

## *What the American Flag Stands For*

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*The American flag has many roles in our country. For some that role is the representation of the courage or bravery that our nation holds. Others believe it stands for the faith, pride, or liberty our beloved country believes in. I believe that the flag is a representation of our country's unity.*

*As I look at the flag every morning I notice the Stars and Stripes that are imprinted on it. They have meaning and represent something as well. The stars are a representation of the fifty states that are united to form our great nation. The stripes stand for the original thirteen colonies, which united against England to become independent. The colonies rebelled against England partially because they did not like being governed from so far away. Their not being close in distance kept them from that feeling of unity.*

*We stand under the flag, united, to pledge our allegiance to it and to everything that our country holds dear.*

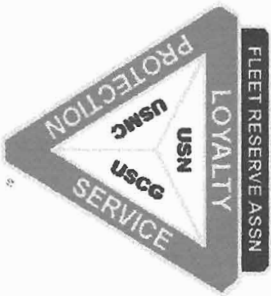
*When a person who has served their country passes away they are given a flag. The flag was given to them to show that they were apart of this country; to show that they were united with us. The flag is a visual representation of that unity.*

*The flag is a powerful representation of the country's unity. A visual example would be as such. Each person in the United States is represented as a strand of thread. These "threads" come together to form a cloth, that cloth is the United States Flag. So without a single "thread" the cloth would be incomplete. And so without a single one person our unity would be incomplete.*

*I now have a better understanding of our flag's importance. It represents our unity and love for our country. I am very proud to say that I am part of that unity. I am also proud to have such a wonderful representation of it.*



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