

FLAG DETAIL COMMANDS – FLAG LOWERING

Caller Commands: Closing

1 *If seated:* say to the audience, "**Please rise for retrieval of the colors.**"

If NOT seated, move to next command:

2 Say, "**Please remove any hats that are NOT part of a Scout or military uniform.**"

3 Say, "**Color Guard ---- Attention!**"

4 Say, "**Troop ----- Attention!**"

5 Say, "**Color Guard, advance!**" *The color guard should walk to the flagpole or stand, halt, and face the pole or stand.*

6 Say, "**Color Guard, honor your colors.**" *The color guard salutes.*

7 Say, "**Clear the halyards!**" *Color guards untie/loosen flagpole ropes (halyards)*

8 Say, "**Troop ----- Salute!**"

9 Say, "**Color guard, retrieve the colors.**" *The color bearers remove or lower the flags slowly. US flag is last to be retrieved. Taps may be played.*

10 Say, "**Two!**" *After second clip or hook of US flag is undone*

11 Say, "**Color guard, retreat.**" *Color guard marches back the way they entered, in an orderly way, and returns flags to proper, respectful storage*

12 *Caller then releases participants*