WHY THE AMERICAN FLAG IS FOLDED 13 TIMES

When you witness a Military Honor Guard folding a fallen soldier or Veteran's funeral flag, have you ever wondered if there was any significance to the movements? We found this particular explanation and are sharing it here with you.

The first fold of our flag is a symbol of life.

The second fold is a symbol of our belief in eternal life.

The third fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veterans departing our ranks who gave a portion of their lives for the defense of our country to attain peace throughout the world.

The fourth fold represents our weaker nature, for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace as well as in time of war for His divine guidance.

The fifth fold is a tribute to our country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, “Our Country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right; but it is still our country, right or wrong.”

The sixth fold is for where our hearts lie. It is with our heart that we pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

The seventh fold is a tribute to our Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that we protect our country and our flag against all her enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of our Republic.

The eighth fold is 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.

The ninth fold is a tribute to womanhood; for it has been through their faith, their love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great has been molded.

The tenth fold is a tribute to the father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of our country since they were first born.

The eleventh fold, in the eyes of a Hebrew citizen represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon, and glorifies in their eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

The twelfth fold, in the eyes of a Christian citizen, represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in their eyes, God the Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit.

When the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost reminding us of our nation’s motto, “In God We Trust”. After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under General George Washington, and the sailors and marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones, who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States, preserving for us the rights, privileges, and freedoms we enjoy today. There are some traditions and ways of doing things which have deep meaning.

Now, as you see Military flags folded in the future, you will have a greater appreciation for what you are witnessing.

God Bless the U.S.A.
**SILK FLOWER BOUQUETS**

We are still offering a nice selection of beautiful silk flower bouquets for our families and friends to purchase for gravesites. Total cost for the bouquet, tax and placement, if desired, is $24.00. They are all on display in the office.

Each bouquet comes with a small green plastic self-standing vase which is inserted directly into the ground. They are very appropriate at anytime of the year, but are especially nice for birthdays, anniversaries, Mother’s and Father’s Day, and Memorial Day.

Other than our 3/01 and 10/15 clearing times, we will not remove these items. And, we cannot assume responsibility for them after they are placed.

**WOODEN CROSSES NOW AVAILABLE**

Wooden identification crosses are permitted from November 1 through March 31 in grass level headstone sections to assist in locating gravesites during the non-growing season. The Cemetery now offers these memorials for sale in two different sizes and wood types.

The smaller size, especially appropriate for children but also for adults, is 23 1/2” tall. It comes in Pine for $47 or oak for $50. The larger size is 35 1/2” high; it also comes in Pine for $50 or oak $60. Lettering is $.50 per letter and the total is plus tax. Either natural or varnished finish is available. Payment is due when your cross is ordered. The delivery time is from 10-14 days after an order is submitted.

Samples are now on display in the Cemetery Office.

**ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF**

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Cemetery gates April-September 7:30 a.m.-7:00 p.m.
October-March 7:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Office hours are 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Monday – Saturday
(except holidays)

**CEMETERY GRAVE CLEAN-OFF DATES**

**MARCH 1 & OCTOBER 15**

**PLEASE NO GLASS OR PORCELAIN ITEMS AT ANYTIME.**

**NAME CROSSES IN FLAT STONE AREAS PERMITTED**

**NOV. 1 – APR. 1 ONLY**

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**HAVE YOU VIEWED OUR WEB SITE YET?**

[www.riversidecemeterycleveland.org](http://www.riversidecemeterycleveland.org)

In our fall issue, we told you about our recently posted web site which culminated two years of preparatory research and development to create. It tells the early history of Riverside, shows several interesting pictures of the past and present, and provides a detailed discussion with many pictures of Riverside accommodations including some prices. If you haven’t seen it yet, we would encourage your doing so soon.

We feel you will definitely acquire a greater appreciation for our beautiful and historic Cemetery, and hopefully share our pride in the heritage and valued reputation we have accumulated and earned during the 131 years since our founding.
**WHEN TOMORROW STARTS WITHOUT ME**

When Tomorrow Starts Without Me  
And I'm not here to see...  
If the sun should rise and find your eyes  
All filled with tears for me.

I wish so much you wouldn't cry  
The way you did today  
While thinking of the many things  
We didn't get to say.

I know how much you love me;  
As much as I love you.  
And each time you think of me,  
I know you'll miss me too.

And when I thought of worldly things  
That I’d miss come tomorrow,  
I thought of you, and when I did  
My heart was filled with sorrow.

But when I walked through Heaven’s gate  
And felt so much at home  
As God looked down and smiled at me  
From His great golden throne.

He said, “This is eternity  
And all I’ve promised you  
And since each day’s the same day here  
There’s no longing for the past”.

So when tomorrow starts without me  
Don’t think we’re far apart,  
For every time you think of me,  
I’m right here in your heart!

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1915-2006

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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Q-A friend told me that when his mother died recently and was to be buried in a different Cemetery he was required to go to the Cemetery to identify the intended grave and sign-off on the same. If one owns gravespace and it is so noted in the cemetery records, why can’t a confirmation of the correct location be done by phone? I thought avoiding such an imposition at the difficult time of death was the reasoning given for the pre-need purchase of gravespace. What is Riverside’s procedure in this regard?

A-When a Funeral Director or family representative initiates a notification of death with us, we first research our records to confirm, or investigate if necessary, the grave intended for the pending interment. If we have any problem doing this, particularly on an older and larger family lot, a sketch is prepared from our drawing books and faxed to the Funeral Home for family review and identification. Occasionally, a Director will connect our call to a speaker in his office so our burial arrangements discussion can be opened up to the family present to better handle any questions. If a family or representative of same chooses to come to the Cemetery, it is totally voluntary. The only time it is preferred that survivors come to us personally is when new gravespace has to be selected and the buyers are not familiar with a preferred location.

When our office issues a burial order to the Foremen, they are instructed to inform us immediately if the physical site dynamics do not agree exactly with our drawing. If any discrepancy can not be resolved in-house, the Funeral Director or a family representative will be consulted.

Every Cemetery has different requirements in making burial arrangements. Some use the personal visit for grave identification as an opportunity to also discuss other available cemetery services and merchandise. A few also require a follow-up return visit where an opinion of the burial services rendered are solicited before exploring any possible pre-arrangement needs of the surviving family members.

Q-I buried the cremains of my sister in a different Cemetery in the grave where our Mother had been interred many years previously. I was charged a Second Right of Interment fee equal to one-half the original price of the gravespace in addition to a burial charge. I was also required to have a vault. All of these charges created a significant cost for this interment. How does Riverside handle such a burial?

A-The only time we charge a Second Right of Interment fee is when an unused grave, originally intended for one casket burial, is converted to accommodate two caskets before the first interment. The fee is always based on the original price of the grave in question. When an urn(s) is added to a grave, one is charged only for the burial of the urn, and no outer vault is required. There is no restriction on the number of urns permitted in a grave other than available space. However, one needs to consider all of the names to be included when selecting and designing the single headstone.

Our columbarium niches will accommodate two standard-sized urns within the 11” cubed interior. Only one of the larger marbleized urns will fit.

Q-Who owns Riverside Cemetery?

A-Riverside Cemetery is an incorporated Association of Lot Owners. This type entity was created when our founders purchased the original 102 acres within the Titus Brainard 140 acre farm during the 1876-1889 time period. The mortgage was held by Mr. Brainard, and the source of his payments was primarily a percentage of lot sales during that time period with some assistance from coupon bonds which the Cemetery issued. All those who purchased burial rights during the original thirteen years then became the initial members of the Riverside Cemetery Association. Since that time, the added revenues of our burial right purchases have continued the development and perpetuation of the Cemetery.

IN-GROUND FLOWER VASE

We have two types of fold-in vases available for sale. One is made of aluminum and costs $26 installed. The other is zinc and costs $41 installed. Please stop by the Office and check them out.
**Seasonal Gate Closing Hours**

During the early spring, summer and early fall we will again resume a later closing of our gates. The gates will remain open until 7:00 p.m. during the week and on weekends. We feel this later accommodation will better serve our working families. This time change will start with April through September. In October, we’ll adjust the extended closing time with the dwindling daylight hours until 10/31 when the winter close of 5:00 p.m. will prevail everyday. As is usual, the gates will open at 7:30 a.m. every day.

**FROM THE FOREMEN**

**BY SHIRLEY & KEN**

Summer is on its way. To keep the Cemetery a safe place to visit, and pleasant to the eyes for everyone, here are just a few friendly reminders for the growing season.

- Please limit the portable tributes to 3 per grave; any more than 3 will be removed and disposed of. **Do not** use Styrofoam items. They will break apart.

- We ask that no glass or porcelain items be put out. They break too easily and our staff and visitors can get hurt.

- Also, please do not put out rocks or pebbles around headstones, plantings or decorations. They do not stop the grass from growing and they are very dangerous when trimming and cutting the grass.

- For the families that plant flowers on their lots, please remember it is your responsibility to keep them weeded. The plants make the cemetery look very nice, but when the weeds take over they reassemble overgrown fields and look terrible. When this situation occurs, we will have no alternative but to cut them down.

- Always check with the office first to see if your section allows in-ground planting. If the section does not, annuals must be put in a pot which can be moved comfortably.

- Please stay off the grass and out of the sections with your cars.

- We have sturdy steel stands available at the office without charge for your artificial tributes. Don’ use the flimsy wire ones included in your box.

Your co-operation in these guidelines will be greatly appreciated by your Cemetery’s administrative and grounds maintenance staff as well as our valued families and many welcome visitors.

**TOURS**

Sunday, June 10 from 1-5 p.m., Brooklyn Centre will hold its Third Annual Garden Tour. Riverside Cemetery will be the featured location where costumed narrators portraying notable interments will converse with guests about their lives and accomplishments at their respective gravesites. Arborists, gardeners, and others will mingle at the Garden Party providing tips on 'lazy summer afternoon' activities.

**Ticket prices are**


If you wish to purchase tickets or are interested in mailing list inclusion for further details, please call Chairperson, Gloria Ferris (216-351-0254) or e-mail her at gloria.ferris@gmail.com.

Once again this summer, we will be having one of our popular Brewer Tours. To date, we have identified eight 19th & 20th Century Brewers interred in our Cemetery.

Nancy Desmond, Manager of the Outdoor Education Division of the Cleveland Metroparks, will discuss some of these brewers as we visit their gravesites. Riverside's Bill Halley will open with a review of the early history and administrative character of the Cemetery, then join with Nancy and introduce guests to several of the many other notable interments here as we pass their resting places. The date of this event is Saturday, July 21, 2007 with assembly in our Nationally Registered, Victorian Stone Chapel, at 9:00 a.m. The tour is a part of our Foundation's educational outreach, and is given without charge. Voluntary tax-deductible gifts to our Foundation, however, are welcome and appreciated throughout the year. Reservations must be received by Friday, July 20.
In Grateful Appreciation

New Contributors and Additional Gifts To Our Foundation Since the Fall Issue

Carolyn & Richard Vigneulle
In memory of Margaret & John Koelges

Debra Valachovic-Skender
In memory of Dolores Valachovic

Eleanor & Dennis Benduhn
In memory of Doris & Stan Troy

Amanda Ford Morris

Martha Williams
In memory of Williamson & Kroehle Family at Riverside

Waldia Otankis

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In memory of John Schweitzer

Sally & Paul Hiller
In memory of Paul Hiller Sr.

Ron Leskowicz
In memory of Margaret Leskowicz

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In memory of Colette & William Townsend

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Brenda & John Rocheck

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In memory of Patricia Figueroa

Elizabeth Brown
In memory of Anna Easterly

Dorothy Justice
In memory of James Justice

Cora D’Amore
In memory of Schoellkopf Family

Fred Brunner
In memory of Jimmy Joe Gibson

Janice & Tony Fletcher
In memory of Gordon, Frances, Roberta & Roland Baster

Lorna Schroeder
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In memory of Eugenia & William Bendock

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In memory of Earl King & Shirley Childress

K.L. Carter
In memory of Phyllis & John Porter & Helen Kari

Carol Seiken
In memory of my Twin Boys

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Hollington Jr.
In memory of Florence & Dr. Robert Stecher

Virginia Fortuna
In memory of Joseph Fortuna

Marijane & Bill Halley
In memory of Madeline & Heber Halley & Paul Hiller

Jean Barnes
In memory of my Ancestors

Mary Ann & Donald Obert
In memory of Families at Riverside

Betty Wells
In memory of Arthur Wells & Tillie & Clarence Ruprecht

Joel Ager
In memory of Elizabeth Ager

Zorida Rosario
In memory of Luis, Teresa, & Juan Rosario

Thomas Foster
In memory of Alice Foster

Susan Reese
In memory of Amy Reese

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