

RAISING AND LOWERING THE UNITED STATES FLAG

Raising the flag

The flag should be hoisted quickly.

The flag should be flown at the top of the flagpole unless the flag is being flown at half-staff.

Salute the flag while it is being raised.

If you are flying the flag at half-staff, raise the flag all the way to the top of the pole and then lower it to halfway between the top and the bottom of the flagpole.

If flying the US flag with other flags, raise the US flag first.

Lowering the flag

The flag should be lowered slowly, with dignity and ceremony.

Salute the flag while it is being lowered. Hold your salute until the flag is removed or, if there is music, until the music stops.

If the flag was flying at half-staff, raise the flag all the way to the top of the flagpole and then lower it.

If you are displaying multiple flags, lower the US flag last.

Fold the flag correctly before storing it.

Notes

If you are in uniform, salute the flag with a formal right-hand salute. Otherwise, place your right hand over your heart.

Don't let the flag touch the ground.

Normally the flag is flown from sunrise to sunset. If flown at night, it must be illuminated.

On Memorial Day, fly the flag at half-staff until noon and at full staff from noon to sunset.