

I AM YOUR FLAG

Based on poem by Marine Master Sargeant Percy Webb

Setup:

4 Readers are positioned in the 4 corners of the room.

Flag Bearer carries US Flag to the front center of the room, turns to face the audience and remains in position during the reading.

All Readers: I am your flag.

Reader #1: I was born June 14, 1777.

Reader #2: I am more than just cloth shaped into a design.

Reader #3: I am the refuge of the World's oppressed people.

Reader #4: I am the silent sentinel of freedom.

Reader #1: I am the emblem of the greatest sovereign nation on earth.

Reader #2: I am the inspiration for which American Patriots gave their lives and fortunes.

Reader #3: I have led your sons into battle from Valley Forge to the dense jungles of Vietnam.

Reader #4: I walk in silence with each of your honored dead to their final resting place beneath the silent white crosses - row upon row.

Reader #1: I have flown through peace and war; strife and prosperity; and amidst it all, I have been respected.

All Readers: I am your flag.

Reader #2: My red stripes symbolize the blood spilled in defense of this glorious nation.

Reader #3: My white stripes signify the burning tears shed by Americans who lost their sons and daughters.

Reader #4: My blue field is indicative of God's heaven, under which I fly.

Reader #1: My stars, clustered together, unify fifty states as one, for God and Country.

Reader #2: "Old Glory" is my nickname, and I proudly wave on high.

Reader #3: Honor me, respect me, defend me with your lives and your fortunes.

Reader #4: Never let my enemies tear me down from my lofty position, lest I never return,

Reader #1: Keep alight the fires of patriotism.

Reader #2: Strive earnestly for the spirit of Democracy.

Reader #3: Worship Eternal God, and keep his commandments; and I shall remain the bulwark of peace and freedom for all mankind.

All Readers: I AM YOUR FLAG!

Flag Bearer places US Flag in stand

Flag Bearer: Please join me in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance