

Flag Ceremonies

Flag Bearer: The person who carries the flag - one flag per person. Hold the staff at slight angle in front of the body, or hold the folded flag in front of the body at waist level. The flag Bearer stands silent and at attention throughout the ceremony and does not repeat the Pledge of Allegiance nor sing the National Anthem.

Color guard: They guard the honor of the flag and watch to see that the flag does not touch the ground. They stand behind the flag bearer, or to the side if in a line of more than one flag. Two per flag is traditional, but any number may be used. They stand silent and at attention throughout the ceremony and do not repeat the Pledge of Allegiance nor sing the National Anthem.

Color Guard Commander: The designated Scout who "calls out" the parts of the ceremony. Stands in front and to one side of the audience.

Commands For Standard Flag Ceremony - Entering: (Said by the Color Guard Commander).

1. **"Please stand for the Presentation of the Colors."** Said for flags entering the room.
2. **"Scouts Attention"** All scouts stand at attention.
3. **"Color Guard Advance"** Color Guard walks to stage or flag pole stand, US flag is first in line.
4. **"Color Guard Halt"**
5. **"Color Guard Post (or Retire) the Colors"** Color Guard raises the flag or put it in the flag pole stand. The US flag is the first to be posted.
6. **"Scouts Salute"** The Color Guard stays at attention. Color Guard Commander and Scouts salute. (This command and the Pledge of Allegiance is omitted when retiring the colors, however Scouts still salute the flag as it passes them by when the colors are being retired.)
7. **"Please join me in the Pledge of Allegiance"** Color Guard Commander leads the Pledge of Allegiance.
8. **"Please join me in the Scout Oath"** Color Guard Commander leads the Scout Oath.
9. **"Color Guard Dismissed"** Scouts walk back down the aisle without the flags to their seats.

Commands For Standard Flag Ceremony - Entering: (Said by the Color Guard Commander).

1. **"Please stand for the Retiring of the Colors."** Said for flags leaving the room.
2. **"Scouts Attention"** All scouts stand at attention.
3. **"Color Guard Advance"** Color Guard walks to stage or flag pole stand, US flag is first in line.
4. **"Color Guard Halt"**
5. **"Color Guard Retire the Colors"** Color Guard raises the flag or removes it from the flag pole stand. The US flag is the first to be retrieved. (Scouts still salute the flag as it passes them by when the colors are being retired).