

New Korean Distributor

While in China, Jan Skov (GRI International Sales Manager) met with Jong Soon Kim (prefers to be called Jay) of Bell Tech Co. Bell Tech is our newest and only distributor in Korea. Jay's previous experience includes, Business Development Manager at KNF, Business Unit Manager at Parker Hannifin, and Assistant Manager at Korean Air.



Who Would Have Thought About It?

by Chuck McKenzie, GRI Inside Sales Coordinator

The yearly recognition of our country's Independence Day on July 4, 1776 is everyone's favorite National Holiday to celebrate.

Cookouts, fireworks, parades and most importantly remembering the where, how and whys of the birth of our Nation's freedom and independence is all a part of our celebration and is so important for everyone to recognize and remember as citizens. It not only shows us the path of how we got started as a Nation but gives us a clear map of how we should be charting our course for the future.

What many forget is that our founding forefathers based a free, fair and equal government on Christian principals, even down to our most recognizable symbol, "Old Glory", our Nation's Flag.

As I was looking into purchasing a new flag, I was taken aback by the steeped tradition, etiquette and Christian and patriotic symbolism surrounding our Nation's Flag...right down to its ceremonial folding.

So, after doing some research, I thought I would share what each fold (12 folds and the final position of the flag) has been established and followed as tradition and proper protocol. It is a procedure used by all the U.S Military Branches, Civic Organizations such as The Boy Scouts, American Legion and the like and many, many more organizations and clubs.

When you finish reading the meanings represented by each fold below, I hope you come away with a deeper appreciation for our flag, its representation of our traditions and values that are associated with it and reflect on the basic founding principles of freedom, justice and "One Nation Under God" that our country was established around.

Oh, and next time you see "Old Glory" flying in the breeze, give an admiring glance and a respectful thought to one the most recognizable symbols of freedom in the World.

Flag Folding Ceremony

The ceremony of folding of an American flag may be narrated at special occasions. The following narration is from the United States Air Force Academy and is read aloud as each fold takes place:

"The first fold of our flag is a symbol of life."

"The second fold is a symbol of our belief in the eternal life."

