

# THE STORY OF NATIONAL SOJOURNERS



Leaders of the Uniformed Services and Distinguished Patriots  
United by Masonic Brotherhood  
**PROUDLY SERVING THE CAUSE OF PATRIOTISM**





# PRESENTATION TOPICS

- OUR ORIGIN
- LEGACY OF THE AMERICAN MILITARY  
MASON
- NATIONAL SOJOURNERS TODAY
- OUR PURPOSES





# Masons:

Answered the Call to Serve

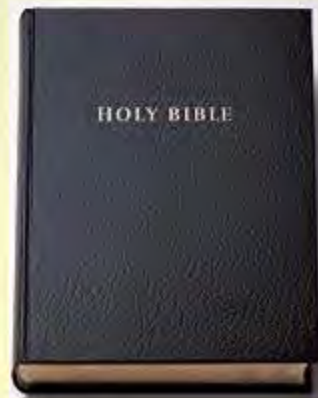
Maintained the Mystic Tie



Traveling Lodge  
Decorations and Cloths  
(late 1700s)



Working Tools

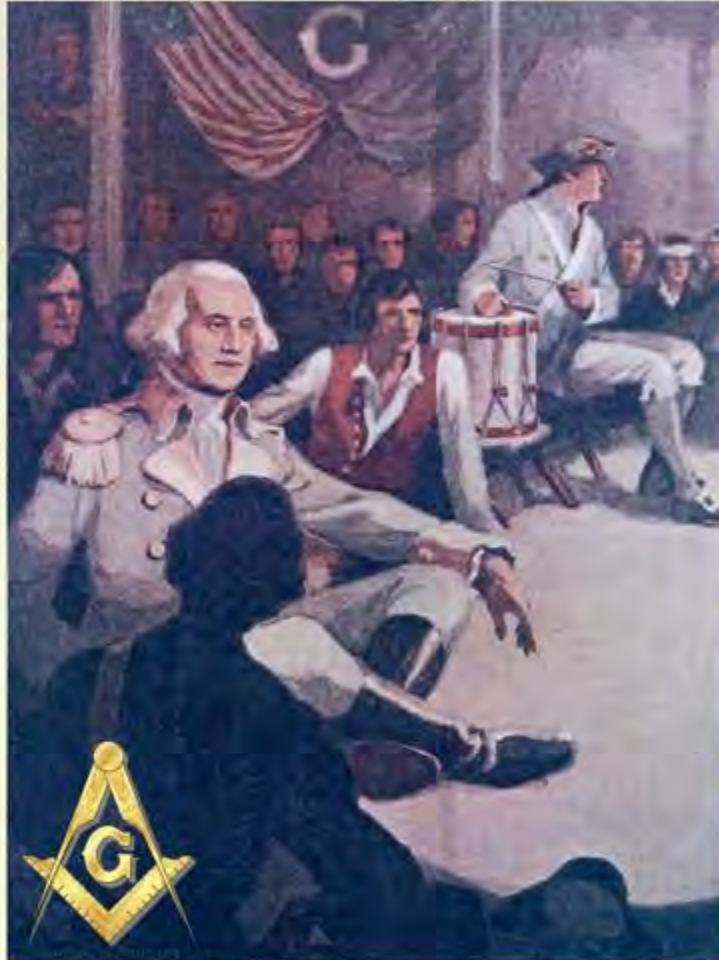


## The Story of National Sojourners Our Origin





# The Masonic Field Lodge



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### Washington

- Respected commander at the head of the Army
- Honored guest in a Field Lodge





# 1<sup>st</sup> North Dakota Volunteer Infantry Regiment



Mustered and trained at Camp Grafton, ND



Camp in the Philippines with mail  
and newspapers from home.

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“... special dispensation  
is granted to ...”



# 1<sup>st</sup> North Dakota Volunteer Infantry Regiment: Service to the Nation & Craft

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**Breaking bivouac ... preparing for action.**



**In action against Philippine insurgents.**



**Officers relax in Camp.**





## 1st North Dakota Volunteer Infantry Regiment Heroic Service

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Scouts, some from 1st North Dakota Volunteer Infantry Regiment, under MG Lawton in the Philippines.



**Corporal Frank L. Anders**

Scout, B Co., 1st ND Volunteer Infantry Regt.  
Awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor  
for actions on 13 May 1899

Member: Shiloh Lodge No. 1, Fargo, ND





## Birth and Growth

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A 15 member Sojourners Club  
in 1917 ... a national  
organization in 10 years.



“... serving the unique camaraderie and  
fraternal needs of military Masons deployed  
away from their home Lodges ...”





# Continued Growth

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**BEACHES OF WORLD WAR II**



**HILLS OF KOREA**

### World War II – Korea – Vietnam

- **Masons – volunteers and draftees - answered the Nation's call**
- **Masons - wherever forces were deployed**
- **Legacy remains - 170 Chapters across the U.S. & around the world.**



**JUNGLES OF VIETNAM**



# FLAGS of the AMERICAN REVOLUTION

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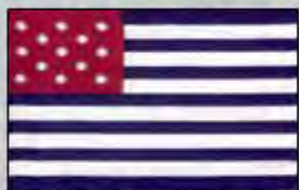
Sons of Liberty



Bedford



Easton



Fort Mercer



Philadelphia Light Horse Troop



Grand Union



Continental



Brandywine



Gadsden



1<sup>st</sup> Rhode Island  
Regiment



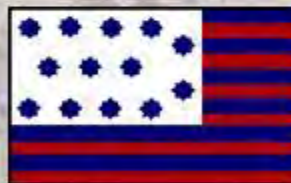
Betsy Ross



Fort Moultrie



Washington Cruisers



Guilford Courthouse



Green Mountain Boys



1<sup>st</sup> Navy Jack



Cowpens



Seripas



Bennington



# FOUNDING FATHERS DISTINGUISHED MASONS

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Paul Revere



John Hancock



Benjamin Franklin



Robert Livingston



George Walton





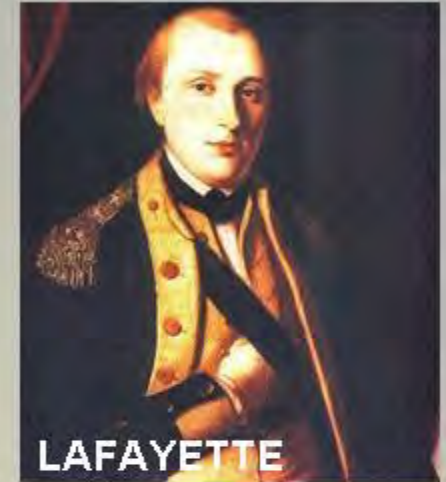
# WASHINGTON and HIS GENERALS



Washington's  
Personal Flag



74 Generals in the  
Continental Army,  
33 were Masons



Washington's Apron:  
Gift from Lafayette





# HEROES of the REVOLUTION

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BOSTON  
TEA  
PARTY

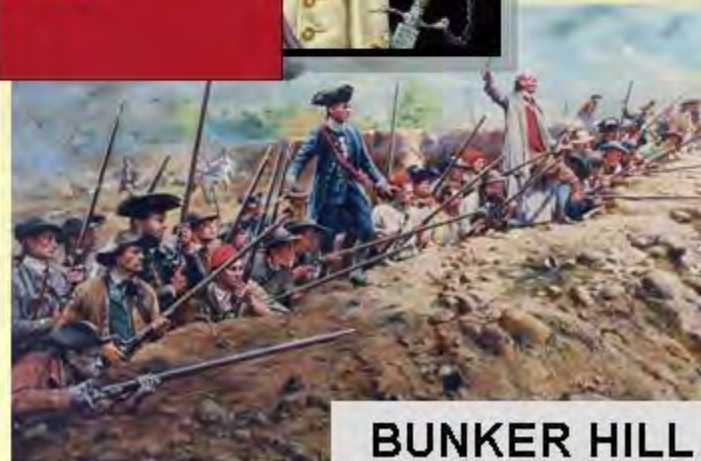
KINGS MOUNTAIN



... the first link in a chain of events that ended one year later at Yorktown.



WARREN



BUNKER HILL



SEVIER

On June 14, 1777, the Continental Congress passed two resolutions:

Resolved that the Flag of the Thirteen United States of America be Thirteen Stripes, Alternate Red and White; that the Union be Thirteen Stars in a Blue Field: Representing a New Constellation.

Resolved that Captain JOHN PAUL JONES be Appointed to Command the Ship Ranger.

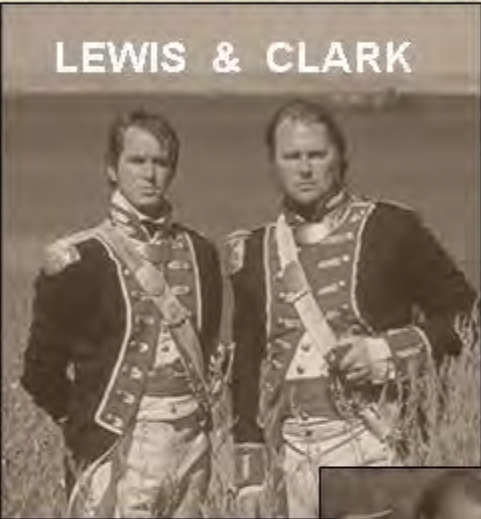




# HEROES of the NEW NATION

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## LEADERS of the CORPS of DISCOVERY



LEWIS & CLARK



HERO of  
NEW ORLEANS JACKSON

## TRADITIONS of the U.S. MARINE CORPS



the Mameluk Sword  
& the "shores of Tripoli"



Lewis's Masonic  
Apron



O' BANNON



- Americans: 8 killed; 13 wounded
- British: 2,000 casualties; hundreds captured



# HEROES of the ALAMO

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**BOWIE**



**TRAVIS**



**CROCKETT**



“... lie asleep in the Arms of the Lord.”



# A HOUSE UNDIVIDED: MASONS in the CIVIL WAR

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... comfort and support to the  
widow and orphan, ...



... proper burial  
for the dead, ...



... relief to the  
afflicted, ...

...maintaining, when possible, civility, ... trust, ... compassion, ... and respect,  
even in war.

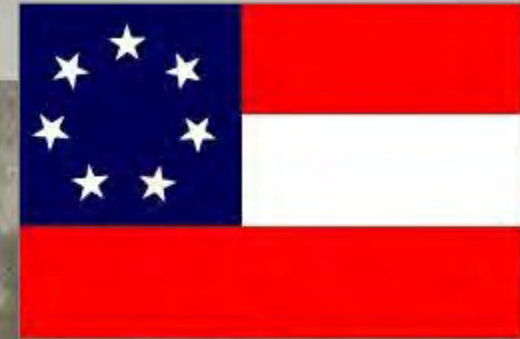


# FORT SUMTER: it begins

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Evacuated on 14 APRIL 1861



ANDERSON



BEAUREGARD



**".... The flag which you have upheld so long ...,  
may be saluted ... on taking it down."**

***Beauregard to his former West Point Professor  
& Masonic Brother, Anderson***

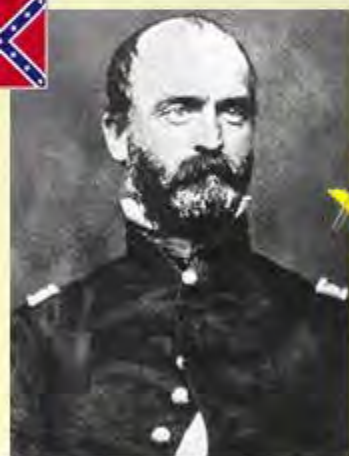


# GETTYSBURG and PICKETT'S CHARGE "the high water mark"

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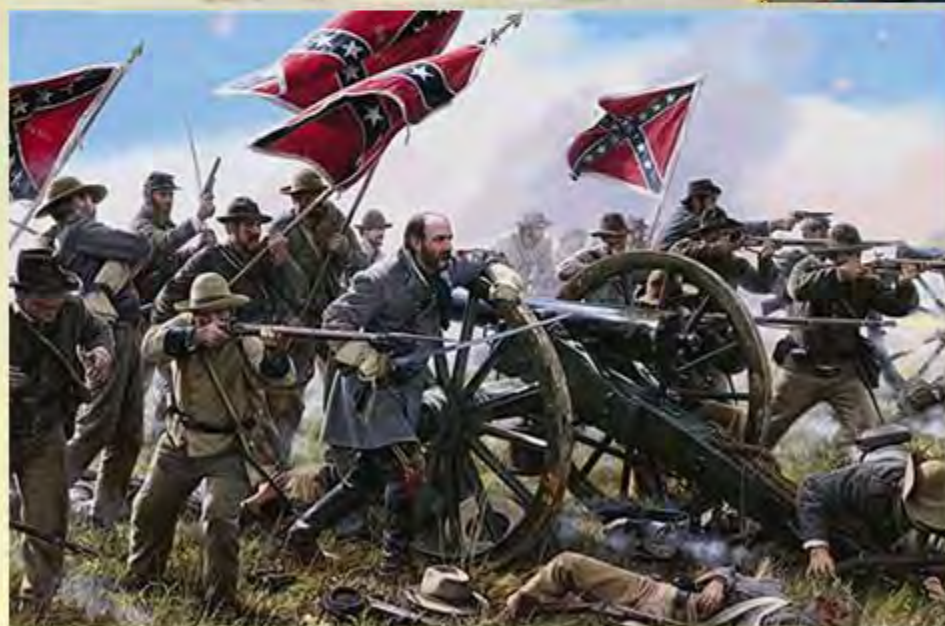
Cushing's  
Battery at  
the Angle



ARMISTEAD



HANCOCK



Opposing Commanders, ...  
Friends, ... Masonic Brothers

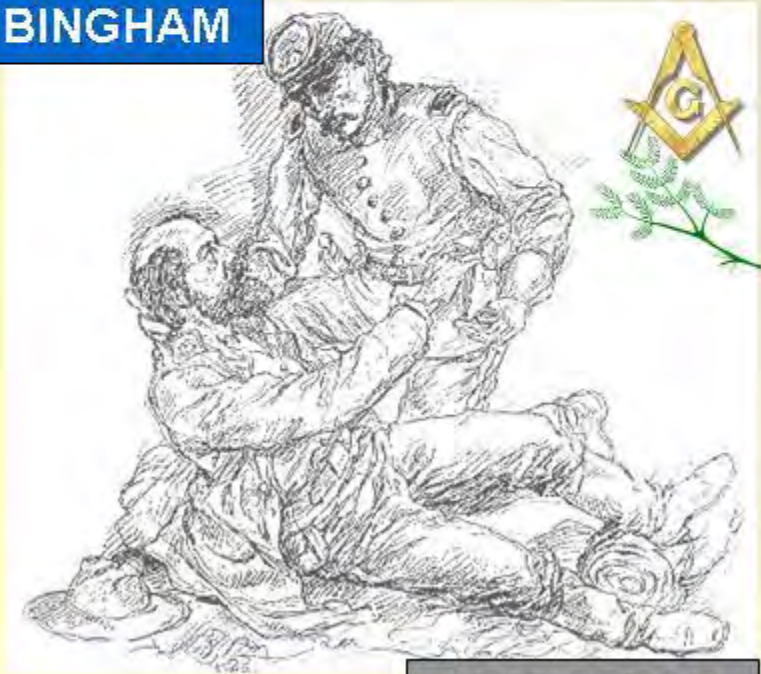


# GETTYSBURG and PICKETT'S CHARGE falters and recedes

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**BINGHAM**



**ARMISTEAD**

Captain Henry H. Bingham, Aide to Hancock, attends to the dying BG Louis A. Armistead.





# ON A FIELD NEAR APPOMATTOX COURTHOUSE

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GORDON



With the salute of "honor  
answering honor"... the long  
process of healing began.



CHAMBERLAIN



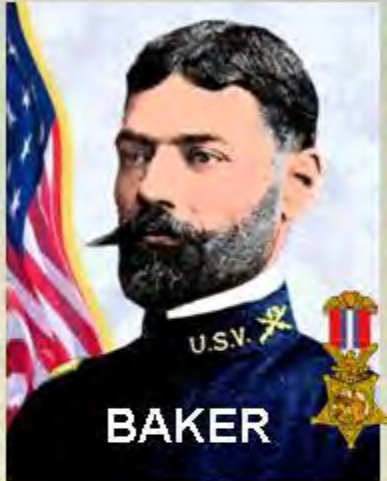


# AMERICA: BECOMES A GLOBAL POWER

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PERSHING



BAKER



ROOSEVELT



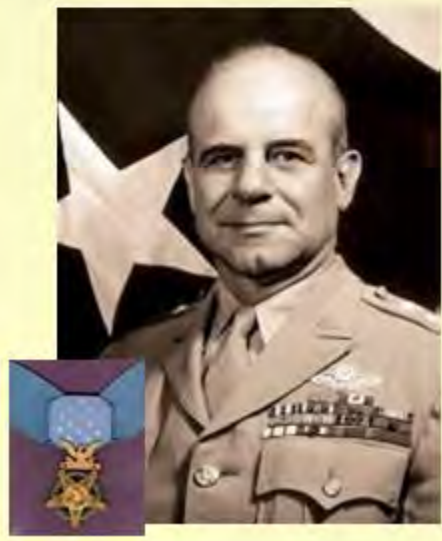
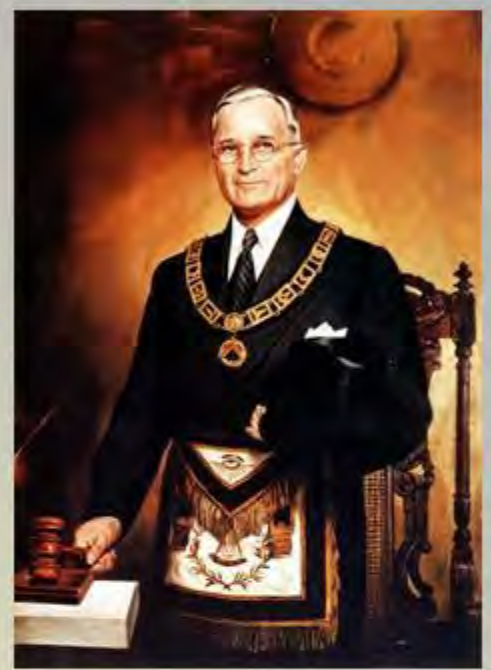
“... young manhood of the North and the South, fought shoulder to shoulder, unmindful of race or color, ... mindful of only their common duty as Americans.”

*John Pershing's account of the actions at San Juan and Kettle Hills*



# AMERICA: TWO WORLD WARS and BEYOND

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# OUR MEMBERSHIP

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## DISTINGUISHED SOJOURNERS



### William G. Sizemore, Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy

*served on active duty in the U.S. Navy from 1944 to 1982. Serving as the Scottish Rite – S.J. Supreme Council as Grand Executive Director. Master Mason since 1948 and Scottish Rite since 1955. He is a Past Master and Past High Priest, R.A.M., and an active member of several Masonic organizations. He is a recipient of the Scottish Rite Grand Cross and a Past National President (82-83) of National Sojourners.*



### Herman Nickerson, Jr., Lieutenant General, USMC

*a 35-year veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps. He served as Administrator of the prestigious National Credit Union Administration charged with overseeing more than 11,000 credit unions coast to coast. A Master Mason and member of the Scottish Rite. A speaker and writer, his civilian honors, including the Freedoms Foundation of Valley Forge Award and many Masonic honors including the Scottish Rite Grand Cross. He is a Past National President of National Sojourners (71-72) and a Past National Commander (91-92) of Heroes of '76.*





## DISTINGUISHED SOJOURNERS

*(Continued)*



### Carl L. Sitter, Colonel, USMC, MOH

*a 30-year veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps decorated for valor in both WWII and Korea. He served a "second career" in the Virginia Department of Social Services. A lay-minister, he returned to college to graduate at the age of 77 to enter full time ministry. He is a Past National President of National Sojourners (79-80) and a Past National Commander (94-95) of Heroes of '76.*



### Audie L. Murphy, 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant, U.S. Army, MOH

*most decorated U.S. combat soldier of World War II. A writer, poet, song writer, and actor, he was featured in 44 major films. The record setting movie, To Hell and Back, in which he starred was based on his best selling autobiography. He championed the cause of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and assisted in focusing attention on the plight of wounded and disabled veterans.*



# CONTINUING the LEGACY THROUGH SERVICE

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# NATIONAL OFFICERS, STAFF, & COMMITTEES

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**Elected Line**  
**President**  
 President Elect  
 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 Vice Presidents  
 Secretary-Treasurer

Foundation for  
Collingwood  
Library &  
Museum on  
Americanism



**Appointed National Staff**  
 Chaplain  
 Judge Advocate  
 Surgeon  
 Historian  
 Musician  
 Parliamentarian  
 Photographer  
 Webmaster

Committee of 33

Trustees

Honor Awards

19 X Area  
Representatives

### **National Committees**



**Heroes of '76**  
**Elected Line Officers**



# CHAPTERS and AREAS

## The Story of National Sojourners Organization and Structure



GUAM	1
OKINAWA	1
VIETNAM (in exile)	2

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FRANCE	1
GERMANY	2



# OUR PURPOSES



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Purposes of National Sojourners



The Purposes of National Sojourners shall be to organize current and former members of the uniformed forces of the United States and Honorary Members, who are Master Masons and U.S. citizens, into Chapters for the promotion of good fellowship among its members, for assisting such as may be overtaken by adversity or affliction, for cultivating Masonic ideals, for supporting all patriotic aims and activities in Masonry, for developing true Patriotism and Americanism throughout the Nation, for bringing together representatives of the uniformed forces of the United States (past and present) in a united effort to further the military need of National Defense, and for opposing any influence whatsoever calculated to weaken the National Security.



# **“... to organize into Chapters ...”**

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Purposes of National Sojourners**



**Fellowship and a good meal**



**Informative address on  
current military affairs**



**Inspirational words from a  
Grand Master**



# Heroes of '76

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**“ONCE A HERO,  
ALWAYS A HERO!”**



“... for assisting such ...”

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**BROTHERS AND  
LEADERS**



**BOUND BY TWO  
OBLIGATIONS**





“... for cultivating Masonic ideals ...”

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## WASHINGTON

### Model of Citizenship and Service



FORTITUDE

PRUDENCE

TEMPERANCE

JUSTICE





“... patriotic aims and activities ...”

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Photography by Arthur W. Pearson





“... patriotic aims and activities ...”

## Collingwood Library and Museum on Americanism



American Legacy Center





“... patriotic aims and activities ...”  
Co-Sponsor of the National Anthem Project



### OPENING CEREMONIES



Involving Schools and Youth  
Groups across the Nation





“... patriotic aims and activities ...”



## Spirit of America Youth Program



### DESIGNED TO:

- Develop leadership
- Deepen understanding of community service
- Study foundations of American democracy
- Explore the free enterprise system







# “... patriotic aims and activities ...” Patriotic Programs



Color Guards



Building the  
Flag



Historic Flags  
Presentation



Toast to  
the Flag

## Old Glory Speaks



When Duty's  
Done







“... National Defense ...”

## Our All-Volunteer Force

“... I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; ...”





“... National Defense ...”



### ROTC AWARDS



**OVER 1,500  
PRESENTED ANNUALLY**

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“MASONS CARE  
AND WILL ALWAYS  
BE THERE.”



VETERANS HOSPITAL  
VOLUNTEERS & VISITATION







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“... National Defense ...”

## UNIT SUPPORT PROGRAMS



## FISHER HOUSE



Caring for the families of  
wounded, injured, or ill Soldiers.

## “ANY SOLDIER” GIFT BOXES and WELCOME HOME BAGS



In one effort, over 1,700  
“Any Soldier” Gift  
Packages to Soldiers  
since 2001 and 1,000  
Welcome Bags in 2006.





“... National Defense ...”

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**SUPPORT THOSE VOLUNTEERS,  
HEROES ONE AND ALL, WHO KEEP US FREE**





# NATIONAL SOJOURNERS, Inc.

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## SOLDIERS AND HONORARY MEMBERS

## MASONS AND LEADERS ONE AND ALL



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