



## Flag Knowledge

### What are the colors of the American Flag and what do they represent?

- Red- Hardiness, Valor, and Zeal
- White- Hope, Purity, and Innocence
- Blue- Reverence to God, Loyalty, Vigilance, Perseverance, and Justice

### What do the 5 points on the star represent?

- Courage
- Duty
- Family
- Honor
- Military

### How many stars does the American Flag have and what do they represent?

The American Flag has 50 stars and they represent the 50 States.

### How many stripes does the American Flag have and what do they represent?

The American Flag has 13 stripes (7 red and 6 white) and they represent the 13 Original Colonies.

### What are the names of the 13 original colonies?

- Connecticut
- Delaware
- Georgia
- Maryland
- Massachusetts
- New Hampshire
- New Jersey
- New York
- North Carolina
- Pennsylvania
- Rhode Island
- South Carolina
- Virginia

### When is flag day?

Flag day is on June 14, 1777.

### When should the the flag be raised and lowered?

- Should be raised Ashore on Naval stations at 0800 (reveille) and lowered at sunset (retreat).
- At sea, 24 hours a day from the main mast.

### How should the flag be raised and lowered?

The flag should be hoisted briskly and lowered slowly and with dignity.

### How should the flag be raised at Half Staff?

You raise the flag briskly all the way to the top of the flagpole and lower it slowly to Half Staff.

### Name the places that the American Flag can be flown 24 hours a day.

- The Capital
- Marine Memorial
- Fort. McHenry
- USS Arizona Memorial
- Mt. Suribachi, Iwo Jima
- Flag House Square Baltimore

### What are the types of flags and their sizes?

- Storm - 5 ' x 9 ½ '
- Post - 10 ' x 19 '
- Garrison - 20 ' x 38 '

**What is another term for the American Flag?**

The National Ensign

**What does the term National Ensign refer to?**

The term refers to a flag flown by ships or boats.

**What does the term National Colors refer to?**

The term refers to a flag carried by a dismounted units.

**What is a standard?**

A standard is a flag mounted on a car.

**What is the large ball found on top of a stationary flag and what is in it?**

A truck and it contains a match so that the enemy doesn't get it, and a bullet to kill myself after burning the flag.

**What does the American flag flown upside down signify?**

The American Flag flown upside down is a sign of distress.

**What is a Union Jack?**

A Union Jack is a field of blue with white stars, when authorized it is flown from the jackstaff of a US Navy ship in port.

**What is a Navy Jack?**

A Navy Jack is a flag with red and white stripes with a rattlesnake imposed with an expression "Don't Tread on Me" below the snake. It is currently being flown because of the world on terror.

**What are the things that you cannot do with an American Flag?**

- Do not dip the American Flag to any person or thing.
- Do not let the American Flag touch the ground, floor, or trail in water.
- Do not use the American Flag for any part of a costume.
- Do not use the American Flag for any kind of advertisement.

**What is the National Flag (American Flag) a symbol of?**

The National Flag (American Flag) is a symbol of patriotism.

**Who was credited with making the first American Flag ever used?**

Betsy Ross was credited with making the first American Flag ever used.

**Who wrote the Star Spangled Banner?**

Francis Scott Key wrote the Star Spangled Banner.

**When was the Star Spangled Banner written?**

The Star Spangled Banner was written during the Bombardment of Fort. McHenry during the war of 1812.

**What is the purpose of having rifles during a Color Guard?**

The purpose of the rifles in a Color Guard is to protect the National Colors.

**Can you conduct an about face in a Color guard?**

No, it is not proper protocol due to carrying the colors.

**On what side is the U.S. Flag carried?**

The U.S. Flag is always carried to the right (the position of honor) of all other flags.

**What is the rule of thumb for displaying the colors?**

The rule of thumb when displaying the colors is “Stars and Stripes.”

**How many stars show on a properly folded U.S. Flag?**

Four stars should be displayed on a properly folded U.S. Flag.

**How is the flag displayed on Memorial Day?**

It is displayed at Half Staff until noon and then raised to full staff.

**When can an All Weather Flag be displayed?**

An All Weather Flag can be displayed at all times when properly lit at night.

**What should happen when a flag is no longer fit to be an emblem for display?**

When the flag is no longer a fitting emblem for displaying, it should be retired with dignity, preferably by burning in private.

**What are the only flags that are allowed to be flown higher than the U.S. Flag?**

The United Nations Flag at the United Nations Building and the Church Pennant while at sea.

**How many days is the U.S. Flag at half staff when the President or former President dies?**

30 days

**How many days is the U.S. Flag at half staff for the death of the Speaker of the House, Vice President, Chief Justice, or retired Chief Justice of the United States?**

10 days

**How many days is the U.S. Flag at half staff for the death of a member of Congress?**

On the day of the death and the following day.

**What are the colors of the map and what do they represent?**

- **Black-** Man made objects
- **Brown-** Contour lines
- **Red-** Main Highways
- **Green-** Thick Vegetation
- **Blue-** Water/Ocean
- **White-** Forest