



# Flag Ceremony Patch Program

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## Flag Ceremony Terms:

The **flag bearer** is the person who carries the flag. There is one flag bearer for each flag in the ceremony.

The **color guard** is usually four or six girls who walk and stand along side the flag bearers.

The **caller** announces (or calls) each part of the ceremony.

## Some Suggested Commands for a Flag Ceremony:

"Girl Scouts, attention" Used to announce that the flag ceremony is to begin.

"Color guard, advance" Signals the color guard to advance with the flags or advance to pick up the flags.

"Color guard, honor your flag" Signals the color guard to salute the flag or place their hands over their heart.

"Please join us in saying the Pledge of Allegiance" Used to announce the pledge will be started by the caller.

"Color guard, dismissed" Prompts the color guard to leave in formation, with or without the flag.

## How Daisies and Brownies can earn this patch:

Participate in a troop flag ceremony.

Be able to recite the pledge of allegiance. Take a turn being a flag bearer, the caller or part of the color guard during a flag ceremony at a troop meeting.

## How Juniors and Cadettes can earn this patch:

Participate in a community flag ceremony.

Volunteer to plan and carry out a flag ceremony in your community. Some ideas are sporting events, political events, assemblies, dedications, town meetings, school events or service unit events.

## How Seniors and Ambassadors can earn this patch:

Participate in a Flag Retirement Ceremony

Learn how to respectfully retire worn flags. Offer to collect worn flags in your community and properly retire them.