

Does The American Legion endorse sending flag stars to troops?

The Americanism Commission does not subscribe to the practice of cutting the United States flag into individual pieces prior to its proper disposal no matter what the reason or occasion may be. The Commission is of the opinion that when the flag is no longer a fitting emblem for display it should be disposed in its entirety, preferably by burning. The flag began as a whole; therefore it is to be disposed of as a whole. We are aware of organizations such as "Stars for Our Troops" that takes in old, tattered and worn-out American Flags, has volunteers cut each embroidered star from the flag, disposes of the stripes properly, and places each star into a tiny plastic bag with a card for members of the Armed Forces at home or overseas. Contrary to what is found on some websites, The American Legion does not endorse the use of the flag in this manner.