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To The Hinckley City Administrator:

Request on behalf of Hinckley's veterans' advocacy groups - namely the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Disabled American Veterans - to include us on the agenda at the city council meeting which will be this Tuesday, July 9th, at 7 p.m.

The two subjects:

1. To freely fly and continue to display since 1776 George Washington's Appeal To Heaven Flag.
2. The removal (above Lawler Avenue) of the Somali-like Minnesota State Flag and have it replaced with a same-sized Armed Forces Flag which shows the seal of every branch of the U.S. Military.

Thank you for your assistance.

For Wally Bartel and myself, Clark Peterson

* Because of many businesses being closed, yesterday, this request - in order to meet the deadline - had to be handwritten.

Enclosed "Appeal To Heaven Flag" news release (2015).

THE APPEAL TO HEAVEN FLAG alias WASHINGTON'S CRUISERS FLAG

By Clark C. Peterson



An impossible war victory and the miraculous burying the hatchet memorialize the *Appeal To Heaven Flag*. It's an official Colonial banner that's also called *Washington's Cruisers Flag*.

The Tamarisk Tree

A tamarisk tree stands in the flag's center. The earliest documentation of this tree goes back to Abraham and the Old Testament. Biologists describe it as "an Old World desert shrub or tree, a slow growing evergreen."

Buried The Hatchet

And beneath it lays a circular grassy mound where at least five Indian tribes "buried the hatchet" which means they made peace.

Appeal To Heaven

With the tamarisk tree bottomed by the grassy mound, a phrase had to be borne. The brief expression had to answer "How can our country possibly beat the most formidable army in the world, Great Britain?" Then, in the mid-1700's, John Loeke presented the answer with a telling answer: An Appeal To Heaven.

The Design

Arranging the tamarisk, grassy mound and the "... Appeal To Heaven" was the assemblage of Colonel Joseph Reed, George Washington's secretary. Then, Reed's design received approval from the U.S. Naval Board on October 20th, 1775.

Displayed

Washington spent his own money to buy several ships for the U.S. Navy. He ordered the *Appeal To Heaven Flag* to fly atop each of these ships. Then on July 26th, 1776, additional Navy ships from Massachusetts as well as privateers adopted this flag.

Victory!

This flag became a constant reminder to soldiers and citizens alike to appeal to Heaven, and the impossible happened! Under the command of General George Washington, the United States defeated Great Britain and won the Revolutionary War!