

Flag Ceremonies

Meeting Opening Flag Ceremony

Start with flags in the back of the room. The American flag should be at the audience's right (speaker's left). Troop should be lined up neatly.

<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Announcement</u>	<u>Action</u>
SPL	All rise. Please remove all non-religious headgear.	Everyone in the room stands and removes their headgear.
SPL	Color guard, ad-VANCE!	Color guard comes to the stage, forms a straight line facing the SPL.
SPL	Color guard, RETRIEVE the COLORS!	Color guard walks double-file to the back of the room. At the back of the room, the file on the left turns to get the US flag at the same time that the file on the right turns to get the troop flag. At the same time, the flag bearers pick up the flags.
SPL	Scout Atten-SHUN! Color guard, present the colors. (Wait until just before the crossover) Scout SALUTE! Others, please place your hand over heart.	Scouts come to attention. Color guard carries flags to the center aisle, then proceed side by side to the stage. Scouts salute. At the front of the stage, the troop color guard pauses and lowers the troop flag. The US Color guard passes in front of the Troop flag and walks to the flag holder on the speaker's right (the color guard's left). The troop color guard lets the US flag pass then walks to the holder at the speaker's left (the color guards right). At the same time, both color guards turn to face the audience.
SPL	Color guard, POST the COLORS!	Color guard places flags in the flag holders at the same time.
SPL	(Turns 90 degrees to the right). I pledge allegiance to the flag...	Scouts join in the pledge of allegiance.
SPL	TWO!	Scouts drop salute.
SPL	(Turns 180 degrees to the left) Scout SIGN!	Scouts give scout sign.
SPL	On my honor, ...	Scouts join in the Scout Oath.
SPL:	A scout is...	Scouts join in the Scout Law.
SPL:	TWO!	Scouts drop scout sign.
SPL:	At ease.	Scouts assume at-ease position.