

GENERAL 4-H INFORMATION

DISPLAY AND USE OF THE FLAG

We honor the flag of the United States of America because it represents the nation. And, on the flag itself, the union (the blue field with a white star for each state) is the point of honor. The flag and the union are always given the position of honor—on the right.

During the ceremony of raising or lowering the flag or when the flag is passing in parade all persons should face the flag, stand at attention, and salute. Men and women in uniform should give a right-hand salute. Men who are not wearing uniforms should remove hats with the right hand and hold them over the heart. Women should salute by putting the right hand over the heart. When the flag is saluted at a parade, the salute is given when the flag passes.

When pledging allegiance to the flag, all stand with the right hand over the heart and repeat the following pledge:

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

The flag of the United States is never dipped in salute nor is it ever permitted to touch the ground. Soiled, torn, or badly faded flags should not be displayed, but should be destroyed by burning privately.

The flag should be flown only from sunrise to sunset.

HOW TO USE THE FLAG FOR DISPLAY

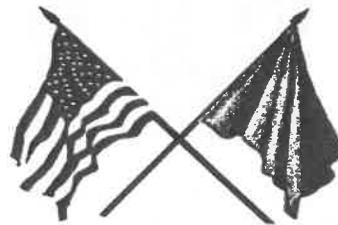
If the flag is displayed flat on a speaker's platform, it should be placed above and behind the speaker. The union should be in the upper left corner. The flag should never be used to cover the

speaker's desk nor to drape the front of the platform. Bunting of the national colors may be used for covering a speaker's desk, for draping over the front of a platform, and for decoration in general. Bunting should be arranged with the blue above, the white in the middle, and the red below.

When the flag is to be flown at half-staff, it should be hoisted to the peak for an instant and then lowered to the half-staff position. But, before lowering the flag for the day, it should be again raised to the peak. On Memorial Day, May 30, the flag is displayed at half-staff from sunrise until noon out of respect for those who have died for it. From noon until sunset, it is displayed at full-staff to symbolize the living nation. The flag of the United States of America should always be hoisted briskly. However, it should be lowered slowly and ceremoniously.

Against Wall

Unless the flag is flown from a staff, it should be displayed flat, whether indoors or out. When displayed either horizontally or vertically, the union should be uppermost and to the observer's left. When displayed in a window, the union or blue field should be on the left side of the observer in the street.



The blue field is always in the upper left-hand corner.

On Horizontal Staff

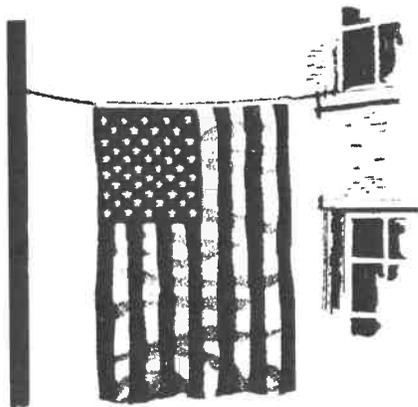


On a horizontal staff, the flag must go clear to the staff peak.

Over the Street



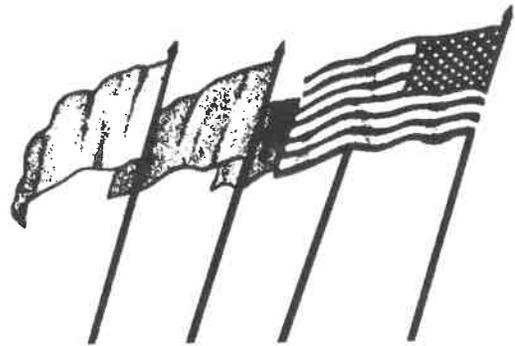
When displayed over the middle of the street, the flag should be hung upside down with the union to the north in an east-west street, or to the east in a north-south street.



However, when hung on a rope running from a building to a pole at the edge of a sidewalk, the flag should be hoisted out from the building with the union first, toward the pole.

PROPER DISPLAY WITH OTHER FLAGS

When Carried



In a procession with a line of other flags, the flag of the United States of America should be in front of the center of that line.



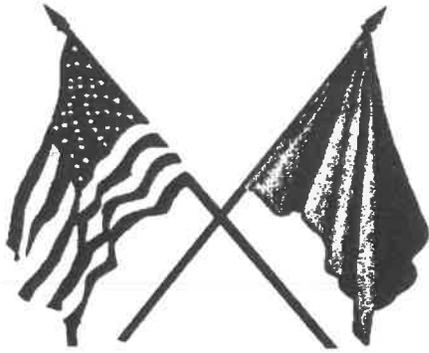
When carried in a procession with another flag, the flag of the United States of America should be on the right side of the parade.

When Flown

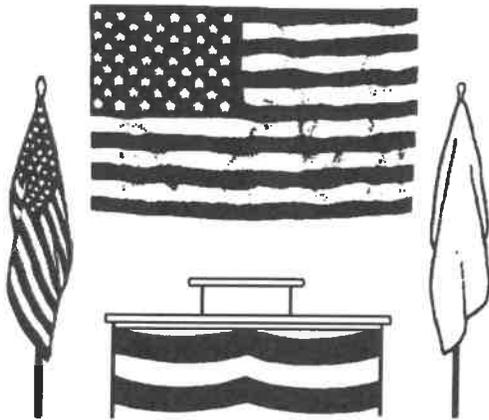


When other flags—those of states, cities, or societies—are flown from the same halyard, the flag of the United States of America should always be at the top. If two or more flags are flown from different staffs, the flag of the United States of America should be hoisted before the others are. However, the flag of the United States of America should be the last to be lowered.

When Displayed



Against a wall on crossed staffs, the flag of the United States is on the viewer's left, its staff in front.



The correct position for the flag of the United States is at the speaker's right.



When grouped with a number of other flags on staffs the flag of the United States is center or highest.

HOW TO FOLD THE FLAG



1. Begin by folding the flag in half, lengthwise.



2. Fold it again lengthwise so that it is one-fourth the original width. Then, starting at the end with the stripes, fold the flag over into a small triangle.



3. Continue folding the flag into triangles.



4. Complete the folding with the blue and stars on top.



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