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**American Heritage Girls Shines a Positive Light with *Stars & Stripes Salute***

*Faith-based non-profit releases premier issue of Stars & Stripes Salute to feature members who achieve the AHG Program's highest award*

CINCINNATI, OH (December 17, 2018) – Amidst the news of Boy Scouts of America facing potential bankruptcy issues, American Heritage Girls (AHG) provides positive proof of the benefits of a Christ-centered, girl-centric, outdoor program by introducing its first edition of *Stars & Stripes Salute* on October 16, 2018. This publication honors Girl Members who have earned the prestigious Stars & Stripes Award.

The Stars & Stripes Award is the highest recognition in the American Heritage Girls Program and celebrates girls who epitomize the AHG Oath and Creed. Taking more than a year to achieve, the Stars & Stripes Award is only given to those who:

- Earn the Dolly Madison Award
- Apply for candidacy
- Earn a total of 16 Pioneer/Patriot Level Badges
- Hold a Girl Leadership Position and remain active in their Troop
- Submit and receive approval on a service project proposal and support documents
- Develop and supervise others in a 100+ hour service project that benefits an organization in the community
- Supervise groups of youth for 10+ hours
- Create a resume
- Write a Spiritual Walk Essay
- Obtain personal references
- Pass a Board of Review before their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.

“Earning the Stars & Stripes Award is no easy task, but that is what makes these young women truly exceptional,” Says AHG Executive Director and Founder Patti Garibay. “They rise to the occasion, take on leadership, and make a difference in this world using their God-given talents. It is such a blessing to see these girls become women of integrity.”

In order to fully honor those who have earned the prestigious award that embodies perseverance, self-respect, and a strong feeling of accomplishment, American Heritage Girls published the first ever *Stars & Stripes Salute*. This publication features the Stars & Stripes Award Recipients from the 2017-2018 Program Year and their Spiritual Walk Essay. This essay invites recipients to reflect and celebrate what God is doing in their life, the passions He is laying on their hearts and the calling He has laid on their future.

To learn more about the Stars & Stripes Award and the *Stars & Stripes Salute*, contact the AHG Program Department at 513-771-2025 or visit us online at [AmericanHeritageGirls.org](http://AmericanHeritageGirls.org). To purchase a copy of *Stars & Stripes Salute* visit our online store at [americanheritagegirls.org/store](http://americanheritagegirls.org/store).

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*American Heritage Girls is dedicated to the mission of building women of integrity through service to God, family, community, and country. Founded in 1995 in Cincinnati, Ohio, AHG has grown from ten Troops and 100 members to over 49,000 members across 15 countries and 50 states. Girl Members participate in Badge Programs, service projects, leadership opportunities and outdoor experiences, all with an emphasis on Christian values and family involvement.*

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