

Our National Americanism Chairman and Eastern Vice Chairman have requested that we show our support of the Flag Amendment by sending letters to our Senators and Representatives. The letter below has been written by Eastern Vice Chairman Carol and approved by National Chairman Beth for us to utilize. You may also utilize a sample letter from *Let the People Decide*, a free publication you can download at: <http://www.legion.org/publications/235334/let-people-decide>.

Please complete and mail or email the following to your Senators and Representatives and request a response. Please send me a copy of any, and all responses that you receive as National would like to receive those as well.

Take time to read National Eastern Division Chairman Carol's article in the February E bulletin as well. You can find it on National's site – ALAforVeterans.org select the Media tab and ALA in the know E Bulletin. Her article is in the February 2019 edition.

Thank you, have a great day!
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Date _____

The Honorable Senator _____
 United States Senate
 Washington, DC 20510

Or

The Honorable Congressional Representative _____
 U.S. House of Representatives
 Washington, DC. 20515

Dear _____,

As a registered voter in the State of _____, I am proud to say I exercise my right to vote. As an American, I do not take my voting responsibility lightly.

There are many issues that determine for whom I will cast my vote. Perhaps, the most prominent of these is, does the candidate share my values.

I believe you do, so I am writing to you to ask for your support for a constitutional amendment that will return to the American people the right to protect the flag our veterans have so valiantly fought to protect.

Let me briefly relate the story of Sgt. William Carney. He was a color bearer during the Civil War for the 54th Massachusetts Infantry. Despite being shot and wounded at least 4 distinct times, he never let the precious flag he was assigned to carry be dropped. At the end of that battle of Ft. Wagner, South Carolina he dragged himself back to the Union Camp, he was bleeding badly (chest, arm, leg and head) his fellow soldiers praised him, his famous words were reported to be, "I only did my duty, our flag never even touched the ground."

His wounds were very extensive, but he didn't mind, he was a proud soldier who accomplished his mission. He was one of the 23 African American soldiers awarded the Medal of Honor that day. We are very proud of each and every one of those soldiers.

Can you be as brave as this Civil War soldier? Can you carry our nation's flag? Do you love our flag as much as Sgt. William Carney did?

His battlefield was South Carolina while yours is the United States Congress. Are you as brave as he was, can you sponsor or vote for the flag amendment?

With kindest regards,

Your name and address