



Virginia Defense Force Virginia Department of Military Affairs



Initial Entry Training (IET) Courtesies to the Flag

AR 600.25, FM 3-21.5 Drill and Ceremonies

First American Flag

The Stars and Stripes was born on 14 June 1777, two years to the day after birth of Army.

On that date, Congress resolved that the flag of the United States be 13 stripes, alternate red and white, and that the union be 13 stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation.

Flag of the United States

The arrangement of the stars on the blue field was not specified.

The flag is displayed at all Army Installations.

No more than one national flag is flown at any one time.

The flag of the United States represents the Union.

50 stars on a field of blue.

The field is always to the left of the observer.

When Flag is Flown

When the US Flag is flown and the flags of other nations are flown from staffs, the US flag is always displayed at the right end of the line. It is hoisted first and lowered last.

In a group of flags consisting of state society, or city flags, the US flag should be placed in the center of the arrangement at the highest point.

Reveille

At every installation garrisoned by troops other than caretaking detachments, the flag is hoisted at the sound of the first note of reveille.

Execute "Present Arms" at the command of officer or NCO in charge.

Execute "Order Arms" at the command of officer or NCO in charge.

Raising Flag for Reveille

At the first note of music, face flag and render hand salute

If flag is not in view, face direction of music.

End salute on last note of music.

Retreat

Execute "Parade Rest" at the command of the officer or NCO in charge.
Remain at Parade Rest until given "Attention" by officer or NCO in charge.

To the Color

At the first note of music, face flag and stand at attention (if flag is not in view, face direction of music).

Remain at attention until last note of "TO THE COLOR" has been played.

Colors

"Color" designates a U.S. flag trimmed on three sides with golden yellow fringe.

Uncased Colors

WHEN COLORS ARE PASSING:

Execute "Present Arms" at the command of officer or NCO in Charge.

Command is given when Colors approach six paces of the flank of the unit, and held until the Colors are six paces past the flank of the unit.

At that time, the command "Order Arms" will be given.

WHEN YOU ARE PASSING THE COLORS:

Outdoors: When within six paces of the Colors, turn head in direction of Colors and render hand salute.

Hold salute until six paces past the Colors.