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National Remembrance Flag — Sept. 11

What the flag represents:
The background. The blue on each side of the flag represents the color of the state flags for each state where a plane was downed—New York, Pennsylvania, and Virginia. The black in the center of the flag represents the sorrow we feel for the innocent lives lost from this tragedy; those on the planes, those working in the towers, the Pentagon, and the rescue workers who lost their lives during the rescue.

The stars. The stars represent the 4 planes that crashed and the innocent lives lost on those planes and in the buildings. The blue star represents the Pentagon and American Airlines Flight 77, and the innocent passengers and the lives lost in the Pentagon. The 2 white stars represent each of the towers at the World Trade Center, American Airlines Flight 11 and United Airlines Flight 175, the innocent passengers on those flights, the lives lost (both those in the buildings and the rescue work-

ers) and those that survived. The red star represents United Flight 93 that crashed in Shanksville, PA, the innocent passengers,

and those who sacrificed their lives to protect the loss of other innocent lives. All four stars are touching, and the 2 white stars touch the blue in the flag; this represents our "unity" in the United States.

This flag is based on the POW/MIA flag "that we may never forget."

Proceeds from sales will go to the relief efforts of the 9/11/01 tragedy.



This flag is designed to fly under the United States flag or on a separate pole. This flag is to be flown the month of September as a "remembrance" of the innocent victims of September 11th, or optionally for the entire year.

For more information on ordering flags or stickers call (315) 594-9274 or email jmgalvin@zlink.net.

Ex-Prisoners of War Have Special Benefits

Some 42,000 former prisoners of war are still living, yet only 35% are receiving VA benefits. For instance, VA provides disability compensation for more than 20 health conditions tied to wartime captivity. But many ex-POWs are unaware of these presumptive medical maladies.

If you were a POW in WWII, Korea, Vietnam, or Iraq, and need special assistance, contact:

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