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Do you know how far away the furthest American flag is from our capital?

The Lunar Flag Assembly was a kit containing the flag of the USA designed to be erected on the moon during the Apollo Program. Six such flags were planted on the moon. The nylon flags were hung on telescoping shafts with horizontal 1" tubes. There were 6 flags ordered. The flag of Apollo 13 never got there.

There is also a plaque inscribed "Here men from the planet Earth first set foot upon the Moon July 1969, A.D. We came in peace for all mankind." The flag was placed by astronaut Neil Armstrong. He was the first man on the moon on July 20th 1969. Buzz Aldrin made the trip with him and filmed the event. Michael Collins remained in lunar orbit in the command module Columbia.

The average distance to the moon is 238,855 miles. It varies with the elliptical orbit the moon takes.

"From our roots to our branches, extending service to our Veterans"

"Never forget the difference you make"

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