

Pack 214 Flag Ceremonies

Opening

Personnel: *Flag-bearers for U.S. flag and pack flag; guards for each flag; narrator; other scouts of a den.*

Equipment: *U.S. Flag, pack flag and flag stands*

Positions: *Scout narrator and color guard are in the rear of the room. Cubmaster calls the meeting to order and introduces the den performing the ceremony. The narrator advances to the front of the room.*

Narrator: **“Attention! Will the audience please rise.”** (Pause) **“Color guard, advance!”**

Color Guard: *The flag bearers lead the procession and they start the advance by leading with their left foot – the guards stay in step. The color guard advances down the center aisle with the U.S. flag on the right and the pack flag on the left. Note: if the procession must be in single file because of a narrow aisle, the guard marches in this order: guard, U.S. flag, pack flag and guard/other scouts.*

Narrator: **“Hand Salute!”** (The narrator says this as the guard marches down the aisle – he salutes and the scouts in the audience also salute. The flag bearers and guards do not salute).

Color Guard: *The color guard marches to the front of the room with the U.S. flag crossing in front of the pack flag as the U.S. flag steps to the left side of the stage (audience’s left). The pack flag moves to the right side of the stage. The flag-bearers and guards step to the flag stands, turn and face the audience at attention. The U.S. flag guard stands to the right of the flag-bearer while the pack flag guard stands to the left of the flag-bearer (in other words, the flag standard is between the two boys). The flags are held in a vertical position. Any extra den members should stand at attention next to the narrator.*

Narrator: **“Please join me in the Pledge of Allegiance!”** *The color guard and flag-bearers do not salute or repeat the pledge of allegiance.*

Color Guard: *The pack flag is lowered slightly (but still vertical).*

Narrator: **“TWO!”** (Pause) **“Color guard, post the colors!”** (Pause). **“Please take your seats. Cub Scouts please remain standing and join me in the Cub Scout Promise!”** (Pause) **“Scout Salute!”** (Recite the Promise) **“TWO!”** The narrator says “Two” and lowers his hand to indicate the end of the salutes. The scouts follow his actions.

Color Guard: *During the posting of the colors, the pack flag is placed in its stand ahead of the U.S. flag. The bearers step back from the flags; all color guard members remain at attention.*

Narrator: **“Color guard, dismissed!”** (Pause) **“Color guard, forward march!”** (The color guard reassembles in their marching formation, facing the audience, with the flag-bearers in front. Stepping with their left feet first, the color guard exits down the center aisle to the back of the room with the narrator following last).

Closing

Positions: *The Cubmaster asks the members of den X to lead the flag closing ceremony. The color guard is in the rear of the room and the narrator is in the front.*

Narrator: **“Will the audience please rise!”** (Pause). **“Color guard, advance!”** (Pause as color guard moves to position in the front of the room) **“Color guard halt!”**

Color Guard: *The flag-bearers lead the procession up the aisle (as in the Opening) and stop in front of the stage.*

Narrator: **“Color guard, retire the colors!”** (Pause), **“Color guard, forward march”.**

Color Guard: *The flag-bearers and guards step to the flags and remove them from their stands (U.S. flag is removed first). The guards should stand on the outside as done in the Opening. The U.S. flag-bearer moves first to the right lead position (facing the audience) and the pack flag moves to the left position. The guards step in behind the flag-bearers and any other scouts step in next. They pause for the “march” order from the narrator and then exit (left feet first) down the center aisle.*