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# DISPLAYING THE AMERICAN FLAG AT PATHFINDER & ADVENTURER EVENTS

### **GENERAL**

Raised Platform

The U.S. Flag code states that the American Flag is to be given the place of honor which is always to the right side of any speaker, stage, sanctuary, other flags, etc. If you have any questions about flag placement, visit the Betsy Ross web site at www.ushistory.org/betsy/flagetiq.html.

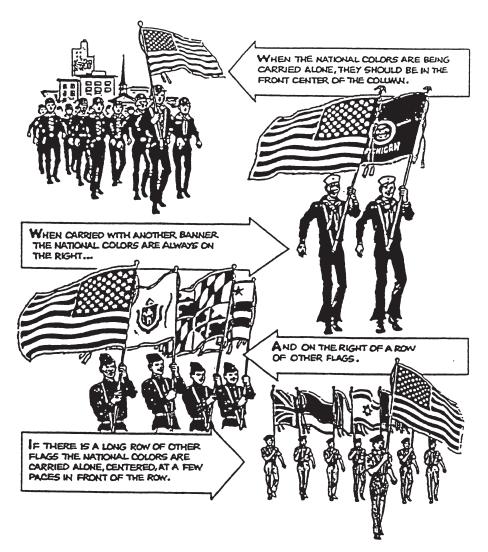
Some prefer to simply say "The American Flag is always on the right of whatever it is displayed with."

Raised Platform

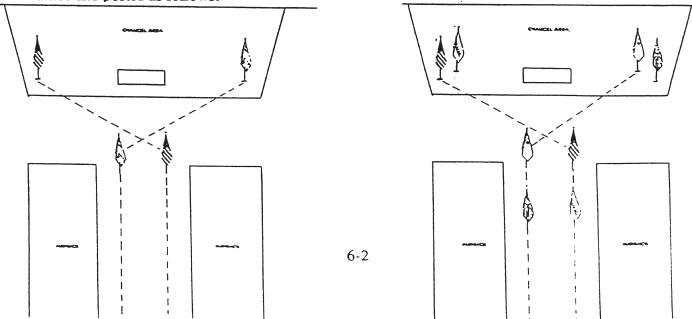
## Flags on Platform Flags NOT on Platform Speaker Speaker A [ ] B Α В **Audience Audience** Note: A stands for the National Flag Diagrams apply to: B stands for any other flag Lecture Halls, Classrooms, Club rooms, churches, auditoriums, etc. **Entire Floor Entire Floor** Same level Same level Speaker Speaker IMAGINARY ΑГ 1 B LINE Α В Audience **Audience**

When there is not a raised platform in the meeting place DRAW an imaginary line on the floor half way between the speaker and the audience.

# FLAGS ON PARADE

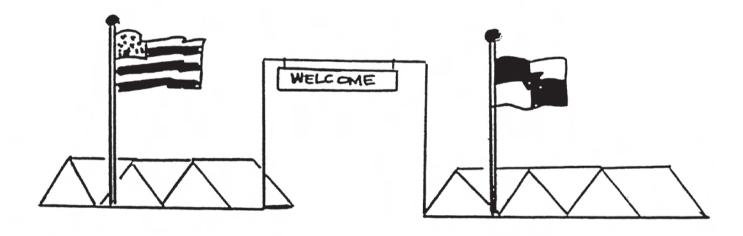


When a color guard is used in a church service or other Pathfinder ceremony the flags should be carried and posted as follows:



## DISPLAYING THE AMERICAN FLAG AT PATHFINDER CAMPOREES OR CAMPOUTS

When the flags of the United States is displayed at a Camporee or campout, it should be placed at the right of those who are camping and not at the right of those entering the camp. (if the flag were a person it would be greeting the visitors or inspectors and would naturally face from camp.



### CARE OF YOUR FLAGS

Do not store when wet, damp, or dirty. Dirt is sharp, it cuts fabrics, it dulls colors, it causes wear. Have your flags dry cleaned yearly and more often if they have gotten soiled. If your flags are hanging in your Pathfinder room or church set where they will be out of direct sunlight. Exposure to direct sunlight, soot, gas fumes, or heavy humid stale air causes damage to flags.

Watch the corners of the "fly end" of your flag, this is normally the first area to show signs of wear. Trim off the worn hem and rehem the end. It's perfectly proper and when done promptly can greatly extend the life of your flag.

Flags should be placed on the booth's right and the inspector's left.

If the United States Flag is part of a group of flags, it should be in the center and slightly forward or raised.

At public fairs, flags may be put inside the booth, but the American Flag is always on the viewer's left.

