

# Flag on a staff

## Opening Flag Ceremony (Posting)

CALLER:

- **Color Guard attention!** Waits for them to show they are ready
- **Will the audience please rise.** Please remove all hats and bandannas. Waits for audience to be ready. If the audience is already standing, change this to "Audience attention"
- **Color Guard advance.** Color Guard advances according to the route established in advance. As they draw close to where the flags will be posted
- **Hand salute** This should be called as soon as the flag could reasonably be considered as free flying.
- **Color Guard halt!** Waits for them to stop by their flag stand
- **Post the \_\_\_\_\_ flag**  
*Repeat for all other flags*
- **Post the colors of the United States of America.** If the bearers need help posting the colors the first couple in the Guard steps forward to do so WITHOUT talking. Once the flags are posted, the Guard members all return to their previous positions and wait.
- **Please join me in the Pledge of Allegiance.** May also say the Promise, Law and sing the National Anthem.
- **Ready, To** short for "To the side"
- **Color Guard reassemble.** Waits for them to turn
- **Color Guard forward march.** Color guard marches back to where they came in.
- **Color Guard dismissed.** Waits for them to be gone Audience you may be seated.
- **The audience may be seated** If the audience doesn't have seats, change this to "Audience at ease"

## Closing Flag Ceremony (Retrieval)

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- **Color Guard advance.** Color Guard advances according to the route established in advance. As they draw close to where the flags will be posted Color Guard halt! Waits for them to stop. They should take 1 step after hearing the order.
- **Color Guard halt!** Waits for them to stop by their flag
- **Hand Salute**
- **Retrieve the colors of the United States of America.** If the bearers need help retrieving the colors the first couple in the Guard steps forward to do so WITHOUT talking. Once the flags are in the hands of the Color Bearer, the Guard members all return to their previous positions and wait.
- **Retrieve the \_\_\_\_\_ flag**  
*Repeat for all other flags*
- **Color Guard reassemble.** Waits for them to turn, making sure the Color Bearer returns to the correct placement in the front and on the right.
- **Color Guard, forward march.** Color guard carries the flag(s) out the way they came in. Caller waits until they are at the back of the room.
- **Color Guard, Halt!**
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- **Color Guard dismissed.**
- **Audience, Thank you for joining us.**

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- **Color Guard advance.** Color Guard advances according to the route established in advance. As they draw close to where the flags will be posted
- **Color Guard halt! Release the halyards** Color guard unties the halyards.
- **Present the colors of the United States of America** Color guard unfolds and presents the flag.
- **Hand salute**
- **Post the colors of the United States of America.**
- **Post the state flag, (etc)**  
*Repeat for all remaining flags*
- **Secure the halyards**
- **Please join me in the Pledge of Allegiance.** May also say the Promise, Law and sing the National Anthem.
- **Ready, To** short for “To the side”
- **Color Guard reassemble.** Waits for them to turn and form a single file line.
- **Color Guard forward march.** Color guard marches back to where they came in.
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- **Color Guard halt!** Waits for them to stop by their flag
- **Release the halyards**
- **Hand salute!**
- **Retrieve the \_\_\_\_\_ flag.**  
*Repeat for all other flags*
- **Retrieve the colors of the United States of America. ... Hand Salute** The salute should be called immediately after they begin to retrieve the US flag. If the bearers need help retrieving the colors the first couple in the Guard steps forward to do so WITHOUT talking. Once the flags are in the hands of the Color Bearer, the Guard members all return to their previous positions and wait.
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*Or if no seats:*  
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