

Cub Scout Pack Flag Ceremony

Presentation of Colors – Indoors

Narrator	Actions
Color Guard attention. Will the audience please rise? (Pause.)	The color guard waits in the back of the room while the narrator waits for the audience to stand and become quiet.
Color Guard, advance. Scout salute.	The pack flag guards and bearer are on the left, and the U.S. flag guards and bearer are on the right. They walk in with the U.S. flag in the lead.
Color Guard, halt.	The color guard is halted when they reach the front of the seating area leaving enough room to cross the flags.
Color Guard, cross the colors.	The color guard crosses each other with the American Flag in the lead and closer to the front of the room. This way the U.S. flag will be on the speaker's right (left side of the room when you look toward the front).
Color Guard, halt. Post the colors.	The color guard is halted when they reach the flag stands and immediately told to post the colors. The American flag should be posted first followed by the state flag, then the Pack flag.
Color Guard, honor the colors.	Traditionally, the color guard does not salute or recite the Pledge of Allegiance with the group because their job is to guard the flag at all times. They should salute after the U.S. flag is posted. This command is used here only if the colors are posted before reciting the pledge of allegiance; otherwise, this command is given after the pledge is recited.
Please recite the Pledge of Allegiance.	If the flags are not posted until after the Pledge of Allegiance, then the bearers and guards stand at attention and continue to hold the flags. The other flags are lowered slightly so that the U.S. flag stands taller. The Color Guard does not salute or say the Pledge of Allegiance. If the flags have been posted then they may salute and recite the pledge.

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Two.	Everyone drops their salute.
Color Guard, about face, forward march.	The color guard turns and faces the back of the room and proceeds back to where they started.
Color Guard, halt.	
Color guard, at ease. Audience, please remain standing for the prayer.	The color guard waits until the prayer has ended before they are dismissed.

Comments:

- When the U.S. flag is carried with another banner (such as the pack flag), it should always be on “its marching right” in the procession.
- If there is only a narrow aisle, the procession follows this order in single file: U.S. flag guard, U.S. flag bearer, state flag guard, state flag bearer, pack flag bearer, pack flag guard.

Retiring of Colors – Indoors

Narrator	Actions
Color Guard, attention. Will the audience please rise? (Pause.)	The color guard waits in the back of the room while the narrator waits for the audience to stand and become quiet.
Color Guard, advance.	The U.S. flag guard and bearer are on the left while the pack flag guard and bearer are on the right. They march together until they reach the front then proceed to their respective flags.
Color Guard, halt.	The narrator stops their advance when they reach the flags.
Color guard, salute.	The guards and bearers salute the U.S. flag.
Color guard, retrieve the colors.	The U.S. flag is removed first, followed by the state flag, then the pack flag in quick succession.
Color Guard, forward march. Scout salute.	The narrator waits until all flags have been retrieved and the color guard is facing the audience again. Everyone, with the exception of the guards and bearers, salutes. The U.S. flag stays on its “marching right” as the guards and

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bearers proceed down the aisle to the rear of the room. No crossing of the flags is performed.

Color Guard, halt.	When the color guard reaches the back of the room this command is given.
Two.	Everyone drops the salute.
Color Guard, dismissed. Audience dismissed.	The flag ceremony is complete.

Keep in mind the following guidelines:

- The U.S. flag is always displayed to the far right of other flags, or in the center and higher than all other flags.
- When in front of an audience the U.S. flag should always be displayed on the speaker's right (which is the audience's left).
- The U.S. flag should always be slightly in front of all other flags when proceeding side-by-side.
- The U.S. flag should never be allowed to touch the ground or floor.
- When in uniform, stand at attention and salute with your right hand.
- When not in uniform, stand at attention and place your right hand over your heart. You should remove your non-uniform hat.
- When in uniform, with your head covered or uncovered, either indoors or outdoors, stand at attention and salute with your right hand when the U.S. national anthem is played, the colors are raised or lowered, the Pledge of Allegiance is recited, or the U.S. flag passes by in a parade.
- The reason the color guards do not participate in saluting, singing, or saying the Pledge of Allegiance with the group is because their job is to guard the flag at all times. They should salute after the U.S. flag is posted.