

Color Guard Study Guide

1. ***DEFINE COLORS:***

A Specific Flag Symbolic To The Spirit And Traditions Of The US

2. ***WHAT IS THE SIZE OF THE GARRISON FLAG AND WHEN IS IT HOISTED?***

The Size Of The Garrison Flag Is 38 Feet By 20 Feet and Is Hoisted On Holidays And Other Important Occasions

3. ***WHAT IS THE SIZE OF THE POST FLAG AND WHEN IS IT HOISTED?***

The Size Of The Post Flag Is 19 Feet By 10 Feet and Is Hoisted When The Garrison Flag Is Not Flown

4. ***WHAT IS THE SIZE OF THE STORM FLAG AND WHEN IS IT HOISTED?***

The Size Of The Storm Flag Is 9 ½ Feet By 5 Feet And Is Flown During Inclement Weather

5. ***WHAT ARE THE COLORS OF THE FLAG AND WHAT DO THEY STAND FOR?***

The Colors of The Flag Are:

Red – Hardiness and Valor

White – Purity

Blue – Justice

6. ***WHERE IS THE US FLAG CARRIED IN A PROCESSION?***

When Carried In A Procession With Other Flags, The Us Flag Is Carried On The Marching Right, Or Front And Center When Marching In Line

7. ***WHAT IS THE PROPER WAY TO RAISE THE FLAG TO THE HALF-STAFF POSITION?***

The Flag Is First Raised To The Top Of The Staff, Then Lowered To The Half-Staff Position

8. ***WHAT IS THE PROPER WAY TO LOWER THE FLAG FROM THE HALF-STAFF POSITION?***

The Flag Is First Raised To The Top Of The Staff And Then Lowered

9. ***HOW IS THE US FLAG DISPLAYED WHEN PLACED ON A WALL?***

Either Horizontally Or Vertically, With The Union To The Upper Most And To The Flag's Own Right

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10. *WHO IS AUTHORIZED A US FLAG OVER THEIR CASKET AT A MILITARY FUNERAL?*

Members Of The Active Military Force, National Guard, Reserve, Honorably Discharged Veterans, And Retired Military

11. *HOW IS THE US FLAG PLACED ON A CASKET?*

Lengthwise Over The Casket With The Union Over The Head And Left Shoulder Of The Deceased

12. *WHAT IS THE FLAG HEAD OR FINIAL?*

The Decorative Ornament On Top Of The Flag Staff Or Flag Pole

13. *WHAT IS A FLAG STAFF?*

The Staff On Which A Flag Is Mounted

14. *HOW MANY STRIPES ARE ON THE US FLAG AND HOW ARE THEY ARRANGED?*

There Are 13 Stripes And There Are 7 Red Stripes And 6 White Stripes, With The First And Last Stripes Being Red

15. *WHAT DO THE 13 STRIPES REPRESENT ON THE US FLAG?*

They Represent The 13 Original Colonies

16. *HOW MANY STARS ARE ON THE US FLAG AND WHAT DO THEY REPRESENT? HOW ARE THEY ARRANGED?*

There are 50 Stars on the US Flag, representing the 50 States. The Stars are white and they are arranged in 4 rows of 5 each and 5 rows of 6 each

17. *HOW LONG IS THE US FLAG FLOWN AT HALF-STAFF AFTER THE DEATH OF A PRESIDENT OR FORMER PRESIDENT? VICE-PRESIDENT?*

It Is Flown At Half-Staff For 30 Days After The Death Of A President Or Former President And 10 Days For A Vice-President

18. *WHAT IS THE HOIST OF A FLAG?*

The Hoist Of A Flag Is The Length (Vertical Edge) Of The Flag, Measured From Top To Bottom

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19. *WHAT IS THE FLY OF THE FLAG?*

The Fly Of The Flag Is The Width (Horizontal Edge) Of The Flag Measured From Left To Right

20. *WHEN AND HOW DO YOU DISPOSE OF THE US FLAG?*

When The Flag Is No Longer Suitable For Display, It Is Destroyed, Preferably By Burning

21. *WHERE IS THE US FLAG CARRIED OR DISPLAYED IN RELATION TO OTHER FLAGS?*

The Us Flag Is Always Carried Or Displayed In The Position Of Honor

22. *CAN THE US FLAG EVER BE FLOWN UPSIDE DOWN?*

Yes, In Times Of Distress

23. *WHAT IS THE BIRTHDAY OF THE 1ST US FLAG?*

June 14, 1777

24. *WHERE IS THE US FLAG FLOWN 24 HOURS A DAY?*

Fort McHenry, Maryland; Flag-House Square, Baltimore; The Capitol And The Marine Corps Memorial

25. *HOW IS THE US FLAG PLACED WHEN DISPLAYED AT CROSS STAFF WITH ANOTHER FLAG?*

The Us Flag Will Be On The Marching Right And Its Staff In Front Of The Other Staff

26. *HOW ARE FLAGS AND PENNANTS FLOWN WHEN HOISTED?*

In Order Of Precedence, With The Us Flag On Top.

27. *WHEN IS THE ONLY TIME THE US FLAG IS DIPPED?*

Upon Receiving A Salute From A Passing Vessel, By A Nation Recognized By The Us

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28. *HOW ARE FLAGS FLOWN WHEN A CENTER POINT IS ESTABLISHED?*

The Us Flag Is Centered At The Highest

29. *WHAT ARE SEVERAL NAMES USED TO DESCRIBE THE US FLAG?*

Flag, Color, Standard, Ensign

30. *WHAT IS THE U.S. FLAG'S POSITION IN AN AUDITORIUM OR CHAPEL?*

To The Speaker's Right Or The Audience's Left.

31. *WHAT IS THE PROPER WAY TO DISPLAY THE FLAG?*

It Should Be Hanging Free With The Stars To The Marching Right

32. *WHO IS GIVEN CREDIT FOR SEWING THE FIRST U.S. FLAG?*

Betsy Ross

33. *WHAT ARE STREAMERS?*

Long Narrow Ribbons Displayed From The Top Of The Flag Staff.

34. *WHAT IS THE NAME OF THE SHINY PIECE LOCATED AT THE BOTTOM OF THE STAFF?*

The Ferrule

35. *WHO WROTE THE STARS AND STRIPES?*

Sir Francis Scott Key