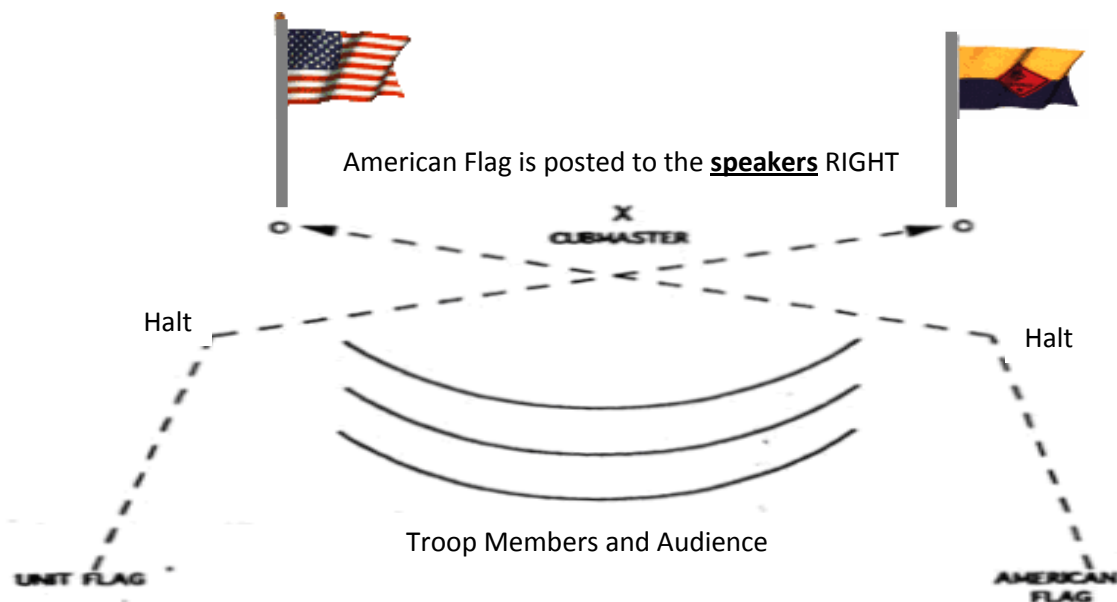


Opening Flag Ceremony

Scouts participating in the Flag Ceremony must be in their uniform.



SPL: The flag ceremony will be presented by the _____ patrol. _____ patrol, please prepare to present the colors.

Scout: Please stand for the Presentation of the Colors.

Scout: Please remove all non-scouting hats.

Color Guard advance.

Scout salute. (Flag bearers and color guard DO NOT salute at this time)

Scout: Color Guard halt.

Scout: Color Guard cross the colors.

(Only flag bearers continue. US flag crosses IN FRONT and goes first. Remaining Scouts stay in a straight line and salute the flag now)

Scout: Please join me in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Scout/All: "I pledge Allegiance, to the flag of the United States of America...."

Scout: Color Guard post the colors.

(Flag bearers place the flags in the flag stands – US Flag first - and take one step back)

Scout: Color Guard salute.

Scout: Two.

Scout: Color Guard dismissed. (Wait until the color guard reaches the back of the room)

Scout: The audience may be seated.

Retrieve the Colors

SPL: _____ patrol, please prepare for the closing flag ceremony.

Scout: Please stand for the Closing Flag Ceremony.

Scout: Please remove all non-scouting hats.

Scout: Color Guard advance.

(Both flag bearers and color guard line up next to the flags)

Scout: Color Guard halt.

Scout: Flag bearers, please prepare to retrieve the colors.

(Flag bearers step forward to the flags. Remaining Scouts stay in a straight line)

Scout: Scout salute.

(Flag bearers salute, Remaining Scouts salute)

Scout: Color Guard retrieve the colors.

(Flag bearers drop the salute and proceed forward. Remove the flags from the stands US Flag first, and proceed to exit – do not cross, US Flag stays on the RIGHT. Den Scouts drop the salute and follow the flags out)

After the Flags reach the back of the room, say:

Scout: Two.