

Opening Flag Ceremony

"Please stand."

Make sure everyone is standing up before proceeding.

"Color Guard, Scouts, ATTENTION!"

"Color Guard, Forward March!"

"Scout Salute."

The color guard marches up to the front of the room, with American flag on its own right. When the color guard gets to the front, the Troop flag yields. **The American flag crosses IN FRONT of the Troop Flag.** When the American Flag is halfway across, the Troop Flag crosses. The bearers stand by the flag holders, backs to the audience.

"Ready, Halt!"

"Color Guard, About Face!"

Dip the Troop flag slightly so it is lower than the American flag.

"Please join me in the Pledge of Allegiance."

All should face the U.S. flag and salute, if in uniform. Civilians and Scouts in civilian clothing place their right hand over their heart.

"Ready, Two."

"Color Guard, Post the Colors."

"Color Guard dismissed."

"Scouts at ease."

"You may be seated."

Closing Flag Ceremony

"Please stand."

Make sure everyone is standing up before proceeding.

"Color Guard, Scouts, ATTENTION!"

"Color Guard, Forward March!"

The color guard marches up to the front of the room. When the color guard gets to the front, standing near the holders, the command is given:

"Ready, Halt!"

"Retrieve the Colors."

The color guard does so, then the command is given:

"Color Guard, About Face!"

The color guard faces the audience.

"Color Guard, Retire the Colors."

"Scout Salute."

The color guard proceeds, again, with the American flag on the right, and marches down the aisle to the rear of the room

"Ready, Two."

"Scouts at ease."

"Color Guard dismissed."