

Press Release

Over 1800 Schools Fly Virginia's Official State Symbol of Remembrance on September 11, 2007

Freedom Flag, designed to honor the victims and heroes of 9/11, continues to grow in recognition and stature.

RICHMOND, VA – September 11, 2008 – The Freedom Flag, Virginia's official state symbol of remembrance for September 11, 2001, will fly below the American Flag at over 1500 public and private schools throughout the Commonwealth today. An additional 300 Freedom Flags will fly at schools in Washington, DC, New York, New Jersey, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, North Carolina, Iowa, Wyoming, Tennessee, Nevada, and Hawaii.

“We promised as a nation to ‘never forget’ and we’re committed to honoring that promise by creating a Patriot Day tradition in schools of flying the Freedom Flag below the American Flag. Something as simple as reading the elements of the Freedom Flag will provide a reminder for future generations of the events of September 11, 2001,” said Chip Harris, executive director of the Freedom Flag Foundation. “It’s important that we keep the memories of the victims, heroes and survivors of 9/11 within our nation’s conscience,” he said.

Freedom Flag was created in Richmond, Virginia on September 20, 2001, not as a replacement for the American Flag, but as one citizen’s way of ensuring that we would “never forget” the events of September 11th. Two years later the Freedom Flag became part of Virginia history when Governor Mark R. Warner designated it as the state’s official symbol of remembrance honoring the victims and heroes of 9/11. Raising the Freedom Flag has become part of the traditional Patriot Day observation at schools within the Commonwealth and beyond.

In the fall of 2002, the student leadership of the Virginia Student Councils Association elected to embrace the Freedom Flag and make it part of their educational experience. Several weeks later, the “Freedom Flag Project” was introduced in a speech at Dickinson University during a flag presentation ceremony. The Freedom Flag Project calls for schools to formalize an annual tradition of raising and flying the Freedom Flag below the American Flag on September 11th.

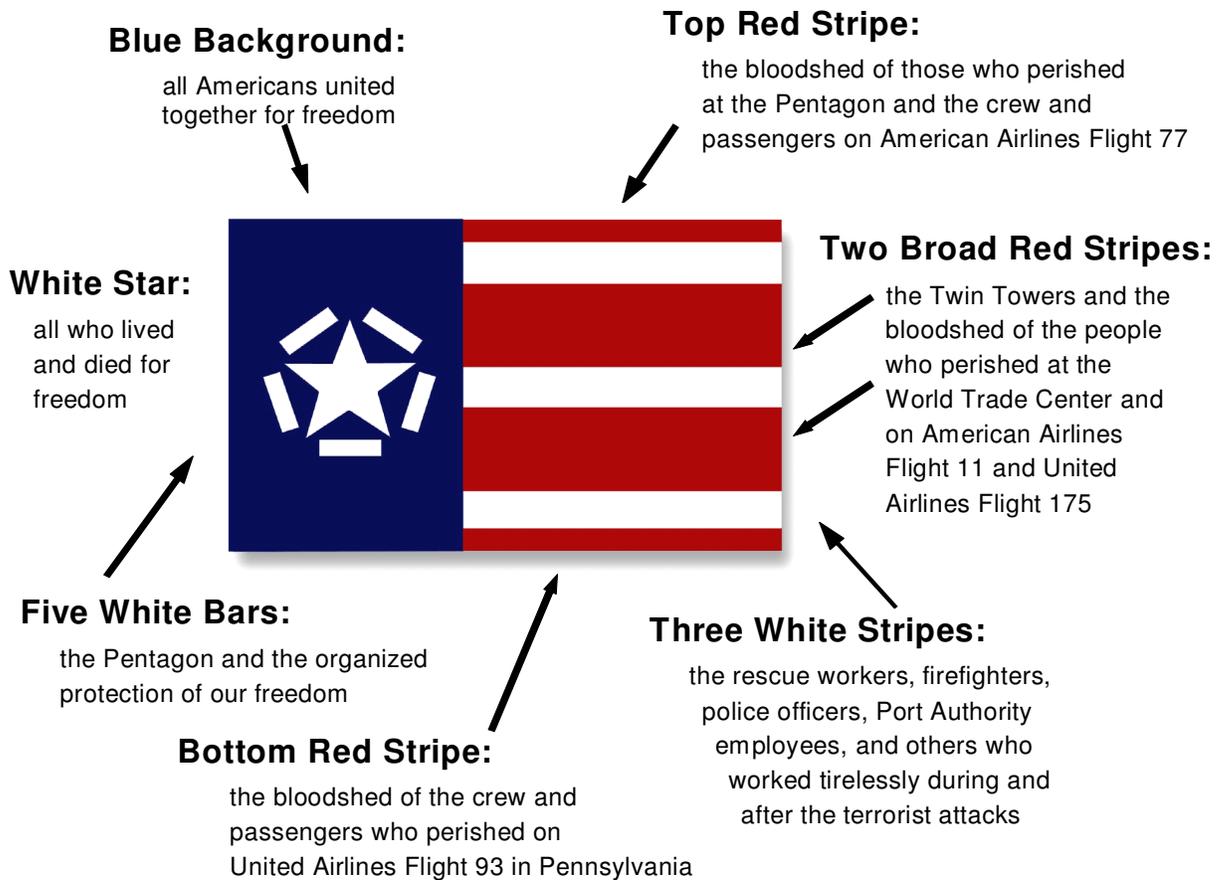
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About Freedom Flag Foundation:

The Freedom Flag Foundation is a not-for-profit public organization that is tax exempt under section 501C3 of the Internal Revenue Code. It was established in May of 2002 to help facilitate the distribution of the Freedom Flag into schools for use as a teaching tool on future September 11th anniversaries. The Freedom Flag Foundation operates out of Richmond, Virginia.

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