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Military Facts:

30 of the 43 Presidents served in the Army, 24 during time of war, two earned the rank of 5-star General (Washington and Eisenhower) and one earned the Medal of Honor (T. Roosevelt)

Only one President (James Buchanan) served as an enlisted man in the military and did not go on to become an officer.

The Woodrow Wilson Keeble Award "Je Suis Pret" (I Am Ready)

On March 29th, 2019 the first recipients of the The North Dakota National Guard were awarded the newest State Award:

The Woodrow W. Keeble "Je Suis Pret" (I Am Ready) Award is presented to any member or former member of the North Dakota National Guard (NDNG). This award is in honor of the actions of MSG Woodrow "Woody" W. Keeble, a NDNG member who received the Medal of Honor for his extraordinary courage, selfless service and devotion to duty during the Korean War.

Master Sergeant Woodrow "Woody" Wilson Keeble is one of the most decorated Soldiers in North Dakota history. A veteran of World War II and the Korean War, Keeble was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor on March 3, 2008 at the White House. He is the first Dakota/Lakota to receive the nation's highest military honor. He was inducted into the Pentagon Hall of Heroes on March 4, 2008.

Keeble was born on the Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux Reservation in Wahbay, South Dakota, and made his hometown in Wahpeton, North Dakota. He joined the



North Dakota National Guard in 1942 and was assigned to Company I, 3rd Battalion, 164th Infantry Regiment (Rifle).

His unit became the first U.S. Army unit to engage in offensive operations in WWII when it reinforced the 1st Marine Division at Guadalcanal. The 164th Infantry Regiment significantly contributed to a decisive victory in the battle. Keeble received his first Bronze Star Medal, his first of four Purple Hearts and the Combat Infantryman Badge for his actions at Guadalcanal.

Keeble reenlisted with the 164th Infantry Regiment at the beginning of the Korean War and later volunteered for a combat assignment with an active duty Army unit. He served with Company G, 19th Infantry Regiment of the 24th Infantry Division in Korea, where his actions would eventually earn him the nation's highest military honor.

On October 20, 1951, when all of the

officers of his company were killed or wounded, Keeble took charge of the support platoon while attempting to complete his unit's mission of taking control of a steep, rocky and heavily fortified hill.

After being treated for over 80 shrapnel wounds the day prior, Keeble returned to duty. Armed with grenades and his rifle, he successfully conducted multiple, single-handed assaults against three well-fortified enemy positions. These heroic actions, which earned him the Medal of Honor, saved the lives of his fellow Soldiers and inspired his company to achieve its important objective.

Keeble's famous comments exemplify his military service. "There were terrible moments that encompassed a lifetime, an endlessness when terror was so strong in me that I could feel idiocy replace reason. Yet I have never left my position, nor have I shirked hazardous duty. Fear did not make a coward out of me."

At the Medal of Honor presentation, President George W. Bush remarked, "Woody Keeble's act of heroism saved many American lives, and earned him a permanent place in his fellow Soldiers' hearts."

Upcoming 2019 Tele-Conference

Who: Steering Committee
Members
All POC's
(Community &
Business)

What: Teleconferences

When: Sept 12th @ 11am

Where: Via Phone
Dial in information
will be published

Why: Exchange ideas
Address issues

Upcoming Events

**Executive
Committee
Apr 24th**

**Peer Support Trng
May 6-10**

**Coalition Meeting
May 9th**

**ND Cares
Community
Training (Fargo)
May 22nd**

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The symbolism of the 13 folds of the U.S. Flag



If you've attended a funeral honoring a veteran who served our country, perhaps you witnessed the folding of the flag that once covered the casket of a loved one. Each of the 13 folds of the flag holds great significance.

At the ceremony of retreat, a daily observance at bases during which all personnel pay respect to the flag, "the flag is lowered, folded in a triangle fold and kept under watch throughout the night as a tribute to our nation's honored dead. The next morning, it is brought out and, at the ceremony of reveille, run aloft as a symbol of our belief in the resurrection of the body."

The first fold of our flag is a symbol of life.

The second fold signifies our belief in eternal life.

The third fold is made in honor and tribute of the veteran departing our ranks, and who gave a portion of his or her life for the defense of our country to attain peace.

The fourth fold exemplifies our weaker nature as citizens trusting in God; it is to Him we turn for His divine guidance.

The fifth fold is an acknowledgment to our country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, "Our country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right, but it is still our country, right or wrong."

The sixth fold is for where our hearts lie. It is with our heart that we pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

The seventh fold is a tribute to our armed forces, for it is through the armed forces that we protect our country and our flag against all enemies.

The eighth fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day, and to honor our mother, for whom it flies on Mother's Day.

The ninth fold is an honor to womanhood, for it has been through their faith, love, loyalty, and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great have been molded.

The 10th fold is a tribute to father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of our country since he or she was first-born.

The 11th fold, in the eyes of Hebrew citizens, represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies, in their eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

The 12th fold, in the eyes of a Christian citizen, represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in their eyes, God the Father, the Son, and Holy Ghost.

The last fold, when the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost, reminding us of our national motto, "In God We Trust."