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HONORING MEMORIAL DAY WITH STARS AND STRIPES
FMAA Urges All Citizens to Fly The U.S. Flag at Half-Staff Until Noon

MT. LAUREL, NJ - May 23, 2005 – While we can never repay the brave men and women who have given their lives while serving as members of America's armed forces, The Flag Manufacturers Association of America (FMAA) hopes that every American takes time to remember and honor them this Memorial Day by flying their U.S. Flag.

Memorial Day is a sacred day reserved for the remembrance of those who paid the ultimate price for our freedoms. Towns hold parades honoring the fallen, veterans give Memorial Day speeches and Americans take pride in decorating the graves of those fallen with flowers and flags.

FMAA offers these helpful reminders to properly observe Memorial Day, May 30, 2005:

- Fly the U.S. Flag at half-staff until noon
- Fly the 'POW/MIA Flag' as well
- Visit cemeteries and place flags or flowers on the graves of our fallen heroes
- Visit memorials
- Participate in a “National Moment of Remembrance” at 3:00 PM to pause and think upon the true meaning of the day
- Renew a pledge to aid those affected by our fallen heroes, and to aid disabled veterans

“As we celebrate Memorial Day this year, our country is reminded of the sacrifice and service of so many Americans who fought to keep our nation a free land,” commented Sandy Van Lieu, FMAA Chairman. “Show your support and recognize our veterans and the men and women who continue to fight the war on terror by proudly displaying a true symbol of patriotism, the American Flag.”

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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