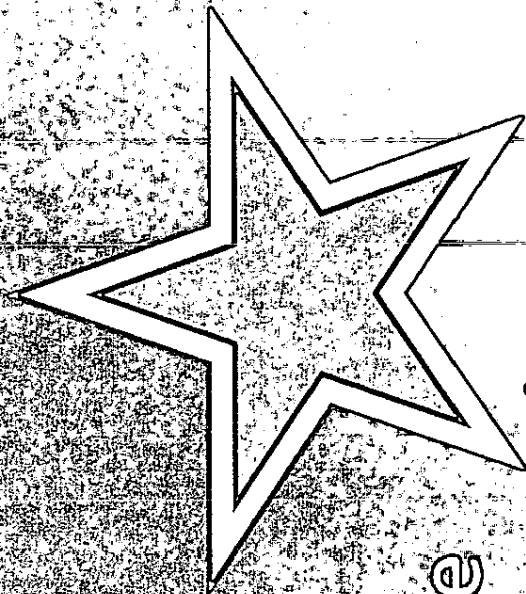
this flag it signifies service in all wars

from the American Revolution, to present day.



Flag details... The White Border

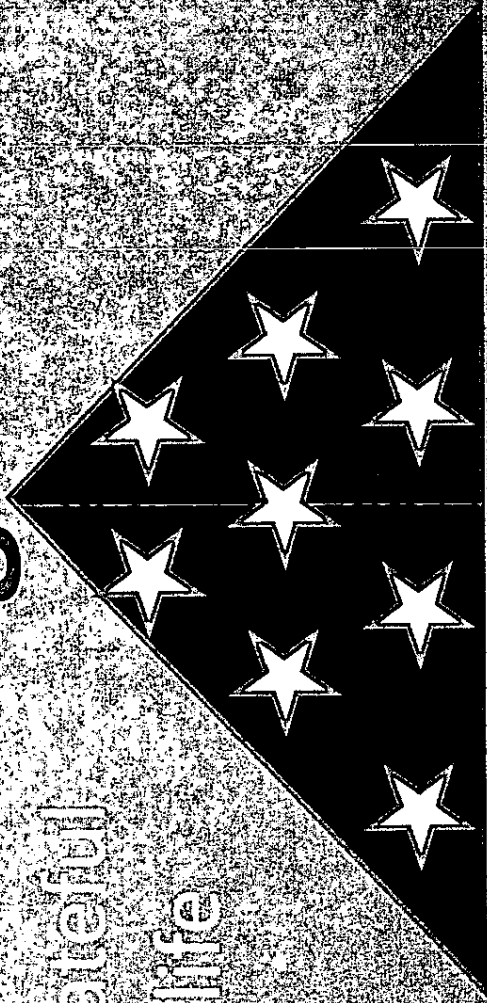
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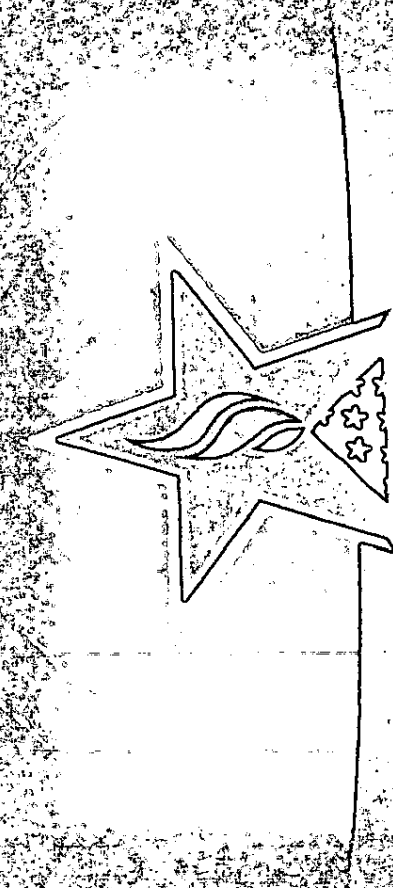
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● The Folded Flag Shrine... Flag details

● the final tribute of a grateful nation to an individual life that a family sacrificed and gave to the nation.



The Flame is an eternal reminder of the spirit that has departed this life, yet burns on in the memory of all who knew and loved the fallen hero.



HONOR AND REMEMBER

A unique

aspect of

this flag is that it can be personalized, with a member's

NAME, DATE, and PLACE of D

Then presented as a gift, to a "Gold Star" parent, spouse or child. We want to see every family, that has lost a loved one in military service to our country, receive a personalized flag.

If you know of a deserving family, and would like to donate a flag - please, let us know.



George found another commonality among the families of fallen heroes.

As they transitioned from loss, to grief and finally acceptance... there were just two things they wanted to know,

- That the sacrifices of their families, have not been in vain.
- That the personal sacrifice of their fallen, will not be forgotten.

These concerns led George on a quest,

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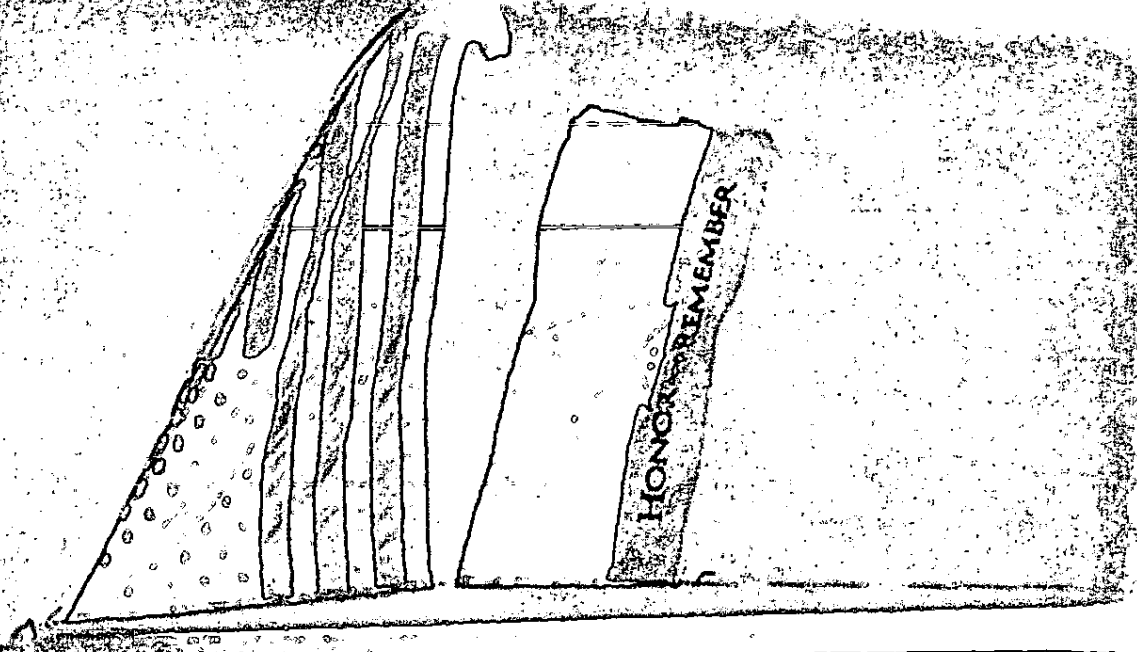
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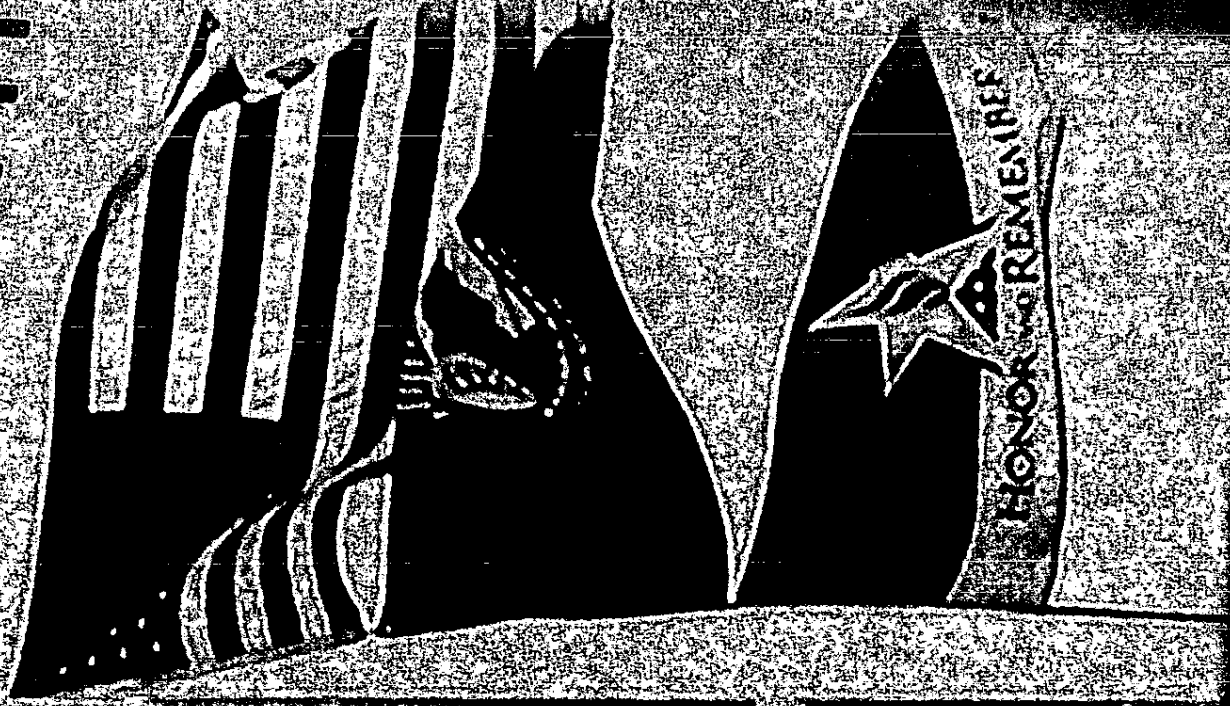
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OUR MISSION.

To create, establish and promote a nationally recognized flag that would fly continuously as a visible reminder to all Americans of the lives lost in defense of our national freedoms. All Military lives lost, not only in action, but also in service, from our nation's beginnings.

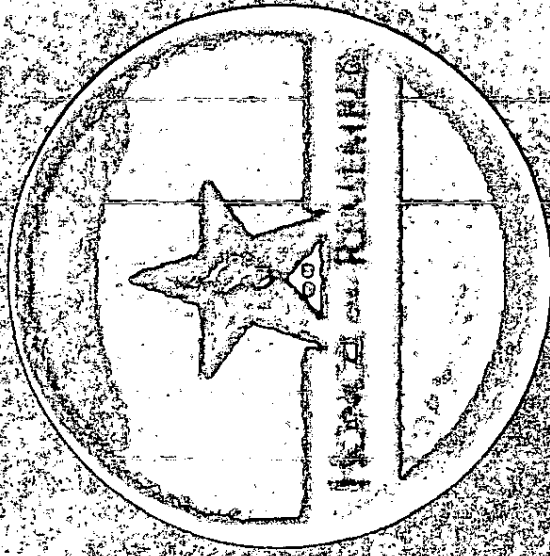


● The Rationale: ●

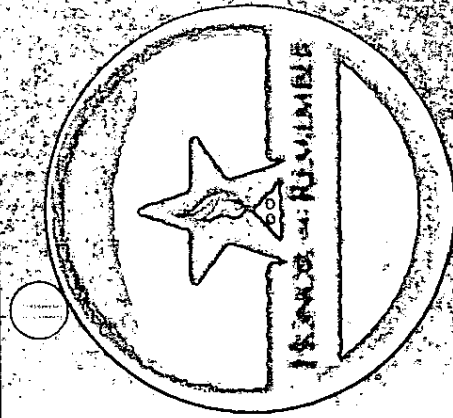


In our over 200 year history there has never been an official national symbol that recognizes in gratitude and respect the ultimate sacrifice made by the members of the United States military in service to our nation. The "Honor and Remember Flag" was created for that purpose.

OUR GOALS...



1. To promote the vision of the "Honor and Remember Flag" and request that visitors to the website sign a petition and pass the word about the importance of this new symbol.

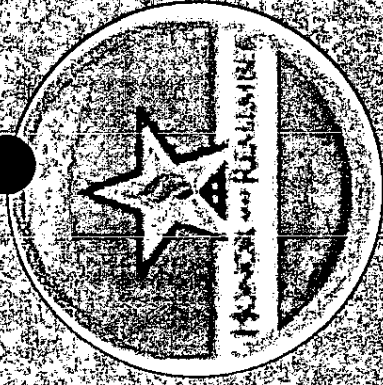


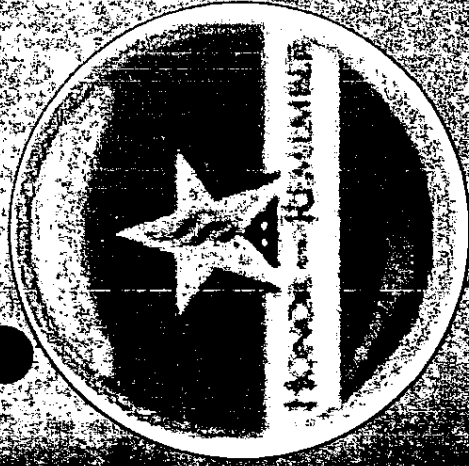
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2. To build consensus among the branches of the United States military, veterans organizations, service and civic groups, businesses and individuals in order to collectively solicit the Department of Defense and the United States Congress to propose and accept the "Honor and Remember Flag" as the official flag for honoring all fallen servicemen and servicewomen.

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3. To promote broad national awareness of and a groundswell interest in the flag, so that military, government and educational facilities as well as households throughout the country would begin flying the "Honor and Remember Flag" in recognition of our nation's fallen warriors.





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4. To place one personalized "Honor and Remember Flag" in the hands of immediate families who have lost a loved one in military service to America.



A Petition

to Establish a National Remembrance Flag

For your convenience, the petition is available here, or if you prefer you can electronically sign it on our web site.

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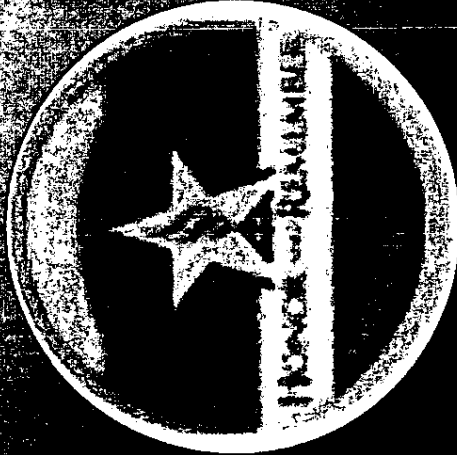
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To: *The Department of Defense, the United States Congress and the President of the United States of America.*

● We, the undersigned, representing military institutions and associations, civic and service organizations, businesses and individual citizens are in favor of the drafting and adoption of a bill that establishes the "Honor and Remember Flag" as an official flag of the United States of America. The flag shall recognize ALL individuals from all wars or conflicts

● involving the United States who died while serving our nation. This flag will serve as a symbol of national gratitude for the hundreds of thousands of American men and women who bravely made the ultimate sacrifice to preserve the freedoms we enjoy. The flag will also help to bring healing for the thousands of families crying out for

remembrance of a loved one and it will be a nationally recognized reminder to all Americans of the importance of each individual life lost.



This flag would be congressionally and militarily sanctioned as a permanent symbol to fly continuously in eternal honor and remembrance of fallen military service men and women.

Sincerely,
the Undersigned



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