## To my dad, Lou Lorenz, WWII Veteran, U.S. Navy – Julia

- **1.** Begin by holding the flag waist-high with another person, so that its surface is parallel to the ground.
- **2.** Fold the lower half of the stripe section lengthwise over the field of stars, holding the bottom and top edges securely.
- **3.** Fold the flag again lengthwise with the blue field on the outside.
- **4.** Make a rectangular fold, then a triangular fold, by bringing the striped corner of the folded edge to meet the open top edge of the flag, starting the fold from the left side.

- **5.** Turn the outer end point inward, parallel to the open edge, to form a second triangle.
- **6.** The triangular folding is continued until the entire length of the flag is folded in this manner (usually thirteen triangular folds). On the final fold, any remnant that does not neatly fold into a triangle (or in the case of exactly even folds), the last triangle is tucked into the previous fold.
- **7.** When the flag is completely folded, only a triangular blue field of stars should be visible.





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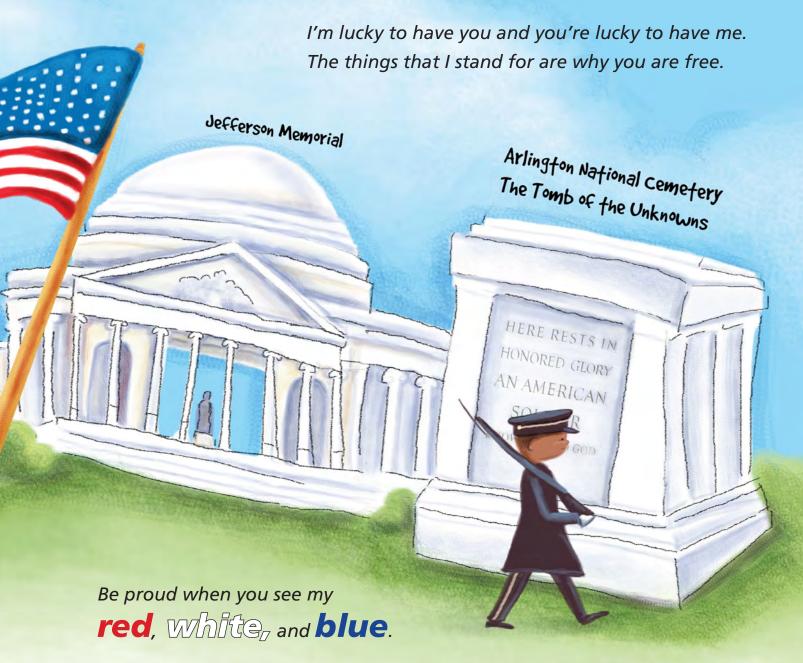
I am a flag...but not just any flag...I am AMERICA's flag! The United States of America, that is!

I'm the symbol for who we are as a people. I stand for Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness! My bright stars and powerful stripes connect all of us as Americans.



I stand for freedom when I wave in the air, so proud of my stars and stripes. Whenever you see me, please show that you care.





When I wave in the air...I'm waving for YOU!



I've always had 13 red and white stripes...one for each of the 13 colonies that declared their independence from Great Britain. My **red** stripes stand for **hardiness** and **valor**. That means I am tough and brave. My white stripes stand for purity and innocence. That means that I am dirt free, full of goodness, and I will do no harm.

