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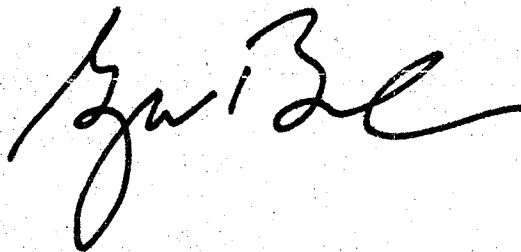
BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this eleventh day of September, in the year of our Lord two thousand one, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twenty-sixth.



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Incidents in Which the President Did NOT Order Flags to Half-staff:

the World Trade Center Bombing of February 26, 1993;

the Waco/Branch Davidian Incident of February 28, 1993, in which four ATF Agents were killed while storming that compound;

the Colorado wildfire deaths of July 1994, in which fourteen Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management firefighters were killed fighting a wildfire;

the August 1994 plane crash in Peru in which five DEA Agents were killed;

the March 8, 1995, incident in Pakistan in which two American diplomatic workers were murdered by terrorists in Karachi;

the May 10, 1996, incident in which two helicopters collided at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, killing 16;

the U.S. Air Force incidents of September 1997, the worst of which claimed the lives of nine U.S. Service Personnel in which a U.S. C-141 may have collided with a German transport carrying 24 off the African coast.

The President has ordered by proclamation that the flag be flown at half-staff in response to the following incidents:

for the death of those Aboard American Helicopters shot down over Iraq in April 1994;

for the victims of the Oklahoma City Bombing in April 1995;

for the death of three U.S. Diplomats traveling in a U.S. Delegation Convoy in Bosnia-Herzegovina in August 1995;

for those aboard the U.S. Air Force plane in Croatia including Commerce Secretary Ron Brown in April 1996;

for the victims of the Bombing in Saudi Arabia in June 1996;

for the victims of the Bombing Incidents at U.S. Embassies (Kenya & Tanzania) in Africa in August 1998.

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PROCLAMATION NUMBER	DATE	TITLE & REASON
2797	07/15/48	Death of General John J. Pershing General of the Armies of the United States -- until after the funeral shall have taken place, on all public buildings and at all forts and military posts and naval stations, and on all vessels of the United States.
2806	08/28/48	Death of Charles Evans Hughes Chief Justice of the United States -- until after the funeral services shall have been concluded, on all Government buildings.
2840	05/22/49	Death of James Forrestal Former Secretary of Defense -- until after the funeral shall have taken place, on all public buildings and at all forts and military posts and naval stations, and on all vessels of the United States.
3031	09/08/53	Death of Chief Justice Frederick Moore Vinson Chief Justice of the United States -- for thirty days, on all public buildings of the United States; on all the Embassies, Legations, and Consulates of the United States in foreign countries.
3104	07/23/55	Death of Cordell Hull Former Secretary of State -- until the interment, on all Government buildings of the United States; and representatives of the United States in foreign countries shall make similar arrangements for the display of the flag at half staff over their embassies, legations, and consular offices.
3243	05/17/58	Display of the Flag of the United States at Half-staff upon the Occasion of the Return and Final Interment of the Two Unknown Americans Killed in the Second World War and in the Korean Conflict On May 28, May 29, and May 30, 1958 on all buildings, grounds, and naval vessels of the Federal Government in the District of Columbia and throughout the United States and its Territories and possessions, and at all United States embassies, legations, consular offices and other facilities abroad, including all military facilities and naval vessels and stations.
3295	05/24/59	Death of John Foster Dulles Special Consultant to the President and former Secretary of State -- until the body is laid to rest, on all Government bulidings of the United States; and representatives of the United States in foreign countries shall make similar arrangements over embassies, legations, consular offices, and military facilities.
3322	10/16/59	Death of General Marshall General Catlett Marshall, General of the Army, Chief of Staff of the Army during World War II, and former Secretary of State and Defense -- until after his funeral shall have taken place, on all public buildings and grounds, at all military posts and naval stations, and on all naval vessels of the Federal Government in the District of Columbia and throughout the United States and its Territories and possissions; and at all United States embassies, legations, consular offices, and other facilities abroad, including all military

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- 3329 12/20/59 Display of the Flag of the United States at Half-staff upon the Occasion of the Death of the Last Surviving Veteran of the War Between the States (Walter W. Williams)
Until the body is laid to rest, on all buildings, grounds, and naval vessels of the Federal Government in the District of Columbia and throughout the United States and all areas under its jurisdiction and control.
- 3430 09/19/61 Death of Dag Hammarskjold
Secretary General of the United Nations -- until the body is laid to rest, on all Government buildings of the United States; and representatives of the United States in foreign countries shall make similar arrangements over all embassies, legations, consular offices, and military facilities.
- 3579 04/05/64 Death of General MacArthur
Douglas MacArthur, General of the Army -- until after his funeral shall have taken place, in the District of Columbia and throughout the United States and its territories and possessions, upon all public buildings and grounds, at all military posts and naval stations, and on all naval vessels; and at all United States embassies, legations, consular offices, and other facilities abroad, including all military facilities and naval vessels and stations.
- 3625 10/20/64 Announcing the Death of Herbert Hoover
31st President of the United States -- for 30 days at the White House and on all buildings, grounds, and naval vessels of the United States; and representatives of the United States shall make similar arrangements over their embassies, legations, and other facilities abroad, including all military facilities and stations.
- 3839 04/05/68 Death of Martin Luther King, Jr.
Civil rights leader -- until interment, on all buildings, grounds and naval vessels of the Federal Government in the District of Columbia and throughout the United States and its Territories and possessions; and at all United States embassies, legations, consular offices and other facilities abroad, including all military facilities and naval vessels and stations.
- 3907 03/28/69 Announcing the Death of Dwight David Eisenhower
34th President of the United States -- for 30 days from the day of death, at the White House and on all buildings, grounds, and Naval vessels of the United States; and representatives of the United States in foreign countries shall make similar arrangements over their Embassies, Legations, and other facilities abroad, including all military facilities and stations.
- 4176 12/26/72 Announcing the Death of Harry S Truman
33rd President of the United States -- for 30 days from the day of death, at the White House and on all buildings, grounds, and Naval vessels of the United States; and representatives of the United States in foreign countries shall make similar arrangements over their Embassies, Legations, and other facilities abroad, including all military facilities and stations.

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- 4180 01/23/73 Announcing the Death of Lyndon Baines Johnson
36th President of the United States -- for 30 days from day of death, at the White House and on all buildings, grounds, and Naval vessels of the United States; and representatives of the United State in foreign countries shall make similar arrangements over their Embassies, legations, and other facilities abroad, including all military facilities and stations. NOTE: On February 13, 1973, at the request of Mrs. Johnson, the President issued Proclamation No. 4188, "Display of the Flag in Honor of Vietnam Prisoners of War," which that suspended the display of the flag at half-staff effective on the day of return of the first prisoners to the U.S., and that commencing on that day the falg once again be displayed at full staff.
- 4545 01/16/78 Death of Hubert H. Humphrey
Former Vice President of the United States -- extended until and including January 19, 1978 (the day the 95th Congress reconvened) on all buildings, grounds, and naval vessels of the Federal government in the District of Columbia, and throughout the United States and its Territories and possessions; and at all United States embassies, legations, consular offices and other facilities abroad, including all military facilities and naval vessels and stations.
- 4712 01/11/80 George Meany
Labor leader -- until interment, on all buildings, grounds and naval vessels of the Federal government in the District of Columbia and throughout the United States and its Territories and possessions; at all United States embassies, legations, consular offices, and other facilities abroad, including all military facilities and naval vessels and stations.
- 4715 01/19/80 William O. Douglas
Former Associate Justice of the Supreme Court -- until interment, on all buildings, grounds and naval vessels of the Federal Government in the District of Columbia and throughout the United States and its Territories and possessions; at all United States embassies, legations, consular offices, and other facilities abroad, including all military facilities and naval vessels and stations.
- 4756 05/06/80 Tribute to Eight American Servicemen
Died in the attempt to rescue American hostages in Iran -- until sunset on Friday, May 9, 1980, on all buildings, grounds and naval vessels of the Federal government in the District of Columbia and throughout the United States and its Territories and possessions; at all United States embassies, legations, consular offices, and other facilities abroad, including all military facilities and naval vessels and stations.

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- 4832 04/09/81 Death of General Bradley
Directs flag be flown at half-staff upon all public buildings and grounds, at all military posts and naval stations, and on all naval vessels of the Federal Government in the D.C. and throughout the U.S. and its Territories and possessions until interment. Also directs that flag be so flown for the same length of time at all U.S. embassies, legations, consular offices, and other facilities abroad, including all military facilities and naval vessels and stations.
- 4856 09/08/81 Death of Roy Wilkins
Directs the flag be flown at half-staff until interment.
- 4872 10/07/81 Death of Anwar el-Sadat
Directs flags to be flown at half-staff until interment. (Sadat was President of Egypt)
- 5054 04/20/83 Death of Federal Diplomatic and Military Personnel in Beirut, Lebanon
Flag flown at half staff through Tuesday, April 26, 1983, as mark of respect for American diplomats, military personnel and staff members who died violently in performance of their duty on April 18, 1983, in bombing of the U.S. Embassy in Beirut, Lebanon.
- 5086 09/01/83 Death of American Citizens Aboard Korean Airlines Flight
Flag flies at half-staff from 9/1/83 thru 9/4/83.
- 5121 10/23/83 Death of American and French Military Personnel in Beirut, Lebanon
Flag flown at half-staff thru 10/31/83.
- 5195 05/20/84 Return and Final Interment of Unknown American Killed in Vietnam
Flag to fly at half-staff on 5/25 thru 5/28/84.
- 5266 10/19/84 A Time of Remembrance for All Victims of Terrorism Throughout the World
Flag flown at half-staff on 10/23/83
- 5434 01/28/86 Death of American Astronauts on Board Space Shuttle Challenger
Orders half-staffing of flag from 1/28/86, through Monday, 2/3/86.
- 5557 10/22/86 A Time of Remembrance for Victims of Terrorism
In 1985 issued as A Time of Remembrance, at request; in 1984, issued as A Time of Remembrance for All Victims of Terrorism Throughout the World, at request.
- 5659 05/19/87 Death of American Servicemen on Board United States Ship STARK
The President announced that he had ordered the flags to be flown at half-staff while in Chattanooga, Tennessee, on 5/19/87, at approximately 2:20 pm as a mark of respect for the servicemen who died as the result of the Iraqi attack on the USS Stark on 5/17/87. The flag will remain at half-staff through Monday, Memorial Day, 5/25/87. It was later found that 37 servicemen were killed by the missile attack in the Persian Gulf.

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- 5842 07/26/88 National Week of Recognition and Remembrance for Those Who Served in the Korean War, 1988
Proclamation directs that the flag be flown at half-staff on 7/27/88, "as a symbol of our gratitude to those who died as a result of their service in Korea and of our steadfast commitment to preserving the values for which they fought."
- 5960 04/21/89 Death of American Servicemen on Board the USS IOWA
As a result of the accident (explosion inside the No. 2 turret) that occurred on board the USS IOWA, which occurred on Wednesday, April 19, 1989, in which 47 U.S. servicemen were killed, flags will fly at half-staff until sunset on Tuesday, April 25, 1989.
- 6001 07/26/89 National Week of Recognition and Remembrance for Those Who Served in the Korean War, 1989
Proclamation directs the flag be flown at half staff for 7/27/89. Also issued in 1988, at congressional request.
- 6150 06/22/90 Korean War Remembrance Day, 1990
Proclamation asks Federal departments and agencies, interested groups, organizations, and individuals to fly the flag of the United States at half-staff on June 25, 1990, in honor of the Americans who died as a result of service in the Korean War.
- 6316 07/23/91 Korean War Veterans Remembrance Week, 1991
Proclamation asks all Federal departments and agencies, organizations, and individuals to fly the flag of the United States at half-staff on July 27, 1991, in honor of those Americans who died as a result of their service in Korea.
- 6526 01/24/93 Death of Thurgood Marshall
Former Associate Justice of the Supreme Court-- until interment, on all buildings, grounds and naval vessels of the Federal Government in the District of Columbia and throughout the United States and its Territories and possessions; at all United States embassies, legations, consular offices, and other facilities abroad, including all military facilities and naval vessels and stations. Day of Death: January 24, 1993 Flag Lowered from 1/24/93 through 1/29/93, six days.
- 6583 07/29/93 Death of General Matthew B. Ridgway
General Matthew B. Ridgway, General of the Army, former Commander of Allied Forces in Europe during World War II, Supreme Commander during the Korean Conflict, former Army Chief of Staff-- just 7/30/93, per Proclamation 6583, on all public buildings and grounds, at all military posts and naval stations, and on all naval vessels of the Federal Government in the District of Columbia and throughout the United States and its Territories and possessions; and at all United States embassies, legations, consular offices, and other facilities abroad, including all military facilities and naval vessels and stations. Day of Death: July 26, 1993 Flag Lowered from 7/30/93 through 7/31/93, 2 days

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- 6598 09/30/93 Death of General James H. Doolittle
General James H. Doolittle, General United States Air Force, led the first air raid on the Japanese homeland in World War II-- on the day of interment 10/1/93, on all public buildings and grounds, at all military posts and naval stations, and on all naval vessels of the Federal Government in the District of Columbia and throughout the United States and its Territories and possessions; and at all United States embassies, legations, consular offices, and other facilities abroad, including all military facilities and naval vessels and stations. Day of Death: September 27, 1993 Flag Lowered from 9/30/93 through 10/1/93, 2 days
- 6644 01/06/94 Death of Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr.
Former Speaker of the House of Representatives, representing the State of Massachusetts from January 3, 1953 through January 3, 1987-- from death until the day of interment, 1/10/94, on all military posts and naval stations, and on all naval vessels of the Federal Government in the District of Columbia and throughout the United States and its Territories and possessions; and at all United States embassies, legations, consular offices, and other facilities abroad, including all military facilities and naval vessels and stations. Day of Death: January 5, 1994 Flag Lowered from 1/6/94 through 1/10/94, 5 days
- 6671 04/14/94 Death of Those Aboard American Helicopters in Iraq
In Iraq- United States Warplanes mistakenly shot down two U.S. helicopters over the Iraqi "No Fly Zone" killing all 26 crew members and passengers, including a number of foreign nationals on board the helicopter-- until sunset on April 18, 1994, on all public buildings, grounds, and naval vessels of the Federal Government in the District of Columbia and throughout the United States and its Territories and possessions; at all United States embassies, legations, consular offices, and other facilities abroad, including all military facilities and naval vessels and stations. Day of Tragedy: April 14, 1994 Flag Lowered from 4/14/94 through 4/18/94, 5 days
- 6758 11/29/94 National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, 1994
H.J.Res. 131, Public Law 103-308, 8/23/94, requested the President to issue the proclamation annually and requests the flag be flown at half-staff on such day; previously issued in 1984, 1986, 1987, and 1991, at congressional requests.
- 6786 04/20/95 Victims of the Oklahoma City Bombing
Civilians, members of the military, and Federal employees killed on April 19, 1995 in the bombing of the Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City-- until April 24, 1995, at the White House and upon all public buildings and grounds, at all military posts and naval stations, and on all naval vessels of the Federal Government in the District of Columbia and throughout the United States and its Territories and possessions; at all embassies, legations, consular offices, and other facilities abroad, including all military facilities and naval vessels and stations. Day of Tragedy: April 19, 1995 Flag Lowered from 4/20/95 through 4/24/95, 5 days

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- 6800 05/15/95 Peace Officers Memorial Day and Police Week, 1995
P.L. 103-322, of 9/13/94, the "Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994" directs that the flag shall be displayed at halfstaff on all government buildings on Peace Officers Memorial Day, May 15th, unless that day is also Armed Forces Day, which is the 3rd Saturday in May. Although there is NO REQUIREMENT to issue a proclamation, this would be an excellent vehicle to direct the half-staffing of the flag; proclamation could cover all succeeding years.
- 6817 08/19/95 Death of Those in the U.S. Delegation in Bosnia-Herzegovina
A covoy of U.S. diplomats headed for peace talks in Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina, strayed from the roadway and struck a land mine, killing all three of the passengers-- until sunset on August 23, 1995 on all public buildings, grounds, and military posts and naval stations, and on all naval vessels of the Federal Government in the District of Columbia and throughout the United States and its Territories and possessions; also at all embassies, legations, consular offices, and other facilities abroad, including military facilities and naval vessels and stations. Day of Tragedy: August 19, 1995 Flag Lowered from 8/19/95 through 8/23/95, 5 days
- 6848 11/04/95 Death of Yitzhak Rabin
Prime Minister of Israel, assassinated after speaking at a peace rally in Tel Aviv on Saturday, November 4, 1995-- UNTIL INTERMENT on November 6, 1995, on all public buildings and grounds, at all military posts and naval stations, and all naval vessels of the Federal Government in the District of Columbia and throughout the United States and its territories and possessions; at all embassies, legations, consular offices, and other facilities abroad, including all military facilities and naval vessels and stations. Day of Death: November 4, 1995 Flag Lowered from 11/4/95 through 11/6/95, 3 DAYS
- 6856 12/06/95 National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, 1995
H.J.Res. 131, Public Law 103-308, 8/23/94, requested the President to issue the proclamation annually and requests the flag be flown at half-staff on such day; previously issued in 1984, 1986, 1987, and 1991, at congressional requests.
- 6860 01/02/96 Death of Admiral Arleigh A. Burke
World War II naval hero died of pneumonia at Bethesda Naval Hospital at the age of 94--until sunset on January 4, 1996, the day of interment, at all public buildings and grounds, at all military posts and naval stations, and on all naval vessels of the Federal Government in the District of Columbia and throughout the United States and its Territories and possessions; also at all embassies, legations, consular offices, and other facilities abroad, including all military facilities and naval vessels and stations; also for the same period at all United States embassies, legations, consular offices, and other facilities abroad, including all military facilities and naval vessels and stations. Day of Death: January 1, 1996 Flag Lowered from 1/2/96 through 1/4/96, 3 days

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- 6874 03/27/96 Death of Edmund Sixtus Muskie
Former WWII hero, Senator from Maine, and Secretary of State for President Carter-- on Saturday March 30, 1996 (day of funeral), at all public buildings and grounds, at all military posts and naval stations, and on all naval vessels of the Federal Government in the District of Columbia and throughout the United States and its Territories and possessions; also at United States embassies, legations, consular offices, and other facilities abroad, including all military facilities and naval vessels and stations. Day of Death: March 26, 1996 Flag Lowered only on March 30, 1996 (date of funeral)
- 6878 04/04/96 Death of Those Aboard U.S. Air Force Aircraft in Croatia
Commerce Secretary Ronald Brown and members of his trade delegation were killed when their plane crashed during a flight to Dobrovnic, Croatia (plane crashed approx. 1 mile from the Dobrovnic Airport). The plane crashed at approximately 8:00 a.m. EST (2 pm. local time) on 4/3/96. The proclamation was issued on 4/4/96 at 10:30 a.m. Flags will be down from 4/4/96 - 4/10/96 - (7 days). The 7-day period was decided upon by Todd Stern, Staff Secretary, in order to show respect for the dead but not to exceed the 10-day statutory time period (36 USC 175) for the VP, Speaker of House et al. The decision was also made not to have the flags down until interment as in 36 U.S.C. 175 because interment MIGHT not have occurred for many days or weeks due to the distinct possibility that recovery and identification of the dead might take a considerable period of time.
- 6895 05/13/96 Peace Officers Memorial Day and Police Week, 1996
P.L. 103-322, of 9/13/94, the "Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994" directs that the flag shall be displayed at halfstaff on all government buildings on Peace Officers Memorial Day, May 15th, unless that day is also Armed Forces Day, which is the 3rd Saturday in May. Although there is NO REQUIREMENT to issue a proclamation, this would be an excellent vehicle to direct the half-staffing of the flag; proclamation could cover all succeeding years.
- 6898 05/17/96 Death of Admiral Jeremy M. Boorda
Adm. Boorda, the sitting Chief of Naval Operations, died Thursday, May 16, 1996, from a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the chest outside his home at the Washington Navy Yard. We received the call from Todd Stern at 4:05pm on Friday, May 17, 1996, that "the President has ordered the flags to half-staff." We made our calls immediately thereafter. Flags will be at half-staff from 5/17/96, until sunset on the day of interment. Day of death: 5/16/96, proc. issued/flags to half-staff: 5/17/96, day of interment: 5/19/96, flags down for 3 days.

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- 6906 06/26/96 Victims of the Bombing in Saudi Arabia
On Tuesday, June 25, 1996, at U.S. Air Force Base in Dahrain, Saudi Arabia, a terrorist group exploded truck bomb killing at least 18 military personnel. Flags will be flown at half-staff from 6/26/96 until sunset 6/30/96. Day of bombing: 6/25/96, proc. issued/flags to half-staff: 6/26/96, flags down for 5 days.
- 6910 07/25/96 National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day, 1996
1988-89 National Week of Recognition & Remembrance for Those Who Served in the Korean War. 1990 Korean War Remembrance Day, 6/25/90. Korean War Vets Remembrance Week. 40th Anniversary of Korean War Armistice, 7/27/93, by Pres. initiative. P.L. 104-19 (approved 7/27/95, sec. 2005; 36 U.S.C. 169m) hereinafter UNTIL 2003 designates 7/27 as National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day and requests the President issue a proclamation calling for flags to be flown at half-staff.
- 6963 12/05/96 National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, 1996
H.J.Res. 131, Public Law 103-308, 8/23/94, requested the President to issue the proclamation annually and requests the flag be flown at half-staff on such day; previously issued in 1984, 1986, 1987, and 1991, at congressional requests.
- 7000 05/07/97 Peace Officers Memorial Day and Police Week, 1997
P.L. 103-322, of 9/13/94, the "Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994" directs that the flag shall be displayed at halfstaff on all government buildings on Peace Officers Memorial Day, May 15th, unless that day is also Armed Forces Day, which is the 3rd Saturday in May. Although there is NO REQUIREMENT to issue a proclamation, this would be an excellent vehicle to direct the half-staffing of the flag; proclamation could cover all succeeding years.
- 7013 07/24/97 Death of William J. Brennan, Jr.
Retired Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, 1/2 staffing not provided for in statute -- President issued proc. calling for 1/2 staffing on his own initiative. Flags will be flown at half-staff from 7/24/97 until sunset on day of interment, 7/29/97. Day of death, 7/24/97, proclamation issued on same date, flags to be at half-staff for 6 days.
- 7014 07/25/97 National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day, 1997
1988-89 National Week of Recognition & Remembrance for Those Who Served in the Korean War. 1990 Korean War Remembrance Day, 6/25/90. Korean War Vets Remembrance Week. 40th Anniversary of Korean War Armistice, 7/27/93, by Pres. initiative. P.L. 104-19 (approved 7/27/95, sec. 2005; 36 U.S.C. 169m) hereinafter UNTIL 2003 designates 7/27 as National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day and requests the President issue a proclamation calling for flags to be flown at half-staff.
- 7058 12/05/97 National Pearl Harbor Rememberance Day, 1997
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- 7095 05/12/98 Peace Officers Memorial Day and Police Week, 1998
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- 7100 05/29/98 Death of Barry M. Goldwater
Former Senator from the State of Arizona -- on Wednesday June 3, 1998 (day of funeral), at all public buildings and grounds, at all military posts and naval stations, and on all naval vessels of the Federal Government in the District of Columbia and throughout the United States and its Territories and possessions; also at the United States embassies, legations, consular offices, and other facilities abroad, including all military facilities and naval vessels and stations. Day of Death: May 29, 1998 - Flag lowered only on June 3, 1998 (date of funeral)
- 7110 07/24/98 National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day, 1998
1988-89 National Week of Recognition & Remembrance for Those Who Served in the Korean War. 1990 Korean War Remembrance Day, 6/25/90. Korean War Vets Remembrance Week. 40th Anniversary of Korean War Armistice, 7/27/93, by Pres. initiative. P.L. 104-19 (approved 7/27/95, sec. 2005; 36 U.S.C. 169m) hereinafter UNTIL 2003 designates 7/27 as National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day and requests the President issue a proclamation calling for flags to be flown at half-staff.
- 7115 08/07/98 Victims of the Bombing Incidents in Africa
Bombings occurred outside the US Embassies in Nairobi, Kenya, and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, in the early morning hours of August 7, 1998 (early morning hours eastern standard time). 8 Americans and 40-50 others killed in Nairobi (up to 1,000 injured), and 40-50 killed and hundreds injured in Dar es Salaam (no Americans). 8/7/98, flags lowered at the White House, and all public buildings and grounds, at all military posts and naval stations, and on all naval vessels of the Federal Government in the DC and throughout the US and territories and possessions until sunset, Sunday, August 9, 1998, (3-days). Also lowered at all United States embassies, legations, consular offices, and other facilities abroad, including all military facilities and naval vessels and stations.
- 7117 08/25/98 Death of Lewis F. Powell, Jr.
Former Supreme Court Justice, died 8/25/98. Proclamation issued 8/25/98, flags to go to half-staff for day of interment only (8/31/98). 1 day.
- 7156 12/04/98 National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, 1998
H.J.Res. 131, Public Law 103-308, 8/23/94, requested the President to issue the proclamation annually requesting the flag be flown at half-staff on such day; previously issued in 1984, 1986, 1987, and 1991, at congressional requests.

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- 7157 12/07/98 Death of Albert Gore, Sr.
Senator from the State of Tennessee, father of Vice President Albert Gore, Jr., died 12/5/98. Proclamation issued 12/7/98. Flag to be flown at half-staff on 12/8/98 (the day of interment). 1 day.
- 7167 02/07/99 Death of King Hussein
King of Jordan. Died 2/7/99, proclamations issued 2/7/99. Funeral held 2/8/99. Flags down for 2 days.
- 7172 03/04/99 Death of Harry A. Blackmun
Retired Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, author of Roe v. Wade decision. Upon all public buildings and grounds, at all military posts and naval stations, and on all naval vessels of the Federal Government in the District of Columbia and throughout the United States and its Territories and possessions; and at all US embassies, legations, consular offices, and other facilities abroad, including all military facilities and naval vessels and stations. Died 3/4/99, proclamation issued 3/4/99, until sunset on day of interment only. Interment was 3/9/99. 1 day.
- 7195 05/10/99 Peace Officers Memorial Day and Police Week, 1999
Although observed since 1963, P.L. 103-322, of 9/13/94; the "Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994" directed for the first time that the FLAG SHALL BE DISPLAYED AT HALFSTAFF on all government buildings on Peace Officers Memorial Day (36 U.S.C. 136, 137), May 15th, UNLESS THAT DAY IS ALSO ARMED FORCES DAY (4 U.S.C. 7), which is the 3rd Saturday in May. Although there is NO REQUIREMENT to issue a proclamation, this would be an excellent vehicle to direct the half-staffing of the flag; proclamation could cover all succeeding years.
- 7201 05/26/99 Prayer for Peace, Memorial Day, 1999
Issued each year since 1948 per request. PL 81-512 of 5/11/50 (64 Stat. 158; 36 USC 169g), asks President to proclaim annually this day as a day of prayer for permanent peace. PL 90-363 of 6/28/68, requires that beginning in 1971 it will be observed the last Monday in May. Often entitled "Prayer for Peace Memorial Day," and traditionally requests the flying of the flag at half-staff "for the customary forenoon period," (UNTIL NOON, per 4 USC 6). P.L. 105-85, of 11/18/97 (Defense Authorization for FY 1998) required that the POW/MIA FLAG BE FLOWN OVER THE WHITE HOUSE ON MEMORIAL DAY (the last Monday in May; 36 USC 902) The POW/MIA flag has been delivered to the Usher's Office for permanent storage and handling.
- 7213 07/26/99 National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day, 1999
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169m to sec. 127

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- 7259 12/07/99 National Pearl Harbor Rememberance Day, 1999
H.J.Res. 131, Public Law 103-308, 8/23/94,
requested the President to issue the proclamation
annually requesting the flag be flown at
half-staff on such day; previously issued in 1984,
1986, 1987, and 1991, at congressional requests.
- 7260 12/13/99 Bicentennial Commemoration of the Death of George
Washington
The congress passed S.Con. Res. 83 which requests
that the President issue a Proclamation
commemorating the 200th anniversary of the death
of George Washington on December 14, 1999. The
Senate Resolution was agreed to by both bodies on
October 15, 1998. The Proclamation also request
that the flags be lowered to half-staff for the
entire day of the 14th.
- 7307 05/11/00 Peace Officers Memorial Day and Police Week, 2000
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Office for permanent storage and handling. In
2000, a National Moment of Remembrance was added
to honor past fallen service men and women to be
observed at 3:00 p.m. local time, to also coincide
with the time for prayer for permanent peace.
H.Con.Res. 302, 5/25/00, also called for a moment
of remembrance, and requested the President to
issue a proclamation.

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- 7362 10/12/00 Death of American Servicemembers Aboard the United States Ship COLE
7 dead and 10 missing and presumed dead in a terrorist attack on the USS COLE. The COLE was getting refueled in port in Adan, Yemen. A small craft assisting in the refueling pulled alongside the COLE and exploded. Upon all public buildings and grounds, at all military posts and naval stations, and on all naval vessels of the Federal Government in the District of Columbia and throughout the United States and its Territories and possessions until sunset, Monday, October 16, 2000. I also direct that the flag shall be flown at half-staff for the same length of time at all United States embassies, legations, consular offices, and other facilities abroad, including all military facilities and naval vessels and stations. (5 days)
- 7364 10/16/00 Amending Proclamation 7362, Display of the Flag at Half-Staff as a Mark of Respect for Those Who Died on the United States Ship Cole
extends half-staffing until Sunset Wed. 10/18/2000.
- 7385 12/06/00 National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, 2000
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VICTIMS OF THE INCIDENTS ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

As a mark of respect for those killed as a result of the incidents in the United States on Tuesday September 11, 2001, I hereby order, by the authority vested in me as President of the United States of America by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, that the flag of the United States shall be flown at half-staff at the White House and upon all public buildings and grounds, at all military posts and naval stations, and on all naval vessels of the Federal Government in the District of Columbia and throughout the United States and its Territories and possessions until sunset, Sunday, September 16, 2001. I also direct that the flag shall be flown at half-staff for the same length of time at all United States embassies, legations, consular offices, and other facilities abroad, including all military facilities and naval vessels and stations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this eleventh day of September, in the year of our Lord two thousand one, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twenty-sixth.

HONORING THE VICTIMS OF THE INCIDENTS ON
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Incidents in Which the President Did NOT Order Flags to Half-staff:

the World Trade Center Bombing of February 26, 1993;

the Waco/Branch Davidian Incident of February 28, 1993, in which four ATF Agents were killed while storming that compound;

the Colorado wildfire deaths of July 1994, in which fourteen Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management firefighters were killed fighting a wildfire;

the August 1994 plane crash in Peru in which five DEA Agents were killed;

the March 8, 1995, incident in Pakistan in which two American diplomatic workers were murdered by terrorists in Karachi;

the May 10, 1996, incident in which two helicopters collided at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, killing 16;

the U.S. Air Force incidents of September 1997, the worst of which claimed the lives of nine U.S. Service Personnel in which a U.S. C-141 may have collided with a German transport carrying 24 off the African coast.

The President has ordered by proclamation that the flag be flown at half-staff in response to the following incidents:

for the death of those Aboard American Helicopters shot down over Iraq in April 1994;

for the victims of the Oklahoma City Bombing in April 1995;

for the death of three U.S. Diplomats traveling in a U.S. Delegation Convoy in Bosnia-Herzegovina in August 1995;

for those aboard the U.S. Air Force plane in Croatia including Commerce Secretary Ron Brown in April 1996;

for the victims of the Bombing in Saudi Arabia in June 1996;

for the victims of the Bombing Incidents at U.S. Embassies (Kenya & Tanzania) in Africa in August 1998.

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Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana

THE PRESIDENT: I want to reassure the American people that the full resources of the federal government are working to assist local authorities to save lives and to help the victims of these attacks. Make no mistake: The United States will hunt down and punish those responsible for these cowardly acts.

I've been in regular contact with the Vice President, the Secretary of Defense, the national security team and my Cabinet. We have taken all appropriate security precautions to protect the American people. Our military at home and around the world is on high alert status, and we have taken the necessary security precautions to continue the functions of your government.

We have been in touch with the leaders of Congress and with world leaders to assure them that we will do whatever is necessary to protect America and Americans.

I ask the American people to join me in saying a thanks for all the folks who have been fighting hard to rescue our fellow citizens and to join me in saying a prayer for the victims and their families.

The resolve of our great nation is being tested. But make no mistake: We will show the world that we will pass this test. God bless.

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GEORGE W. BUSH

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