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## **John A. Scocos Column: Flag Day 2016**

MADISON – It is fitting on this day to remember the symbol of our nation and those who fought under it – the American Flag. Today is also the Army’s 241st birthday and its soldiers have been carrying their nation’s flag into battle since the Revolutionary War.

In America our flag is almost sacred. It is so respected that Flag Day is observed on June 14th of each year. Nicknamed “Stars and Stripes,” “Old Glory” and “The Star-Spangled Banner,” our flag has been a symbol of our nation since 1777.

A nation’s flag is an enduring symbol of its sovereignty and heritage – telling a story of how it came to be and what it is.

In America, our flag commands a great measure of respect, born from the patriotic history that accompanies it.

In our state, the National Flag Day Foundation is in Waubeka, the birthplace of Flag Day. Recently our department was pleased to join in their 70th anniversary of their foundation.

Our flag has accompanied our soldiers and explorers to the ends of the earth and beyond since our founding and it is hard to look at the flag without a deep association between our achievements and those who sacrificed so much to achieve them. Our flag has been flown by our Armed Forces in every engagement since the war for our independence

When you see the flag, think about the other times and places it’s been flown and the men and women who accompanied it.

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