

Basic Flag Ceremony Commands

Opening Flag Ceremony

Girl Scouts, Attention – This signals everyone to stand.

Color Guard, Advance – This signals the color guard to advance with the flags.

Color Guard, Post the Colors

Indoors – The Color Guard places the flags in the stands, the American Flag **last**. (Do not forget the American Flag is always on its **own right**, this would mean if you stand where the American Flag is going to be posted, facing the audience, and you are the **rightmost** flag)

Outdoors – The Flag Bearer attaches the flag to the rope and quickly hoist the flag; the American flag is raised **first**.

Color Guard, Honor your Colors – The Color Guard salutes the Flag and then returns to attention. The Pledge of Allegiance, songs, poems, Girl Scout Promise is done now.

Please join me in the Pledge of Allegiance. . .

Please join me in the Girl Scout Promise. . .

} The Color Guard remains silent and at attention during this time. Their primary focus is the flag.

Color Guard Dismissed – The Color Guard walks to the back of the room or away from flagpole.

Closing Flag Ceremony

Girl Scouts, Attention – This signals everyone to stand.

Color Guard, Advance – This signals the color bearers and guards to advance to the flags.

Color Guard, Honor your Colors – The Color Guard salutes the Flag and then returns to attention.

Color Guard, Retrieve the Colors

Indoors – The Color Guard removes the flags in the stands, the American Flag first.

Outdoors – The Flag Bearer lowers the flag slowly and with dignity. The Color Bearers fold the flag(s).

Color Guard Dismissed – The Color Guard carries the flag to the back of the room or carries the folded flag to an appropriate place.

Other than saluting the flag immediately after posting, or before retrieving, the Color Guard remains at attention. They do not take place in any singing or speaking.