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**FMAA HONORS PATRIOTS DAY AND URGES ALL
AMERICANS TO DO THE SAME WITH OLD GLORY**

MT. LAUREL, NJ April 15, 2005 – Show your support for your Nation this April 19 in honor of Patriots Day. The Flag Manufacturers Association of America (FMAA) urges all citizens to proudly display their stars and stripes on this day and throughout the year.

Each April, Patriots Day honors the battles and skirmishes that began our fight for independence. Patriot's Day commemorates the battle of Lexington and Concord which was fought on April 19, 1775. Part of the history of this famous revolutionary battle was the midnight ride of Paul Revere and “the shot heard 'round the world.”

Today only a few states recognize the holiday; however, its celebrations are known by many. Besides several reenactments of the famous midnight ride, there are other festivities including professional baseball games and the running of the Boston Marathon.

“There are so many great reasons to proudly display your American flag and Patriots Day is one of them,” notes Sandy Van Lieu, FMAA Chairman. “In general, flag waving has decreased in the past few years and I think this is the perfect time to make another conscious effort and continually show our support and pride for this great Nation.”

The Flag Manufacturers Association of America is a non-profit trade association, established in 2003, representing the leading United States flag manufacturers. It is dedicated to educating and promoting the quality, variety, and proper use of flags manufactured in the United States. FMAA sponsors the “Certified Made in the USA” program that certifies your flag has been made in the USA of materials that are domestic in origin and that all processes in every step of its manufacture were completed in USA facilities with USA labor.

For more information on the Flag Manufacturers Association of America or the “Certified Made in the USA” program, please contact the headquarters office: 15000 Commerce Parkway, Suite C, Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054; Phone: 856-439-0500 or fax: 856-439-0525.

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