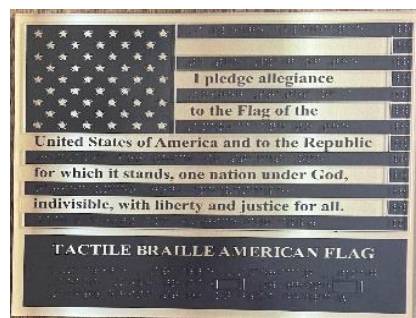


Raising the Flag, that all may see Including the blind.



This graphic depicts the Flash Bronze American Braille Flag. The tactile figures in the upper left are the stars, each of which represents the 50 states and are arranged in nine rows in alternating clusters of six and five. The long smooth horizontal lines represent the red stripes. The end of each stripe is embossed with the Braille dots 4, 5, 6 followed by the lower case "r", indicating the color red. Between each of the representations of the red stripes are the long raised textured areas representing the white stripes. The end of each stripe is embossed with the Braille dots 4, 5 9 6 followed by the lower case "w", indicating the color white. As should be, there are a total of thirteen stripes which represent the original thirteen American colonies of England which became the original thirteen states of the new independent Republic. The pledge of allegiance is embossed in standard font English literary Braille code over the smooth red stripes. This graphic not only serves those Americans who have become blind, but equally serves as a teaching/learning tactile aid for instructing blind students how the American flag appears to the sighted. The flag is well sized for portability (13.25" by 12" and weighs 7.5 lbs), and is easily distributed as demonstration pieces at a conference, work shop, or seminar. Additional variations are now available in non-Bronze material. Each variation is tactile like the original Bronze-Flag.





HISTORY:

Randolph Cabral, President of the Kansas Braille Transcription Institute (KBTI) and the son of a World War II blind veteran created the tactile/Braille American Flag to honor his father. In February 2008, through the combined efforts of the Blinded Veterans Association (BVA), KBTI and U.S. Congressman Todd Tiahrt, the U.S. Congress unanimously authorized placement of a bronze monument of the Braille Flag at Arlington National Cemetery as a tribute to blind veterans of all wars, and other blind Americans. In April of 2008 the Braille flag was officially installed at the cemetery representing a Braille replica of the U.S. American Flag. literally thousands have found their way into the hands and hearts of many sighted and blind civilians, veteran's, veteran's hospitals, memorials parks, offices of elected officials, schools for the blind, and many other places. The Blinded Veterans Association and the American Braille flag Project has given hundreds of framed Braille flags as appreciation awards to blind veterans not only to American Veterans but also to blind veterans in other countries.

The Tactile Braille Flag has been placed in many National Cemeteries Historical sites such as Ground Zero in New York, Flight 93 Memorial, disability Deaf and Blind schools and in many VA facilities.

The American Braille Flag Project goal is to place Tactile Braille Flags and allow the blind to be able to see with the touch of their finger the American Flag. The Project is run by two legally blind retired veterans Service connected.

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Walt Peters spent 20 years in the Army, 1962-1983. He retired as a Staff sergeant. As a special operations aviator in Vietnam, he compiled three tours of duty in that country. His service to his country came with a huge cost to his own wellbeing. he was doused with Agent Orange three or four times” during those tours. Agent Orange has left many service members with long lasting disabling effects. Around 1997 his eyesight started going and he was diagnosed with chemical diabetes and has had some 30 surgeries. As such he can only see silhouettes. Walt has dedicated himself to the American Braille Flag Project hoping to Raise the American Braille Flag for All to See, Including the Blind.

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Paul Kaminsky retired from the U.S. Navy after serving 30 years, 1965-1995. He held Enlisted paygrades E-1 to E-9 (AVCM) and Officer ranks O-1 to O-5 (Commander). He flew with the Navy Hurricane Hunters, served with Navy fighter squadrons onboard the USS Independence, USS America, and the USS Theodore Roosevelt. Kaminsky began losing his eyesight in 1982, by 1985 was legally blind. His last 10 years, in the Navy, he was legally blind but because of his ability to perform all his duties he remained classified as fit for full duty and continued on active duty with the rest of his contemporaries. Kaminsky is dedicated to the American Braille Flag Project and too with the Project's goal, to make this Braille Flag available throughout the Nation.

