

# Pack 3250 Standard Flag Ceremony

## Set up:

The Color Guard Den and the Color Guard Commander Den each arrive 15-20 minutes prior to the meeting for a walkthrough of the Ceremony. Scouts **MUST** be in uniform to participate.

One den (generally Webelos) is assigned the responsibility for Color Guard Commander. Either one scout in this den (perhaps that month's Denner) will actually act as Commander and "call" all of the commands, or the commands can be assigned to each of the Scouts in the this den.

Another den is assigned the responsibility for Color Guard. Two scouts in this den will act as flag bearers. The remainder of the den will act as flag guard members.

This particular ceremony has been modified to maximize the number of scouts involved in the ceremony. This ceremony is provided as an example, and can be adjusted to the circumstances.

## Presentation of Colors

Narrator	Actions
[Set up]	The Flags and Flag stands are placed in the traditional positions on the stage, with the American Flag on the speaker's right and the Pack flag on the speaker's left. A piece of tape is placed in the center of the stage to help the Color Guard know where to pause while waiting for the command to "Post the Colors". The Color Guard Den retrieves the flags, and waits at the back of the room.
Cubmaster: <b>Will Den ___ (Color Guard Commander Den) please come forward.</b>	The Color Guard Commander den comes to the middle of the stage area, and turns to the audience.
Color Guard Commander: <b>Attention. Will the audience please rise? (Pause.)</b>	The Color Guard waits in the back of the room for the audience to stand and become quiet. The Color Guard is in formation. The first row is the two flag bearers with the Pack flag on the left and the American Flag always on the "marching right" (ie, the scout's right as the march). The remaining members of the den (the flag guard) follow in rows (usually two by two) behind the flag bearers. The American flag is held vertically and the Pack flag is dipped so that the American flag is higher than the Pack flag.
After audience becomes silent - Color Guard Commander: <b>Color guard, advance.</b>	The flag bearers and flag guard begin advancing toward the front.
As the color guard begins passing in the view of the audience - Color Guard Commander: <b>Hand salute.</b>	Everyone, with the exception of the flag bearers and guards, salutes.
Color Guard Commander: <b>Color guard, Halt.</b>	The bearers and guards stop when they reach the front portion of the stage area (this spot may be marked with tape on the floor.)
Color Guard Commander: <b>Color guard, post the colors.</b>	The guards remain in their positions. The bearer of the American Flag advances first, crossing in front of the bearer of the Pack flag in route to the flag stand on the left. The bearer of the Pack flag advances after the American flag passes and places the Pack Flag in its stand on the right. The bearers step back into place with the guard. Bearers and guard salute the flag.
Color Guard Commander: <b>Please repeat with me the Pledge of Allegiance. (All join in.)</b>	Pack repeats the Pledge of Allegiance.
Color Guard Commander: <b>Two.</b>	The pack drops its salute.

Color Guard Commander den raises their Cub Scout signs. Color Guard Commander: <b>Please repeat with me the Cub Scout Promise.</b>	The pack raises their Cub Scout signs and repeats the Cub Scout Promise.
Color Guard Commander: <b>Two.</b>	The pack drops its Cub Scout signs.
Color Guard Commander: <b>Color guard, dismissed.</b>	The U.S. flag guard leads the procession to the back of the room. The Color Guard Commander Den returns to their seats.

## Retiring of Colors

Narrator	Actions
Cubmaster: <b>Will Den ___ (Color Guard Commander Den) please come forward.</b>	The Color Guard Commander den comes to the middle of the stage area, and turns to the audience. The Color Guard Den assembles at the back of the room.
Color Guard Commander: <b>Will the audience please rise? (Pause.)</b>	The color guard waits in the back of the room for the audience to rise and become quiet.
After audience becomes silent –Color Guard Commander: <b>Color guard, advance.</b>	The bearers and guards advance to the stage area.
Color Guard Commander: <b>Color guard, Halt.</b>	The bearers and guards stop when they reach the front portion of the stage area (this spot may be marked with tape on the floor.)
Color Guard Commander: <b>Color guard, retire the colors.</b>	The bearers approach the flag stands and remove the flags while the guards remain in position. The U.S. flag is removed first (just slightly ahead of the pack flag).
Color Guard Commander: <b>Hand salute.</b>	The Bearers return to their positions with the flags. Everyone, with the exception of the guards and bearers, salutes.
Color Guard Commander : <b>Color Guard Retreat</b>	The U.S. flag stays on its "marching right" as the guards and bearers proceed down the aisle to the rear of the room.
Color Guard Commander: <b>Two.</b>	Everyone drops the salute.

### Recap of commands (print out and cut out for a "cheat sheet"):

- \* **Attention. Will the audience please rise?**
- \* **Color guard, advance.**
- \* **Hand salute.**
- \* **Color guard, Halt.**
- \* **Color guard, post the colors.**
- \* **Please repeat with me the Pledge of Allegiance.**
- \* **Two.**
- \* **Please repeat with me the Cub Scout Promise.**
- \* **Two. Color guard, dismissed.**
  
- \* **Will the audience please rise?**
- \* **Color guard, advance.**
- \* **Color guard, Halt.**
- \* **Color guard, retire the colors.**
- \* **Hand salute.**
- \* **Color Guard Retreat**
- \* **Two.**