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*The Society of Descendants of*  
*KNIGHTS OF THE MOST NOBLE ORDER OF THE GARTER*

"Hedgefield," Germantown  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
April 1, 1949

My dear General MacArthur:

As further evidence of Honorary Membership, which you have so graciously accepted, both in this Society and The Somerset Chapter Magna Charta Barons, these Certificates are sent to you.

You will recall that the Official Insignia were brought to you by Mr. C. Palmer Woodbury, Vice President, on his recent trip to Tokyo.

Your many friends and well wishers in this vicinity feel greatly honored by your acceptance of membership in these Old World hereditary Orders.

Faithfully yours,

*John S. Wurts*  
Chancellor

To: General Douglas MacArthur, U. S. A.

[see Doc-300 and PAT-126]

The fabric was so much decayed that, as the Dean of Windsor once remarked, "we could find no scientific reason, when the work was started nine years ago, why parts of the roof should have stayed up at all."

The reason, probably is tradition: for tradition is precious to the English, and this Chapel seems almost sentient.

By the generosity of the King, the present-day Knights, and many descendants in England and America, the large sum needed for its restoration was provided, and now after ten years' work the repairs have been completed.

In conjunction with the Society, a

#### MEMORIAL PUBLICATION FUND

has been formed, in order that the pedigrees of the families subscribing thereto may be collated and preserved. Subscriptions in memory of loved ones may be sent to the Chancellor, John S. Wurts, Esq., Treasurer, Memorial Publication Fund, "Hedgefield," Germantown, Pa.

The name of the person, living or dead, in whose memory the donation is made, with the amount of the gift and the name of the Donor, will appear on a Roll to be kept in the Archives of this distinguished Order and, with the pedigrees, will be printed in its publications, and an autographed Certificate will be given to each Donor.

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## The Society of Descendants of KNIGHTS of the MOST NOBLE ORDER of the GARTER

Of Interest to Men and Women  
of England and America



For encouraging the restoration of the Garter Chapel  
and for the preservation of family descents.

Organized 1919



Colors: Blue and Gold



### SOCIETY OF DESCENDANTS

**I**F YOU number among your ancestors at least one Companion of the Order of the Garter, you will be interested not only in the Chapel of the Order, where his name is inscribed on one of the stalls, but also in the fact that The Society of Descendants was formed of men and women in England and America for the encouragement of the restoration of that architectural gem, and for the creation of a Memorial Publication Fund to preserve family descents. Founder Membership, fee \$50, includes the right to appoint a successor who, in turn, may appoint the next successor and so on for all time. A member may also propose for enrollment other persons who have the required ancestry back to a Knight of the Garter. Gold insignia, certificates of membership and all publications are furnished free to members. The entertainments of the Society usually take the form of Receptions or Dinners and occur several times during the year in various cities. Inquiries concerning pedigrees and memberships may be addressed to the Signet, Miss Mary Elizabeth Griffith, "Rockingham," Germantown, Pa. Pedigrees of members of this Society will be deposited for all time in the Archives of the Order.

### THE RESTORATION ACCOMPLISHED

**I**T was an event of great satisfaction when St. George's Chapel at Windsor Castle, the shrine of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, was reopened at a great thanksgiving service on Tuesday, November 4, in the presence of King George, the Sovereign, Queen Mary, the only lady of the Order, and other members of the Royal Family, and the Garter Knights, to commemorate the Chapel's restoration.

Inside the Chapel the clergy alone were splendidly robed. Yet the tradition of chivalry, the majesty and havoc of the past inspired the entire congregation.

The dean and canons of the Chapel robed in crimson, the prelate of the Order (the Bishop of Winchester), and the chancellor (the Bishop of Oxford)—both in robes of dark blue velvet—met the King at the West Door and escorted him and the Queen to their stalls under the organ loft, facing the altar.

The Prince of Wales sat across the aisle at the King's left. The royal knights were on either side. The choir moved, singing, through the two nave aisles, meeting as they returned towards the altar, where the dean, in his robe, stood, a crimson figure against the golden light of the sacred plate.

He read a prayer for the King and Companions of the Order of the Garter, that "they may likewise so dispose themselves in virtue and fortitude of mind and purpose that Thy law may be the better

honoured, the Commonwealth the better served, and their fame remain to their posterity."

And so, with fine music and simple, worthy words, thanks were given for the repair and restoration of "the gem-like shrine of the Cross and Faith of Christ," in which we were.

The organ thundered finally in the National Anthem. The King and his knights departed. And a thousand shadows of vanished knights, spurred and armed, and with hands resting on their swords, watched them go.

### HIGHEST ORDER OF KNIGHTHOOD

The order was instituted by King Edward III, some time between 1344 and 1350, the uncertainty in date arising from the early loss of all its original records. It is now, as always, comprised of the Sovereign, the Prince of Wales, twenty-five Knight Companions, and such foreign Sovereigns as may be chosen. It has ever ranked as the highest dignity of knighthood in the world. Included in the insignia of the Order is a blue ribbon of velvet edged with gold and having a gold buckle. The pendant represents St. George slaying the dragon, and the certificate bears the same well-known insignia with the motto "Honi soit qui mal y pense" (Dishonored be he who thinks ill of it).

Erected in 1477, the Chapel was of late found to be in great decay and in grave danger of collapse.



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The Sharon Herald  
SHARON, PA.

G. B. LARTZ

April 5, 1949



Dear General and Mrs. MacArthur:

We have just returned to Sharon and this is a belated thank you for the hospitality shown Mrs. Lartz and myself at the reception and luncheon in your home. It was the highlight of a wonderful adventure in the Orient. We shall never forget our genial host and a most gracious hostess.

Colonel Huff was very kind and courteous in showing us around and helping with the shopping.

I eagerly await meeting Senator Martin to talk over our experience.

With best wishes to a great American and a charming wife, I am

Sincerely,

*CB Lartz*

General Douglas MacArthur,  
Tokyo, Japan

2 Higashi Torii Taba,  
Aoyama, Minato-ku, Tokyo,  
April 5<sup>th</sup>, 1949.

General Douglas MacArthur,  
SCAP, Tokyo,

Dear Sir:



Your is a position of heavy and constant responsibility. It has been with deep appreciation that I have read of your trust in God and your conviction of the supreme importance of the things of the spirit.

Perhaps it may be of some small help to you to know that each day you are remembered in prayer. I pray that you may be given wisdom and strength, and that, as you seek to know and do God's will, you may know too His peace and joy.

All good wishes to you,

Sincerely,

(Miss) Mildred E. Mathewson

Missionary for United Church  
of Canada





CREELEY S. BUCHANAN  
SUPERVISOR  
PHOENIX MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY



43 Concord Ave.  
Cambridge, Mass.  
April 8, 1949

General Douglas MacArthur  
Supreme Allied Headquarters  
Tokyo, Japan

My dear General MacArthur:

As a neighbor and friend of many years of both Colonel and Mrs. Ames I am taking it upon myself to forward to you the enclosed clipping of the latter's demise this week.

She spoke so often of her great affection for you, your father and mother and of her happy years on Army posts with the MacArthurs, that I felt you would be interested, as well as saddened by this news.

However, since the death of Colonel Ames in late 1945 her own health has been poor and failing and her passing is in reality a blessing to all concerned. My family and I have been very close to the Ameses ever since we moved here ten years ago. The clipping errs; they lived here for about fifteen years. A finer, more Christian couple never graced this earth, and left their mark on those of us who knew and loved them.

Please accept my own good wishes to you, my thanks as a citizen for the outstanding job you have done and are doing for all of us.

Very sincerely yours,

Creeley S. Buchanan  
(Capt. U. S. A.-Res.)

CSB:GG



GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS  
MILITARY INTELLIGENCE SECTION, GENERAL STAFF  
ALLIED TRANSLATOR AND INTERPRETER SECTION

NOTE: Translation directed by Commander-in-Chief

Received ATIS: 11 Apr 49

DIGEST OF LETTER

TO: Colonel L. E. BUNKER

FROM: OTA, Yuriko (太田百合子)  
TOCHIGI Ken, KAMI TSUGA Gun, NIKKO Machi,  
SHIMO HACHIISHI 712

DATE: (No date)



*Col. H. H.*  
*3*

The writer thanks Colonel BUNKER for the letter she received thanking her for the scroll with a painting of a doll.

She states that the doll seems to be of the Muromachi period, but the eyes, mouth, nose, and eyebrows seem to be of the Heian period. The writer further describes in detail the characteristics of the dolls of the period but fears that occidentals may not appreciate the ancient beauty of the dolls.

She states that 31 March was the former date of the doll festival and the doll scroll therefore, should be displayed at that time.

## Mrs. Ames Dies In Cambridge

Mrs. Marguerite Ames, 75, widow of Col. Thos. L. Ames, USA, died last night at her home, 32 Canton avenue, Cambridge.

A native of Oakland, Calif., Mrs. Ames traveled extensively with her husband and with her father, the late Brig. Gen. John C. Kelton. She had lived in Cambridge since 1944 when her husband retired. He died a year later.

During World War II she was active in work for the Red Cross and other agencies and visited 200 pairs of nurses for service in the North Atlantic.

She leaves two sons and a brother. Services will be held tomorrow at 2 P. M. in Church of the Holy Spirit, Cambridge. Interment will be in Arlington National cemetery.









26 March 1949

Dear Mrs. Ota:

Thank you very much for the scroll which you were so kind as to send to General MacArthur. It has just arrived quite safely and he has asked me to send you his thanks and good wishes.

Yours truly,

LAURENCE E. BUNKER,  
Colonel, Aide-de-Camp.



Mrs. Yuriko Ota,  
71 Susuishi,  
Nikko machi shita,  
Kamitoga-gun, Tochigi-ken,  
Japan.



25 March 1949

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MEMORANDUM

TO : Colonel Bunker,

The attached scroll was mailed to General MacArthur by Yuri Ota, 71 Suzuishi, Niko machi shita, Kamitoga-gun, Tochigi-ken. No letter accompanied the gift, which was presumably hand painted by Yuri Ota.

Y. O.  
Y. O.



EXCERPT FROM "CONGRESSIONAL RECORD", APRIL 9, 1949.

"GEN. DOUGLAS MACARTHUR

MR. KEARNEY. Mr. Speaker, on January 26 in the city of New York some 300 men gathered in honor of a great American, a general of the Army, Douglas MacArthur. In absentia, a scroll was presented to that distinguished American testifying to his greatness as an American and as a leader of our military forces. In it it spoke of his greatness as one who chose to remain at his post of duty in Tokio rather than return to his native land, receiving a hero's welcome and campaign actively for the presidency of the United States. It spoke of his active fight against communism and other subversive activities and for the preservation of the American way of life. To all Americans the name of Douglas MacArthur will ever be an inspiration to all Americans for honor, duty, and love of country.

This scroll was signed first by the President of the United States. I have a photostatic copy of the scroll which has been placed in the Speaker's lobby with the consent of the Speaker and I am asking the Members of the House to join with me in signing the signature sheet to the scroll honoring a great American."

Tokyo-April 11, 1949

To Gen. Douglas MacArthur, an apostle of peace  
who has not spared himself in supporting for  
the Independence of the Republic of Korea,  
we dedicate two reels of a documentary film

"OUTCRY OF THE KOREAN RACE"

in order to commemorate everlastingly His  
great achievement with the gratitude of  
30,000,000 Korean people.



Producer, Kyongho A H N

The Documentary Film on  
Korean Independence Producing  
Corporation

[See RA-111 4/11, film 16]



BALTIMORE NEWS-POST  
Baltimore Sunday American  
BALTIMORE 3, MARYLAND

April 13, 1949



Mrs. Douglas MacArthur,  
Allied Headquarters,  
Tokyo, Japan.

Dear Mrs. MacArthur,

Some time ago I wrote you and asked you to tell me about the women of Japan ---- are they taking real steps toward peace --- what sort of housewives are they --- also mothers ? In other words, just what is the Japanese home like and please tell me something about their organizing for peace which a brief news item in one of the American papers mentioned and said it had your supprt.

As writer of a woman's column-- FOR WOMEN ONLY -- which appears regularly in the Baltimore AMERICAN I would appreciate your telling me something about the Japanese woman. Since the cessation of hostilities very little has appeared in the American press regarding her and her work toward peace--- which this column stresses on every opportunity. Too much can not be said or written toward promoting world peace and it is the feeling of this writer and I know of you, too, that the women of the world must have much to do toward bring this about.

Sincerely hoping to hear from you and your distinguished husband is much admired and loved by the Hearst organization for his marvelous work in Japan, I am,

Very sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eugenia Brown".

"FOR WOMEN ONLY"  
in the  
Baltimore AMERICAN

**PUBLISHERS SYNDICATE**  
30 North La Salle  
CHICAGO

April 13, 1949



General Douglas MacArthur  
Tokyo, Japan

Dear General MacArthur:

We handle the distribution of the Gallup Poll throughout the United States, and I know you would be particularly interested in the release for Friday, April 15th, which I am enclosing.

With all good wishes to you.

Most cordially,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "E. P. Conley".

EPC:eng



14 April 1949.

Dear Miss Carter:

Thank you so much for the little volume of "She Knew Lincoln" which you have been so good as to send me, and for your very kind inscription written therein.

The innate simplicity and wide sympathy of Lincoln have always been an inspiration to me and I am delighted to have the story of another example of those great qualities of his.

With kind personal regards,

Yours sincerely,

DOUGLAS MacARTHUR

Miss Esther May Carter,  
4501 Felton Street,  
San Diego, California.

*Esther May Carter  
The book is  
a very fine copy  
of the book  
I am sure  
you will find it  
very interesting*

18 April 1930



Dear Mrs. Carter:

Thank you so much for the little volume of "The New Lincoln" which you have been so good as to send me, and for your very kind inscription written therein.

The book's simplicity and wide scope of Lincoln have always been an inspiration to me and I am delighted to have the story of another example of those great qualities of his.

With kind personal regards,

Yours sincerely,

WOODROW WILSON

Mrs. Carter, 1000  
1801 Wilson Street,  
San Diego, California.

Esther May Carter

She Knew Lincoln

Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio: Privately Printed,

1930, 20pp.

Filed in Woodrow Wilson Library



FAR EAST LODGE NO. 124 F&AM

Masonic Temple #3 Bluff

Yamate-Cho-Yokohama, Japan



15 April 1947

Illustrious Brother Douglas MacARTHUR,

The following resolution was unanimously adopted by the officers and brethren at a stated meeting of the Far East Lodge No. 124:

Be it resolved a special letter of thanks be prepared by the Secretary of the Far East Lodge No. 124, F&AM, to express our deepest appreciation and thanks to illustrious Brother Douglas MacARTHUR for his interest, cooperation, and assistance in the organization and consecration of the Far East Lodge, without which the almost insurmountable difficulties encountered could not have been overcome.

Words cannot express the full nature of the appreciation that every member of the Lodge feels towards you for the interest and courtesy that you have shown and for the assistance in the re-establishment of Masonry in Japan. We fully appreciate the huge responsibility that you hold and the many calls that are made upon you for assistance. We, therefore, doubly are grateful. It will always be a matter of great pride, to each of us as individuals, that we had the opportunity to serve in our small and various ways under your most able direction and command.

Fraternally submitted,

*William J. Eichen*  
WILLIAM J. EICHEN  
Secretary, Far East Lodge No. 124

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SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA

16 Apr. 1949.

Dear Doug:-

Enclosed is a heart warming  
tribute from a Shreveport paper -  
It makes me so happy to get  
these reactions & I hope you  
get as much from them as I do.

Did you ever find any  
real Chinese Pongee - I still  
hope to have another suit like  
I once had before I cash in.

Hoping to see you at  
Graduation week. I get there each year.  
Always Affly Roy Holburness.

Son's Shreveport Newspaper  
(exact Paper Under)

AL, FRIDAY, APRIL 15, 1949

Edith Noel

# MacArthur Popular in U.S. As Jap Occupation Chief

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** With large sections of China falling under Communist control, the United States is focusing new attention on the importance of Japan in Oriental geopolitics. Should we do more to help Japan back on her feet? Do Americans feel friendly or unfriendly toward the Japanese? Is General MacArthur popular with Americans in his role as occupation head? Following is the first of two articles dealing with American attitudes toward Japan.

BY GEORGE GALLUP

Director, American Institute of Public Opinion.

Princeton, N. J.—Gen. Douglas MacArthur's three and a half years as director of the American occupation of Japan have created a tremendously favorable impression on the American public.

More than eight out of every ten voters questioned by the American Institute of Public Opinion in a coast-to-coast poll approve of General MacArthur in his present role. A substantial number of these express intense or enthusiastic approval.

Only one voter in 50 has an unfavorable opinion of the general.

These results are a remarkable tribute to a man who has not yet set foot on the shores of the United States for many, many years.

Some authorities on the Far East would disagree with the average voter's admiration for General MacArthur's job in the occupation of Japan. His economic policies have been sharply attacked, and a national magazine recently termed the occupation a "\$2,000,000,000 failure."

But the general's popularity with the American public apparently remains unshaken.

Voters in the poll were asked:

"What kind of a job would you say General MacArthur is doing in the United States occupation of Japan?"

The vote:

Enthusiastic approval . . . . . 26%	} 81%
General approval . . . . . 55	
Disapproval . . . . . 5	
No opinion . . . . . 14	

Since a great many voters have no detailed knowledge of conditions in Japan or of the policies initiated by the occupation authorities, today's survey is, in

large part a test of reactions to the general's personality and character, both of which made a deep and lasting impression on the country during the late war.

It is probable that the high favorable vote is also due to the smoothness of the Japan occupation as compared to the much publicized troubles in Germany.

General MacArthur will not have to divide his occupation with the Russians or with other powers.

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### Long Admired

In June, 1916, eight months after American troops took over Japan, General MacArthur received the largest number of votes in an institute poll on the question: "What person, living today in any part of the world do you admire most?"

Again in 1947 he was top among the "most admired," and in 1948 he was third.





Original of this letter filed with VIP Correspondence located in Office of Director, Bureau of Archives, MacArthur Memorial



THE FOREIGN SERVICE  
OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



AMERICAN EMBASSY

Brussels, Belgium, April 16, 1949.

Dear Uncle Doug:

*mission* Several very useful Belgian officials have asked me if I would drop you a brief line regarding Monsieur Robert de Gottal, Director of the Belgian Congo Bank, *an official* who is proceeding to Japan next Friday to conclude a payments agreement between SCAP and the Belgian Congo which will enable merchandize and products to be sold between Japan and the Congo. Accordingly, I will be very grateful for any kindness or courtesies which the appropriate members of your staff can extend to Monsieur de Gottal.

I received orders about three weeks ago assigning me to the Department of State for duty, and we are sailing from Le Havre on May 5. While my exact duties have not been officially specified, I understand that I will probably take over as Chief of the Western European Division which would be one of the most interesting jobs in the Department given my past ten years experience in Western Europe. Whatever my Departmental assignment may be, we are all looking forward with anticipation to having a tour of duty in the United States after so many years abroad.

This note is in haste but carries in it lots of love to you, Jess and Arthur from Wahwee, Mimi and myself.

  
Douglas MacArthur, 2nd

General Douglas MacArthur,  
Supreme Commander Allied Powers,  
Tokyo, Japan.



GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
FAR EAST COMMAND  
Office of the Signal Officer

16 April, 1949

MEMORANDUM

TO : Colonel Bunker



The following message for General MacArthur was received this date from the Signal Officer, Washington, D. C.:

"Happy Easter for you and Mrs. MacArthur. Affectionate greetings. Signed Pechkoff."

*G. B.*  
GEORGE B. BUCK  
Brigadier General, Signal Corps  
Signal Officer

NO REFERENCE TO THIS MESSAGE SHOULD BE MADE IN OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS

THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
WASHINGTON



21 APR 1949

Dear George:

It was good to hear from you and I am happy that you find it possible to make a trip to the Orient and to Europe. I trust it will be a very pleasant journey.

Please give my regards to General MacArthur in Tokyo. I suggest that you use this letter as an introduction to him and to any other representatives of the Armed Services whom you may desire to contact while on your trip. They will be happy to accord you any assistance which they can appropriately render and which is consistent with their normal responsibilities.

I would be happy if you would drop me a line on your return and let me have any impressions of your trip.

I appreciate your reminding me of our discussion at the Mayflower Hotel sometime ago. I shall give this matter my attention.

With warmest regards, I am

Sincerely,

LOUIS

Mr. George Killion  
President  
American President Lines, Ltd.  
311 California Street  
San Francisco, California



Tokyo  
April 21, 1949

Dear Mrs. MacArthur:

Dr. Poling and I are leaving for Okinawa, Manila and maybe Shanghai in the morning, will be back late next week for a brief stop-off on the way home through Alaska.

That luncheon with you and The General was a very great moment in my life. I was not kidding about the elevator. Now that science has licked every thing but heart trouble, the staircase should be eliminated from every home. That is one thing in favor of the Imperial Hotel: nearly every thing is on the main floor. My next home is going to be a bungalow.

The Doctor and I both purchased some of those salt shakers, and as a going-away present the management gave me a set of silver honey buckets which will be fine as long as none of our guests have been in The Orient. I got some topaz jewelry for Kitty that would make even Mae West a little self conscious off the stage.

Please don't acknowledge. Respectful regards,

*and thanks, Joe Dow.*

JOE DOW, JR.  
Lieut. Colonel.



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DANIEL A. POLING  
President and Editor

Tokyo . April 21 - 1949

My dear General MacArthur:  
I have written a more formal letter  
to Chief of Staff Major General  
Edward M. Almond expressing  
appreciation for the many  
courtesies shown me while with  
the Far East Command. I hope  
that you may see that letter.  
I realize more fully now how  
much you are doing to lay  
the foundation of Democracy  
and Peace in Japan and  
the Far East.

Returning from Manila  
and China I shall be in  
Tokyo late in April before.



returning to the United States  
and hope to say a personal  
"goodbye"

With kindest regards to  
Mrs. <sup>Mac</sup> Arthur and Arthur, I  
remain with every good wish

Sincerely,

Samuel P. Foley

To General Douglas MacArthur  
Commander in Chief.  
The West Command x





# SUNROC REFRIGERATION COMPANY

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ORVILLE C. MORRISON  
PRESIDENT



April 22, 1949.

General of the Army Douglas MacArthur,  
Chief, United States Military Government,  
Tokyo, Japan.

Dear General MacArthur:

For sometime we have been meaning to write to you, to tell you how much we appreciate the efforts you have expended over such a considerable period of years, in behalf of Christianity, our country, and humanity. I now take the opportunity of doing so.

Other members of the Morrison family join me in wishing you health and happiness for many years to come.

Respectfully,

*Orville C. Morrison*

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FLAG HOUSE 1793  
BIRTHPLACE OF THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER FLAG

THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER FLAG HOUSE ASSOCIATION  
INCORPORATED

844 E. Pratt St., Baltimore-2, Md.

April 22, 1949.

General Douglas MacArthur,  
Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers,  
Tokyo, Japan.



Dear General MacArthur:

This is to acknowledge your gracious acceptance of our invitation to serve as Honorary Chairman of National Flag Week. Thank you also for the inspiring patriotic sentiments expressed in your cablegram and for the photograph you forwarded.

We, here at the Flag House, are mindful of the honor you pay us. We are confident that your endorsement of our efforts will aid materially in a fitting and effective observance of Flag Week. Your voice has the indispensable support of performance in the service of Country and Flag. We are thankful that it will call our people to honor and cherish "Old Glory." We know our people will find it a compelling call.

With every kind wish for your continued health, happiness, and patriotic leadership, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

*Dudley P. Bowe*  
DUDLEY P. BOWE, M.D.,  
PRESIDENT

DPB:rw  
(encl.)

P.S. Should you desire additional brochures, we will be glad to forward them to you.

Resolution adopted by the Continental Congress, June 14, 1777.  
 "Resolved that the Flag of the United States be 13 stripes, alternate red and white, that the Union be 13 stars, white on a blue field, representing a new constellation."



Reproduction of the original 15 star, 15 stripe "Star-Spangled Banner Flag," believed to have been taken shortly before its restoration in 1914, now in the Smithsonian Institution.

RESOLUTION OF THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER FLAG HOUSE ASSOCIATION, INC.

WHEREAS June 14, 1949, is the *One Hundred Seventy-Second Anniversary* date of the adoption by the *Continental Congress* of the first Flag of the Nation; and

WHEREAS the *Nation* was established for the preservation of individual freedom under law, equality of opportunity, the promotion of justice and the preservation and protection of life, liberty and property, which ideals are symbolized by our Flag; and

WHEREAS the high ideals for which the *Nation* was established and which are symbolized by the *Flag* are challenged by groups and by nations opposed to these ideals;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the STAR-SPANGLED BANNER FLAG HOUSE ASSOCIATION, INC., this 20th day of September, 1948, that it does hereby designate the days of June 12th to June 18th, 1949, inclusive, as a period for the observance of the *Eleventh Annual Flag Week*, and it does hereby urge all patriotic citizens of the United States of America to join in the commemoration of the *One Hundred Seventy-Second Anniversary* of the adoption by the *Continental Congress* of the *Flag of the Nation* and to rededicate themselves to the maintenance and support of the high ideals symbolized by the *Flag of the Nation* and to devote themselves more completely to the service of their *Nation*.

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GENERAL DOUGLAS MACARTHUR  
 Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers in the Far East



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OFFICE OF  
 THE SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS  
 IN THE FAR EAST

23 March 1949

Dear Dr. Bowe:

I am delighted to have the opportunity to further in any way that I can your fine purpose. Throughout the full span of American history our Flag has invariably stood as a mighty symbol to summon all Americans to the resolute defense, in peace as in War, of America's free institutions. Never has there been more pressing need than now to hold that Flag firmly aloft, as incursions from both at home and abroad work unceasingly to dim its luster and destroy humanity's faith in the hallowed American traditions of personal freedom, impartial justice, and individual dignity for which it stands. The Flag is a constant reminder of the blood and struggle and sacrifice upon which has been built the American way - and should inspire in us of this generation just as it did in those of the past, the will, the wisdom, and the courage to preserve and advance our sacred heritage of freedom.

Signed

General Douglas MacArthur.





# Star-Spangled Banner Flag House Association, Inc.

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Baltimore 2, Md.

## SPONSORING ELEVENTH ANNUAL OBSERVANCE OF NATIONAL FLAG WEEK

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April 8, 1949.

Dear Sir:

Your office is one charged with special responsibilities for quality of citizenship. We are confident, therefore, that you will be interested in the opportunity presented in this communication.

The Star-Spangled Banner Flag House Association for the eleventh consecutive year is sponsoring "National Flag Week." The week for 1949 will be June 12-18. It includes Flag Day, June 14th, the Anniversary date of the adoption of the Flag of our Nation by the Continental Congress, June 14, 1777.

You will find in the pages which follow a statement of the purposes of National Flag Week. Our people need to consider the history and the sacrificial devotion symbolized in "Old Glory." To think that we can bequeath our American way of life is to entertain a delusion. Every generation must prove its own right to be under so worthy an emblem as the Flag of the United States of America. Every generation must recognize its responsibility to contribute its own measure of luster to the glorious Flag of our Nation.

Please give careful consideration to the "Suggestions for Flag Week" on an adjoining page. We sincerely trust that it will prove stimulating for an inspiring and effective Flag Week Observance in your community or State. Where possible a Committee should be appointed on the local or regional level to carry through a well-planned program. The work of such a Committee should have the official sanction of a proclamation. Therefore, we respectfully request that you issue a Proclamation (State or Municipal) designating June 12-18, inclusive, as "National Flag Week."

If the Association can assist you, it will be most happy to have you call upon it and its officers. It will be helpful if you will advise the Association of the names of the Chairmen of any Committees you may appoint.

Very sincerely yours,

President.

To the Governors of the several States.

To the Mayors of the principal Cities.

"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands; one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

## SUGGESTIONS FOR FLAG WEEK

In the calendar of activities each day of the Week should be set aside by the respective local committees for emphasis upon a specific phase of our American way of life. A suggested calendar, subject to change, to fit the needs and circumstances in each community follows:

*Flag Sunday, June 12th.* **OPENING THE OBSERVANCE OF FLAG WEEK** by the city-wide committees program. Invite the participation of all patriotic, Veteran and Fraternal organizations. Through your Council of Churches, the Catholic Bishop and leaders of other faiths, ask that proper Flag Day Programs be held in their Churches, either at the morning or the evening service.

*Monday, June 13th.* **INDUSTRY, COMMERCE AND WORKER'S DAY.** During the war, industry, commerce, and labor cooperated as never before to the end that victory might be achieved quickly and decisively. The result—war materials in such quantity that it staggered the imagination. If this cooperation could win the war, can it not maintain peace, security and prosperity? Under our democratic form of government, every industrialist, every merchant, and every laborer is a part of the Flag. Have the members of your committee representing the Chamber of Commerce and the local business associations arrange an appropriate program for this day outlining the difficulties overcome during the war and problems which confront them in peace. Secure cooperation of all labor union representatives to present radio programs. In general, emphasize present and future need for "team work" between industry, commerce, and labor in order to maintain peace, security and prosperity.

*Tuesday, June 14th.* **FLAG DAY.** Promote some special program through the press or radio directing the public's attention to Flag Day such as a radio drama, depicting the making of the first Stars and Stripes by Betsy Ross; Francis Scott Key writing The Star-Spangled Banner, or some other incident wherein the Flag has played a very prominent part.

*Wednesday, June 15th.* **DEFENSE DAY.** Solicit the cooperation of the National Guard or State Militia units in staging parades, demonstrations, and exhibits. These may be concluded at a place of public gathering where martial music may be played for the entertainment of those present. Contact local Veterans' Organizations such as the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

*Thursday, June 16th.* **EDUCATION DAY.** Urge local School officials to have appropriate speakers at assemblies, present dramas written and enacted by school children on the history of our Country and the symbolism of the Flag. Where possible secure radio time for these school programs.

Develop Town-hall meetings or public forums to discuss the subject of our Country's participation in the United Nations and the special responsibilities and duties of our Country as a world leader.

*Friday, June 17th.* **YOUTH ACTIVITIES DAY.** Have your Boy and Girl Scout Troops, Camp Fire Girls, Boys' Brigades and all like youth organizations join in a mass rally in your stadium or public park. An alternate project might be a parade or a Pilgrimage to some Historic Shrine or some civic centre of Historic importance.

*Saturday, June 18th.* **GOVERNMENT DAY.** Radio broadcasts in which representatives of the three branches of our government—Legislative, Executive and Judicial give a discourse on governmental structure. Present radio drama depicting the processes followed in the enactment of an idea or proposal into law. Tomorrow belongs to

the youth of today. This should be trained in governmental procedure and this can be done, in part, by selecting boys and girls of high school age to take over your city and state government this day. Request Jewish Rabbis and those of other faiths who recognize Saturday as their Sabbath, to conduct Flag Day programs in their synagogues and places of worship.

### ORIGIN AND PURPOSES OF FLAG WEEK

During the five years, 1939-1943, inclusive, the United States Flag Association, with headquarters in Washington, D. C., sponsored the observance of National Flag Week. Conceived by the late Col. James A. Moss, organizer and President General of the Association, the idea was carried forward after his death by the Hon. William Tyler Page, the author of the "American's Creed." Following the death of Mr. Page in 1942 and due to the inability of the United States Flag Association to secure a leader to continue the work of Col. Moss and Mr. Page, the Association was compelled to discontinue its activities in the Autumn of 1943.

Aware of the vital significance of "National Flag Week" and feeling strongly that the work of Col. Moss and Mr. Page should not be permitted to lapse, the Star Spangled Banner Flag House Association, Inc., in 1944, undertook to perpetuate their work. The Board of Directors, at its meeting on September 20, 1948, again passed a Resolution that the Association continue to sponsor "National Flag Week."

The observance of "National Flag Week" has for its purposes the inculcation of the meaning of true Americanism into the minds and hearts of our citizens; the definite marking of the anniversary of the adoption of the First Flag of the Nation; the directing of attention to the history and evolution of "Old Glory"; and emphasizing the rights and privileges enjoyed under the "Star Spangled Banner" and the correlative duties and obligations resulting from their enjoyment.

Throughout much of the world today the principles of "Freedom, Equality, Justice and Humanity" are in jeopardy. If we wish to continue to enjoy them, we must cherish them.

### GENERAL SUGGESTIONS

Ask your motion picture theatres to use appropriate "short subjects" and feature pictures dealing with the Flag and other patriotic subjects.

Have stores, hotels, theatres, etc., make special displays of the Colors throughout Flag Week. Urge everyone in the community to display the Flag every day during the Week, from sunrise to sunset.

Arrange for special Flag talks at meetings of civic and other organizations during the week and appoint a speaker's committee for the purpose.

Add a beautiful, inspiring and dramatic touch at all public functions by having trained, uniformed organizations unite in massing the Colors.

Invite civic leaders to make brief addresses for your official program Sunday, June 12th. It is suggested that a Pageant (see below) be presented prior to the speaking program.

### PAGEANT—"The Flag Grows"

A pageant, "The Flag Grows," is available without cost to local committees. Copies will be furnished by this Association upon request. In the pageant, the Flags of the 48 States are advanced to the rostrum in the order of the admission of each state into the Union, with appropriate narration. This production has been presented upon previous occasions in Baltimore and has been found to be inspiring and educational.



"THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER"

O say can you see ~~through~~ by the dawn's early light,  
 while so proudly on Lewis and Clark's last gleaming,  
 whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight  
 O'er the ramparts our watchtowers were so gallantly streaming?  
 And the rocket's red glare, the bomb bursting in air,  
 gave proof through the night that our flag was still there,  
 O say that Star-Spangled Banner yet wave  
 O'er the land of the free in the home of the brave!

On the shore dimly seen through the mists of the deep,  
 where the foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes,  
 what is that which the breeze, o'er the towering steep,  
 (As it fitfully blows) half conceals, half discloses?  
 Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam,  
 In full glory reflected now shines in the stream,  
 'Tis the Star-Spangled Banner — O long may it wave  
 O'er the land of the free in the home of the brave!

And when is that band who so valiantly swore,  
 that the house of war in the battle's confusion  
 a home in a country should leave us no more?  
 — Their blood has washed out their feet with pollution,  
 and their charge could save the landing a slave,  
 from the terror of flight or the gloom of the grave,  
 and the Star-Spangled Banner in triumph doth wave  
 O'er the land of the free in the home of the brave.

O thus be it ever when freemen shall stand  
 between their lov'd homes and the war's desolation,  
 Blest with vict'ry and peace may the heav'n rescued land  
 Praise the power that hath made and preserved us a nation!  
 Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,  
 and this be our motto — "In God is our trust."  
 And the Star-Spangled Banner in triumph shall wave  
 O'er the land of the free in the home of the brave.



REPRODUCTION OF THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER MANUSCRIPT FROM THE ORIGINAL NOW IN THE WALTERS ART GALLERY, BALTIMORE.

THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER FLAG HOUSE BUILT 1793

From the beginning of the War of 1812, it was inevitable that Baltimore then, as now, a great shipbuilding center, would be attacked. Baltimore frigates and armed clipper



Major General Samuel Smith, Commander-in-Chief of Baltimore defenses, that he was ready at Fort M'Henry for the

ships, fast and highly maneuverable, were harassing the British fleet on the high seas.

During 1813, the British fleet was present in the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries, a constant threat to Baltimore.

In June of 1813 Major George Armistead, Commandant of Fort M'Henry, reported to

expected attack and requested a suitable ensign to fly over the Fort. When authorization was granted, he said, "I want a flag of such dimensions that the enemy will have no difficulty in seeing it from a distance." Also present were General John S. Stricker, Commander of the defense of Baltimore at the Battle of North Point, and Commodore Joshua Barney, a naval hero of the Revolution and of the War of 1812. They recommended that the flag be made by Mary Young Pickersgill, a flag maker of note, whose mother, Rebecca Young, had made flags for General Washington.

At Major Armistead's request, General Stricker and Commodore Barney came to the quaint two and a half story residence of Mrs. Pickersgill and commissioned her to make the flag. It was a thirty foot hoist by a forty-two foot fly and contained fifteen stars and fifteen stripes, Vermont and Kentucky having been admitted to the Union. It was this flag, aloft over Fort M'Henry during its bombardment by the British fleet, September 13-14, 1814, which inspired Francis Scott Key to write our National Anthem, "The Star-Spangled Banner," when he saw that it still waved "o'er the land of the free and the home of the brave."

Mrs. Pickersgill's former home, now the "The Star-Spangled Banner Flag House," is open to the public. This historic shrine, containing numerous exhibits, and visited by thousands annually, is located at 844 E. Pratt St., Baltimore.



3533 Haynie Avenue,  
Dallas, Texas,  
April 25, 1949.

Dear Mrs. MacArthur,

Many years ago, my sister then aged seven, wrote a letter addressed simply to "A. Dewey, Manila." It was intended for Admiral George Dewey, and contained an invitation to her approaching birthday party. She showed it to our Mother who was vastly amused--especially when she learned that the "A" stood for Admiral!. Never dreaming that it would reach its destination she dismissed it from her thoughts, and was amazed when my sister received a charming personal letter from the Admiral regretting his inability to attend the party because of some "troublesome battleships in Manila Bay"..

Perhaps because of this episode in our childhood, and because my friends have repeatedly urged me, I am sending you a copy of a poem I wrote when the outcome of the first battle of Corregidor was still uncertain. I hope that you will like it..

I wish that you and General MacArthur knew how the rank and file of Americans look up to and admire him. Where he is in charge we have a feeling that everything is being done that can possibly be done, and that anything in his hands is in safe keeping..

Please pardon my writing to you thus uninvited, but isn't that the price one pays for being the wife of a great public figure?

With every good wish for the safety and happiness of you three, yourself, the General, and little Arthur, I am,

Sincerely yours,

*Josephine Powell Beaty*

Josephine Powell Beaty (Mrs. John O.)



GENERAL DOUGLAS MacARTHUR

Emerging from the smoke and tears  
Himself a fortress in our eyes,  
The object of our hopes and fears,  
He stands beneath the lowering skies..

Behind him heroes of the past  
Upon his shoulders lay their hands;  
Beside him fighting to the last,  
Young heroes die on alien sands..

Come victory or grim defeat,  
Our trust in him remains the same  
As History turns another sheet  
To write a proud, illustrious name..

Josephine Powell Beaty.





Dear Mrs. MacArthur,

I wish I could adequately express to you my great appreciation for your delightful hospitality, as well as for the great honor accorded us in having lunch with you and General MacArthur. It was indeed the climax of the most interesting trip I have ever had. I shall always remember it with the greatest of pleasure.

Thanking you again,  
and with best wishes to you both,  
I am

Yours sincerely,  
Wilburt C. Davison

April twenty-seventh  
1949



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April 28, 1949



Dear Douglas:

Mr. George Killion, president of the American President Lines, and his wife are very close friends of ours and I requested them to call on you, if they should reach Toyko.

I have told Mr. Killion, who has accomplished splendid and constructive results for his great steamship line, of my long and valued friendship with you and your family.

I sincerely hope you are all well. I was in Washington recently, dined with Dudley and his wife and also talked with Mary. Of course, we mentioned you and the wonderful work which you are doing.

Whatever courtesy you may extend to my friends, Mr. and Mrs. George Killion, I shall greatly appreciate.

Sincerely,

*Billy*

William Wallace Chapin

General Douglas MacArthur  
U.S. Army Headquarters  
Toyko



Worthington, Minnesota

Apr. 28.

Gen. MacArthur:

Japan:

Dear Sir:



Am writing as one who should  
 under your command in World War I while  
 with the Rambou Division & who greatly  
 admire your courage & generalship in  
 both wars. I think you stand for  
 the Bible & Christianity are very fine &  
 know God with bless you in your  
 endeavor to give the Gospel of Christ to  
 Japan, anything we can do to help,  
 be assured, will be done. as I too want  
 to see the Gospel given to Japan & believe  
 it the only hope for Japan & us here  
 in America.

Your under the blood of Christ.

Dr. D. J. Dunn

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Dear General McArthur;

I have just received word from our office that the avacados and grapefruit from our orchard and the dates from Mdio from a friend have been shipped to the airport at Fairfield and should reach you soon. We shipped three boxes each; one for you and Mrs. Douglas and one each for Col. and Mrs. Huff and Captain and Mrs. Decker but in your name. Hope they arrive OK and you will like them for I want to send some more from time to time and with pleasure for several reasons. First your kindness to us while in Japan, 2nd now that we know you personally and 3rd to pay a slight tribute to a man and his dear wife who have suffered and done so much for our country.

With kind regards and hoping you come to San Diego that we can show you our country,

Yours

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ed Fletcher".

P.S. Regards to Col. and Mrs. Huff. All well with us and great trip.