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AMERICANISM THROUGH SPORTS

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One hundred years of professional baseball is being celebrated in 1969 throughout the major and minor leagues. And while the Dodgers are not that old — in fact, they boast a "Mod Squad" look this season with one of their youngest teams in recent years — the celebration will continue through the World Series in October.

The Dodgers honor servicemen every chance they get — a recent Sunday afternoon game found some 10,000 military men and women along with their families on hand as guests of the Dodgers in connection with Armed Forces Day. The sight of five separate color guards, representing the five branches of military service, was a breath-taking spectacle in pre-game ceremonies.

There are many special events at Dodger Stadium but one of the most spectacular will take place on Flag Day, June 14th. Some 35,000 American flags will be given to every fan attending the game that day.

I could go on telling about the club but would prefer to extend an invitation to each of you to visit Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles when you return to our fine country. We will look forward to seeing each of you at our modern, new ball park in this, the 100th season of professional baseball.

