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Local advocates for patriotism to mark Flag Day on June 14

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We stand, hand over heart, pledging our allegiance in city council meetings. We sing the national anthem to it in the biggest sport arenas nationwide, and bury it with our beloved. The U.S. Flag has its own day of recognition and its own story, one that's important in retelling for each new generation.

Flag Day got its start in 1885 when Bernard J. Cigrand a 19-year-old teacher at Stony Hill School placed a 10 inch 38-star flag in a bottle on his desk and asked his students to write essays on the flag's significance. Cigrand didn't stop with his students, but continued to advocate that the observance of June 14 be recognized as "Flag Birthday" or "Flag Day."

Preserving the U.S. Flag is one of many missions The National Society Daughters of The American Revolution engages in. Recently, DAR member Deb Bradley accepted proclamations from Holly Springs Mayor Steven W. Miller where the City Council voted unanimously on and approved the following proclamations: The city of Holly Springs will observe June 20 as American Eagle Day, the week of June 14 as National Flag Week and designate June 14 as Flag Day,



Above: Deb Bradley, chapter historian and American History chair at Kennesaw Mountain Chapter of National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, accepted a proclamation from Holly Springs Mayor Steven W. Miller for the week of June 14 to be known as National Flag Week and to designate June 14 as Flag Day. Right: Sixteen ancestor bars and the DAR insignia pin. According to Kennesaw DAR chapter Registrar Kathryn Sklikas, pins are 'earned.' Sklikas said her favorite pins are her ancestor bars. Each one honors a person who served in some way to get our country started. / Ron Carter; Kathryn Sklikas



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at the request of the DAR Kennesaw Chapter.

Bradley, who serves as the chapter historian and American History chair at Kennesaw Mountain Chapter, recently completed a New Horizons New Members course, part of new members training with DAR, and part of her independent project involved promoting patriotism with the community that included the support of the U.S. Flag.

Kennesaw DAR chapter Registrar Kathryn Sklikas said the proclamations came about from the DAR organization. "Asking various cities to present proclamations to raise awareness of Flag Day. It also raises awareness of the work the Daughters of the American Revolution do to promote patriotism, education and historic preservation." Sklikas said that although the Kennesaw Mountain Chapter is new, DAR members live in various parts of the Cherokee and Cobb county area. "It is appropriate to touch base with each city."

Holly Springs, Woodstock, Acworth, Marietta and Kennesaw are cities that were contacted about receiving a proclamation to honor both the American bald eagle and the U.S. Flag, and were accepted. These cities were chosen in part due to the proximity of where members reside, though DAR Chapters outreach extends throughout the U.S. and Units Overseas (chapters located outside the U.S.) seek to celebrate as well.

Canton wasn't contacted, said Kennesaw Mountain Chapter



From left, Deb Bradley and Kathryn Sklikas of the Kennesaw Mountain Chapter of National Society Daughters of the American Revolution attended the Holly Springs City Council June 4 meeting, where Bradley accepted a proclamation from Mayor Steve. W. Miller for the week of June 14 to be known as National Flag Week and to designate June 14 as Flag Day. / Margaret Waage

Regent Loriann White, because it allows civic organizations such as DAR to request one proclamation per calendar year, and DAR designates Constitution Week (Sept. 17-23) as the commemorative event to seek proclamations from Canton. "DAR city chapters can work together and independently, it really depends on

the chapter regent, the members, and the goals and objectives of the chapter, state and national." The Kennesaw chapter was organized on April 13, 2017 and confirmed by the DAR National Board of Management on May 5, 2017 to meet the growth, interest and demand in the North Cobb, and West Cherokee area. State Regent

Joyce Patton appointed Loriann White as Organizing Regent in the Kennesaw/Woodstock area. DAR was formed in 1890.

White worked toward increasing membership and under her leadership, the chapter saw 31 new members.

White said DAR has become a personal lifestyle, saying, "My

mother was an avid reader and cameo collector. She read about the DAR Cameo Society and wanted to belong. Unfortunately, I was unable to get her into DAR and approved before she passed away but promised her I would join and continue. It has become a very rewarding experience and I have made wonderful friends throughout my tenure with DAR. It is wonderful to celebrate our ancestors and make friends with like-minded ladies who honor and respect our incredible nation while serving others."

Miller said proclamations are important to the city and to him personally.

"The city of Holly Springs proudly flies the American and Georgia flags year round in front of the Holly Springs Public Safety building and the American flag at the Historic Train Depot," he said. "The Friends of Holly Springs Police Foundation also facilitate the Flags for Heroes Program, where the Foundation places flags in the yards of participants for not only Flag Day, but also Memorial Day, Independence Day, September 11th, Veterans Day and Presidents' Day."

"It is important to me that the city recognize that these days are not just any other day, but that they represent the effort that so many who came before us put into creating the ideals that makes America special. These proclamations are a small symbol of the love and respect that we have for our country and our flag," he said.

To learn more about Flag Day history visit www.usflag.org/history.html.

To learn more about DAR membership and genealogy visit www.dar.org.