**FLAG KNOWLEDGE**

Types of Flag

**Storm** - 5ft x 9 and 1/2 ft

**Post** - 8ft 11 3/8 inches x 17 ft

**Garrison** - 20 ft x 38 ft

**United States Flag**

Nicknames

**Stars and Stripes**

**Old Glory**

**Star-Spangled Banner**

Symbols

**13 Stripes:** The 13 stripes represent the 13 original British colonies. \*7 RED STRIPES, 6 WHITE STRIPES

**50 Stars:** The 50 stars represent ALL 50 states.

\*The arrangement of the stars is 9 rows staggered horizontally, 11 rows staggered vertically, and in alternating rows of 6 and 5 horizontally.

**Blue Square:** The blue square represents the Union.

Colors and Meanings

**Red [Old Glory Red]:** Hardiness and Valor

**White:** Purity and Innocence

**Blue [Old Glory Blue]:** Vigilance, Preservation, and Justice

History

Betsy Ross is credited with sewing the first U.S. flag.

The original 13-star flag was raised on June 14, 1777.

The first 50-star flag was raised at 12:01 AM on July 4, 1960, at Fort McHenry National Monument in Baltimore.

The last star was Hawaii.

Flying of the U.S. Flag - The flag is flown 24 hours at:

* **Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine**, Baltimore, Maryland (Presidential Proclamation No.2795, July 2, 1948).
* **Flag House Square**, Albemarle and Pratt Streets, Baltimore Maryland (Public Law 83-319, approved March 26, 1954).
* **United States Marine Corp Memorial (Iwo Jima)**, Arlington, Virginia (Presidential Proclamation No.3418, June 12, 1961).
* **On the Green of the Town of Lexington**, Massachusetts (Public Law 89-335, approved November 8, 1965).
* **The White House**, Washington, DC. (Presidential Proclamation No.4000, September 4.1970).
* **Washington Monument, Washington, DC.**, (Presidential Proclamation No.4064, July 6,1971, effective July 4, 1971). Fifty Flags of the United States are displayed at the Washington Monument continuously.
* **United States Customs Ports of Entry** which are continually open (Presidential Proclamation No.4131, May 5, 1972).
* **Grounds of the National Memorial Arch in Valley Forge State Park**, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania (Public Law 94-53, approved July 4, 1975).

Flag at Half-Mast (Half-Staff)

The flag is at half-mast when a president or a foreign dignitary dies, or there is a national tragedy. The president orders the flag to be flown at half-mast.

**California Flag “Bear Flag”:**

Colors & Meanings:

**Red [Old Glory Red]:** Courage (Red Stripe)

**White:** Purity and Peace (White Background)

**Green [Irish Green]:** Fertility, vibrance and prosperity (Grass Plot)

**Brown [Seal & Maple Sugar]:** Strength (Grizzly Bear)

Symbols of the Flag

**Grizzly Bear:** Represents the numerous grizzly bears throughout the state.

**Red Star:** Stands for freedom. Imitates the lone star of Texas in order to represent American settlers’ struggle against Mexican rule.

**Grass Plot:** Symbolizes fertility, vibrance and prosperity.

**Red Stripe:** Forms the length.

History

Raised for the first time at Sonoma, California on June 14, 1846.

Designed by William Todd on new unbleached cotton.

Adopted on February 3rd, 1911 as the official California flag.

**Army Flag**

 **What date was the Army flag dedicated?**

14 June 1956 (it was approved 12 June 1956)

**FAQs for the Flags**

**How long is the flag flown at half-mast when a President or past President dies?**

30 days

**How should a flag be draped over a closed casket?**

The Union rests at the head and over the left shoulder

**What are the two ways a flag can be displayed?**

Flat and hanging free

**How should the flag be raised and lowered?**

Raised briskly, lowered slowly and ceremoniously

**What Army Regulation governs the raising and lowering of the Flag?**

AR 600-25 and the AR 840-10

**When a state enters the Union, when is the star added to the flag?**

The star is added the following Fourth of July.

**How many fringes are there on the flag? How long are they?**

1500 fringes, 2.5 inches long

**What are the dimensions of your flag? How tall is your flag?**

California Flag:

3 ft. x 5 ft., 8 ft. tall

4 ft. x 6 ft., 9 ft. and 6 inches tall

United States Flag:

3 ft. x 5 ft., 8 ft. tall

4 ft. 4 inches x 5 ft. 6 inches, 9 ft. 6 inches tall

**RIFLE KNOWLEDGE**

**Nomenclature:**

US Caliber 30 Model 1903

**Rifle Description:**

The rifle is a lightweight, manually operated, bolt-action, magazine fed, breech loading, single shot, shoulder-fired weapon.

**Rifle Weight:**

8.69 Pounds

**Rifle Length:**

43 Inches

**Muzzle Velocity:**

0.0 ft/sec because the weapon is demilitarized.

**Max Range:**

0.0 ft/sec because the weapon is demilitarized.

**Max Rounds:**

5 rounds

**Serial Numbers:**

Rifle 1 (Left Guard): 3662293

Rifle 2 (Right Guard): 3696655

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**Leadership**: Leadership is the process of influencing people by providing purpose, direction, and motivation while operating to accomplish the mission and improving the organization.

**Attention**: Head and eyes straight forward, shoulders back, back straight, fingers cupped with the thumb on the first knuckle aligned to the seam of the pants, with arms hanging straight, heels together, and feet pointing at a 45 degree angle.

**PURPOSES**

**Cord:** To signify this cadet’s participation on this color guard.

Star: Represents that this cadet’s unit is an Honor Unit with Distinction.