

## FLAG CEREMONIES

### Opening Flag Ceremony (Troop Meeting)

1. **Troop Attention!**
2. **Color guard, advance.**  
Remember that the US Flag is marched on the right but placed on the left (Speaker's right).  
When crossing flags the US Flag passes in front of the troop and the other flag behind the US Flag.
3. **Troop salute on the numbers one.**
4. **Color guard, post colors.**  
The Color guard then places the flag in the stand and remains at attention
5. **Please repeat with me the Pledge of Allegiance.**  
*I Pledge Allegiance . . .*
6. **Two.**
7. **Color guard, dismissed.**
8. **Troop at ease.** (If appropriate for the situation)

### Closing Flag Ceremony (Troop Meeting)

1. **Troop Attention!**
2. **Color guard, prepare to retire colors.**
3. **Troop salute on the numbers one.**
4. **Color guard, retire colors.**
5. **Two.**
6. **Troop at ease.**

### Opening Flag Ceremony (Court of Honor)

1. **Will the audience please rise. Troop Attention!**
2. **Color guard, advance.**  
Remember that the US Flag is marched on the right but placed on the audience left (Speaker's right)  
When crossing flags the US Flag passes in front of the audience and the other flag behind the US Flag.
3. **Troop salute on the numbers one.**
4. **Color guard, post colors.**  
The Color guard then places the flag in the stand and remains at attention
5. **Please repeat with me the Pledge of Allegiance.**  
*I Pledge Allegiance . . .*
6. **Two.**
7. **Color guard, dismissed.**
8. **Audience and troop may be seated** (if appropriate for the situation)

### Closing Flag Ceremony (Court of Honor)

1. **Will the audience please rise. Troop Attention!**
2. **Color guard, prepare to advance.**
3. **Advance.**
4. **Troop salute on the numbers one.**
5. **Color guard, retire colors.**
6. **Two.**
7. **Audience and troop may be seated** (if appropriate for the situation)

Note: The Color guard should walk in pairs, a guard on the left of the US flag and then a second line with a guard on the left of the State flag or Troop flag. In a single line, the order should be, guard, US Flag, State, or troop flag, guard.