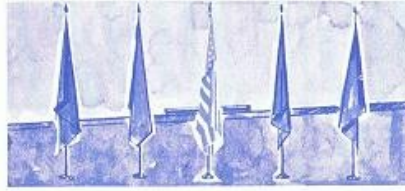


# Rules for displaying THE FLAG of the United States



If the flag is displayed from a staff projecting from a building, the union should be at the peak, unless flown at half mast. When flown from a halyard over a sidewalk from a building pole, the flag should be hoisted union first from the building.



The National Flag should be placed in the center, and higher, when displayed with a group of State, local or organizational flags flown from staffs.



If the flag is displayed flat on a speaker's platform, it should be placed behind and above the speaker with the union to his right.



**THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** "I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all." This should be recited at attention with the right hand over the heart; military personnel should salute.



Unless flown from a staff, the flag should be displayed flat or in such a manner that its folds fall free. When suspended over a street, the union should point either North or East.



When flown from a staff in a church chancel or speaker's platform, the flag should be placed on the speaker's right. If placed elsewhere than on the platform, it should be on the right of the audience as they face the platform.



When displaying against a wall with another flag, the U.S. Flag will be on its right (the viewer's left) with its staff crossing over the staff of the other flag.



If the flag is not flown during the playing of the National Anthem, all present stand and face the music. Persons in uniform salute at the first note, holding it until the last note. Others stand at attention, men removing their hats. If the flag is displayed, all present should salute.



When state, local or organizational flags are flown from the same halyard, the U.S. Flag should always be at the peak. When flown from separate staffs, the U.S. Flag should always be hoisted first and lowered last. The National Flag should always be higher than the adjacent flags.



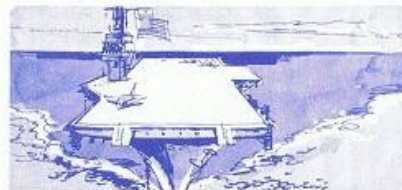
When carried in a procession with other flags, the National Flag should be on the marching right. If there is a line of other flags, it should be front center of that line. The U.S. Flag should always be staffed when carried on a float.



When the flag covers a casket, the union should be at the head over the left shoulder. During burial, the flag must not touch the ground nor be lowered into the grave. To fly at half staff, the flag should be hoisted to the peak, then lowered. The opposite applies when lowering the flag from half staff.



When the flag is passing in parade, being hoisted or lowered, all present should face it, stand at attention and salute. Uniformed persons render the military salute, women and uncovered men place their right hands over their hearts. Men should remove their hats, holding them over their hearts with their right hands.



No flag or pennant will be flown above or to the right of the U.S. Flag at the same level, except the church pennant. This pennant may be flown above the flag during religious services at sea.



When flags of two or more nations are displayed, they should be the same size and flown from separate staffs. Customs forbids the flag of one nation to fly over another in peacetime.



Although the flag should be a distinctive feature at an unveiling of a statue or monument, it should never be used as the covering or veil.

## Marks of Respect

The National Flag should be flown daily from sunrise to sunset in good weather from public buildings, schools, permanent staffs in the open and near polling places on election days. *The flag may be flown at night if properly illuminated.*

The flag should always be flown on national and state holidays and on those occasions proclaimed by the President. On Memorial Day, the Ensign shall be half staffed until noon.

The flag should be hoisted briskly and lowered ceremoniously. It should never be dipped to any person or thing nor should it ever be displayed with the union down except as a signal of dire distress.

The flag should never be allowed to touch anything beneath it, nor should it ever be carried flat or horizontally — always aloft and free.

It should never be used as drapery or decoration, for carrying or holding anything, or stored in such a manner that it will be damaged or soiled.

The flag should never be used for advertising purposes in any manner whatsoever, nor should any picture, drawing, insignia or other decoration be placed upon or attached to the flag, its staff or halyard. The flag should not be embroidered on personal items nor printed on anything designed for temporary use and then discarded.

When the flag is so worn or soiled that it is no longer suitable for display, it should be destroyed in a dignified manner, preferably by burning.

**NO DISRESPECT OF ANY KIND SHOULD BE SHOWN TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES.** Based on Public Law 829, 77th Congress

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