

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0907

April 29, 2010

Mr. Joe Millsaps
Chairman of Broward Navy Days
5300 North Federal Highway
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33308

Dear Joe:


At Paul Anderson's request, I am pleased to send you the enclosed American Flag. This flag was flown over the United States Capitol for you on April 19, 2010, in honor of your 20 years of service to the men and women of the United States military.

For more than 200 years, the American Flag has been the symbol of our nation's unity. On June 14, 1777 the Continental Congress passed an act to establish an official flag. The resolution ordered that "the flag of the United States be made of thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation."

Between 1777 and 1960, Congress passed several acts that changed the shape, design, and arrangement of the flag and allowed for additional stars to be added reflecting the admission of a new state. The stripes represent the original thirteen colonies, the stars represent the 50 states of the Union. The red, white, and blue on the flag also have a symbolic meaning. Red symbolizes hardiness and valor, white symbolizes purity and innocence, and blue represents vigilance, perseverance, and justice.

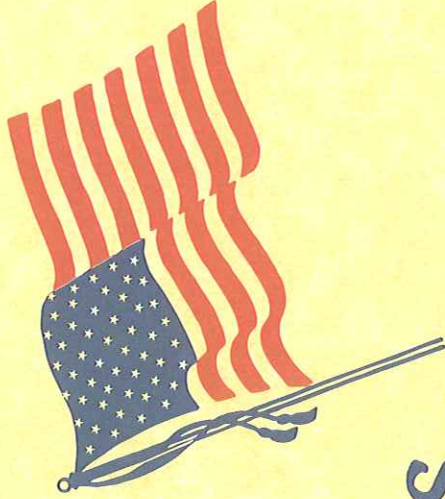
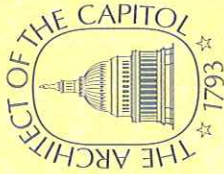
Again I would like to thank you for your service to our country and your patriotism for these many years. I wish you every blessing in the future. It is my distinct honor to send along this great symbol of our nation. With my warmest regards and best wishes to you, I remain

Sincerely,



John L. Mica
Member of Congress

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THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

This is to certify that the accompanying flag was flown over the United States Capitol on April 19, 2010.

At the request of the Honorable John L. Mica, Member of Congress, this flag was flown for the Chairman of Broward Navy Days Joe Millsaps in honor of his 20 years of service to the men and women of the United States military.

Stephen T. Ayers, AIA, LEED AP
Acting Architect of the Capitol