

Flag Ceremony Procedures for Troop 870

Opening Flag Ceremony (Section Leader commands are in bold)

"Please stand for the posting of the colors."

Make sure everyone is standing before proceeding.

"Color Guard, Scouts, Attention!"

"Color Guard, Forward, March!"

"Scout, Salute."

Beginning from the right as viewed from the rear of the room, the color guard marches to the front with the American flag in the lead. When the color guard gets to the front, the troop flag will stop at the flag holder on the right side, and the American flag will continue to the flag holder on the left side. The flag bearers stand by their respective flag holders, marching in place, and wait for the command to halt.

"Ready, Halt!"

"Color Guard, Ready, Face!"

The Color Guard turns to face the audience and the Troop flag bearer will dip the Troop flag slightly, so it's lower than the American flag.

"Please join me in the Pledge of Allegiance."

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

"Ready, Two."

"Color Guard, Post the Colors."

The audience remains at attention, and the color guard turns as needed to post their flags.

The section leader waits until the flags are secure in their holders and then gives the following command.

"Color Guard dismissed."

Color guard departs to the opposite side of the room from where they started, and stops once they are behind the audience.

The section leader will lead the Troop in reciting the Scout Oath and the Scout Law.

"Scouts at ease."

Closing Flag Ceremony

"Please stand for the retiring of the colors."

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, and continues marching in place once next to their respective flag until the command to halt is given.

"Ready, Halt!"

"Color Guard, Retrieve the Colors."

The color guard removes the flags from their holders.

"Color Guard, Ready, Face!"

The color guard faces the left side of the room as viewed from the rear.

"Color Guard, Retire the Colors."

"Scout Salute."

The color guard proceeds, again, with the American flag in the lead, and marches to the rear of the room.

"Ready, Two."

"Color Guard, dismissed."

"Scouts, at ease."