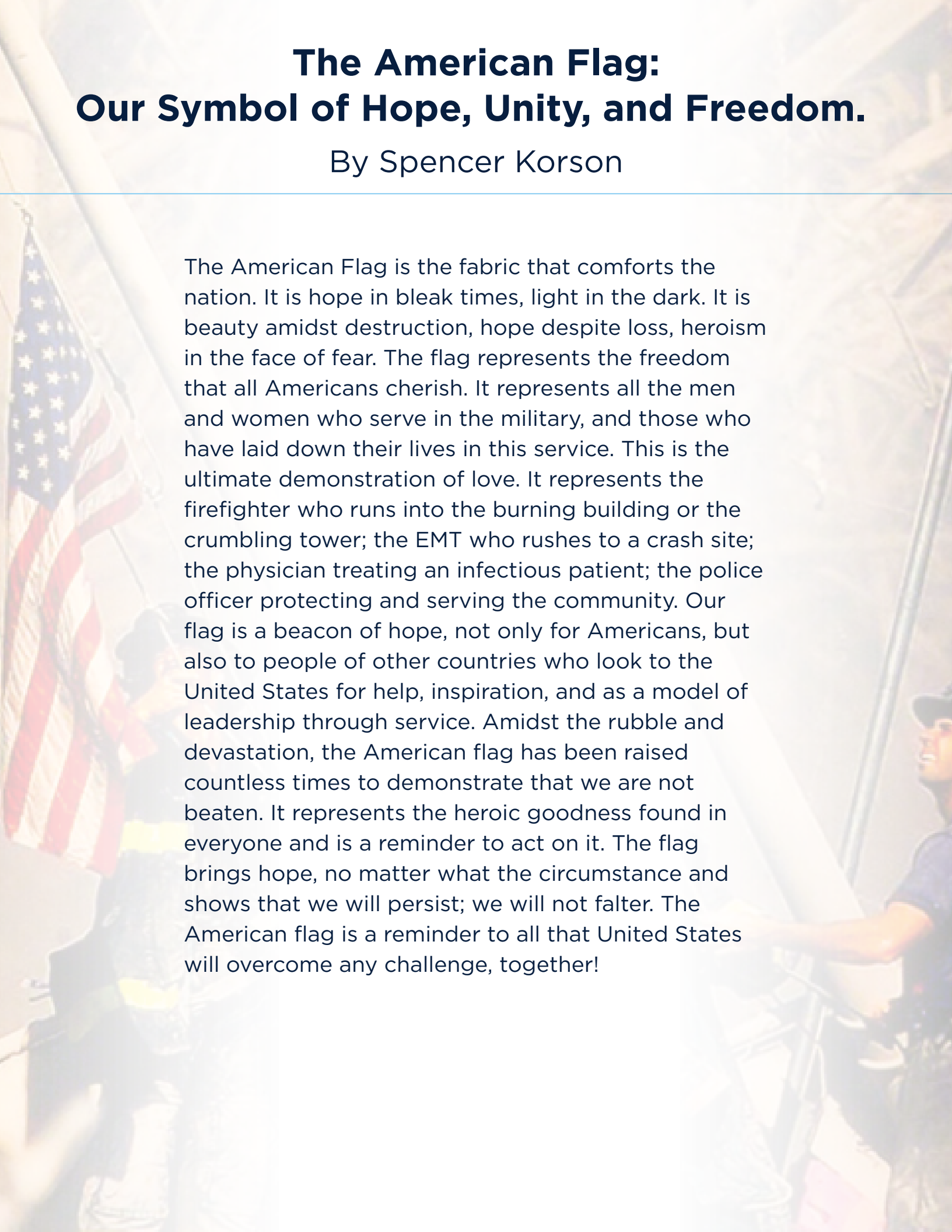


# **The American Flag: Our Symbol of Hope, Unity, and Freedom.**

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The American Flag is the fabric that comforts the nation. It is hope in bleak times, light in the dark. It is beauty amidst destruction, hope despite loss, heroism in the face of fear. The flag represents the freedom that all Americans cherish. It represents all the men and women who serve in the military, and those who have laid down their lives in this service. This is the ultimate demonstration of love. It represents the firefighter who runs into the burning building or the crumbling tower; the EMT who rushes to a crash site; the physician treating an infectious patient; the police officer protecting and serving the community. Our flag is a beacon of hope, not only for Americans, but also to people of other countries who look to the United States for help, inspiration, and as a model of leadership through service. Amidst the rubble and devastation, the American flag has been raised countless times to demonstrate that we are not beaten. It represents the heroic goodness found in everyone and is a reminder to act on it. The flag brings hope, no matter what the circumstance and shows that we will persist; we will not falter. The American flag is a reminder to all that United States will overcome any challenge, together!