



## Please stand for the posting of the colors"

- FN: "Color Guard... CCC: post the colors" (flag is raised) POSTED.
- "The purpose of this Ceremony is to encourage proper respect for the Flag of the United States and to provide a dignified disposal of unserviceable flags. The Flags we present now represents all flags collected and being retired from service. Shortly flags worn to a condition in which it should not be used to represent the Nation will be retired from service.
- FN: "Please join me in the pledge of allegiance."
- FN: "Please join our members in the singing of our National Anthem."Sing the National Anthem, guest singer may be used.
- Prayer- Introduce the person giving the invocation. • Father Michael, Prayer-
- FN: "We will now begin our formal flag retirement ceremony"
- FN: "Men and Women in Military and Boy Scouts will salute, while the rest of us will put our hands over our heart."
- FN: "Color Corp Commander, What is your purpose here today?"
- CCC: "To present a number of unserviceable Flags of our Country for Inspection and disposal."
- FN: "CCC: Advance with your detail and present the Flags for inspection and disposal"
- CCC; Salute, about face, commands detail. "Forward – March – Halt"
- Flag Retirement Group moves to already lighted barrel and speaker will at this time
- FN: As WE prepare to SALUTE these flags of our Country for the last time we prepare the fire by adding four symbolic pieces of wood to the fire:
  - REDWOOD, "for those who fought and died for this nation";
  - OAK, "for the strength to carry the flag across the nation";
  - CEDAR, "to protect and preserve the American way of life"; and
  - WALNUT, "to remind us of America's rich soil and beauty, and the fruitful brotherhood of the nation's founders"
- FN:"CCC/ SCOUTMASTER Returns with folded flag, unfolds flag "
- CCC/SM: "It has been concluded, that this flag, and all other flags it represents, HAS become unusable due to their proper service of tribute, memory, and love."

- FN: "Has this flag, and all other flags it represents become unserviceable while flying over our country in times of peace and war, and as our nation's men and women died in defending its honor."

**DETAIL WILL PRESENT SWORDS FOR EACH FLAG PRESENTED TO FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR**

- CC Captain / SM: "Yes Sir. IT HAS" (Dispose of the Flag) (repeat for each Flag)

**THE NEXT PERSON WILL ADVANCE AND PRESENT FLAG FOR DISPOSAL AND REPEAT THE SAME SCRIPT**

- CCC /SM: "Sir, We present this Flag that has proudly flown over our nation and its war dead. It is ready for retirement"
- FN: "Has this flag represented this nation with honor and pride, and become worn as the result of its usual service as the Emblem of our Country?"
- CC Captain / SM: "Yes Sir. IT HAS."
- CCC/SM: "Sir, We present this Flag that has proudly flown over our nation and its war dead. It is ready for retirement"
- FN: "Has this flag represented this nation with honor and pride, and become worn as the result of its usual service as the Emblem of our Country?"
- CC Captain / SM: "Yes Sir. IT HAS."
- CC Captain: "Faithful Navigator the Flags have been disposed by your order"
- FN: "CLOSING SONG" "GOD BLESS AMERICA"
- CFR: "Please bow your heads as <<person giving the benediction>> leads us in the benediction"
- FN / Priest: "Almighty God, Captain of all hosts and Commander over all, bless and consecrate this present hour. We thank Thee for our Country and its Flag, and for the liberty for which it stands. To clean and purging flame we commit these Flags, worn-out in worthy service. As they yield their substance to the fire, may Thy Holy Light spread over us and bring to our hearts renewed devotion to God and Country. Amen."
- FN: "This concludes our US flag retirement ceremony. May we go home, and not forget the importance of our country's most precious symbol, the US flag. Thank you for attending."
- FN: "DIMISS COLOR CORPS"
- CC Captain: "Yes Sir." "COLOR CORPS DIMISSED"