

Outdoor Flag Ceremonies

Presentation of Colors—Flagpole

Narrator	Actions
Attention. Will the audience please rise. (Pause.)	The color guard waits in the rear for the audience to become quiet.
Color guard, advance.	The U.S. flag guards and bearer walk in and take their positions near the flagpole, facing the audience.
Color guard, prepare to raise the colors.	The line is unwound. The flag is unfolded and attached to the rope.
Hand salute. Color guard, raise the colors.	Everyone, with the exception of the U.S. flag guards and bearer , salutes. Then the flag is raised quickly to the top of the pole, and the cord is wound back in place.
Please repeat with me the Pledge of Allegiance. (All join in.)	The U.S. flag guards and bearer stand at attention. The U.S. flag guards and bearer do not salute or say the Pledge of Allegiance.
Two.	The pack drops its salute.
Color guard, salute.	The U.S. flag guards and bearer salute.
Color guard, dismissed.	The color guard retreats to the back of the group.

Retiring of Colors—Flagpole

Narrator	Actions
Attention. Will the audience please rise. (Pause.)	The color guard waits in the rear for the audience to become quiet.
Color guard, advance.	The U.S. flag guards and bearer walk to the flagpole. They stand behind the flag, facing the audience.
Color guard, salute.	The U.S. flag guards and bearer salute.
Color guard, prepare to retire the colors.	They unwind the cord and wait.
Hand salute.	Everyone, with the exception of the U.S. flag guards and bearer , salutes. The U.S. flag is quickly lowered.
Two.	As soon as the flag touches the hands of the guard, this command is given. Everyone drops the salute. The U.S. flag guard and bearer remove the flag from the rope and fold it correctly.
Color guard, retreat.	They retreat to the back of the group.