

Flags for Heroes Event

June 14, 2023

2:00 p.m.

Community Engagement Office

- Good afternoon I am Dr. Pamela Yeung, Chairman of the Stafford County Board of Supervisors. On behalf of the Board of Supervisors, I would like to thank the North Stafford Rotary Club for their beautiful display of flags.
- On Flag Day and during National Flag Week, we celebrate the enduring strength and promise that the stars and stripes on our flag has always embodied as they fly proudly in our county and across the United States of America.
- It commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States on June 14, 1777, by resolution of the Second Continental Congress. The Flag Resolution, passed on June 14, 1777, stated: "Resolved, That the flag of the thirteen United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation.
- I will quote our President and the Flag Proclamation that states that our flag tells America's story — the story of an ever-evolving Nation. Thirteen colonies joining together and winning independence, forming a great Union of States that has grown bigger and more just across generations — a place where everyone is entitled to certain unalienable rights, among them life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. It is an emblem of our strength at home and abroad, synonymous with America as a force for good in the world". To those that died defending our nation, we honor their unbending sense of duty and courage and remember their faith that we would be worthy of their sacrifice. These flags wave for justice and equality. Unquote.
- These flags adorns courtrooms, classrooms, and preside over free and fair elections at polling places across the America, reinforcing the promise of our democracy. Our flag embodies the very soul of America — a soul that has

endured because of sacrifices made by generations of Americans, whose mission we must keep alive to ensure democracy endures.

- The Stars and Stripes belongs to all Americans and reminds us that much more unites us than divides us. Wherever our flag is, it stands for freedom, justice, and opportunity, an American promise that everyone is created equal and united in pursuit of a more perfect Union.
- I express my appreciation to the North Stafford Rotary Club. Thank you for today's event and all you do to uplift our community. May Stafford, Virginia, and our beloved county and nation be blessed.