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GOD BLESS AMERICA!

U.S.A. FLAG ETIQUETTE

APPROPRIATE:

❖ The Flag should be displayed on all days, especially holidays.
❖ To salute the Flag, come to attention, members of the Armed Forces in uniform give the military salute, those not in uniform and veterans not in uniform may give the military salute. Others salute by placing their right hand over the heart, men should remove head cover and hold it to the left shoulder, women should hold the right hand over the heart.
❖ Display the Flag sunrise to sunset on buildings and flag staffs in the open, may be displayed at night with proper lighting.
❖ Display the Flag near the administration building of public institutions.
❖ Display the Flag near every schoolhouse during school days.
❖ Display the Flag in or near polling places.
❖ The Flag is flown at the top when other flags are on the same pole.
❖ When several flags are flown on separate flag poles the Flag is placed on its own right, no flag above it, none should be larger, and the U.S. Flag is first to be raised and last to be lowered.
❖ When the Flag is flown with that of other countries, they should be the same size and flown at the same height on separate flag poles. All flags should be raised and lowered simultaneously.
❖ Indoors, the Flag is positioned to the right of the speaker and other flags to the left.
❖ When the Flag is displayed flat on a speaker’s platform it should be above and behind the speaker.
❖ When the Flag is displayed across a corridor or lobby of a building with one main entrance it should be suspended vertically with the union on the observer’s left upon entering.
❖ Indoors, the Flag is at the center and at the highest point when a number of other flags are grouped.
❖ The Flag is on its own right when its staff is crossed with another flag.
❖ When the Flag is being displayed on a wall, vertically and horizontally, the union should be at the top to its own right. The folds of the Flag should fall free.
❖ When the Flag is being displayed from a staff projecting horizontally or at an angle from a building, the union should be at the peak of the staff.
❖ When the Flag is being displayed over the middle of the street, it should be suspended vertically with the union to the north on an east-west street and to the east in a north-south street.
❖ The Flag should be at the right of marchers in a procession. With several flags the Flag can be centered in front of others.
❖ When the national anthem is being played or sung, the salute is directed to the Flag if displayed, otherwise to the music. All persons should face the Flag, stand at attention, and salute. Those in uniform should give a formal salute. Aliens should stand at attention.
❖ When the Flag is to be flown at half staff it is hoisted to the top and then lowered to the halfway position. The Flag is raised to the top of the flag pole before it is lowered.
❖ The union of the Flag is placed at the head and over the left shoulder when used to cover a casket. The Flag should not be allowed to touch the ground.
❖ The Flag should be raised briskly and lowered slowly and saluted as it is raised and lowered.
❖ Display an all weather Flag during inclement weather.
❖ No disrespect should be shown the Flag.
❖ Destroy the Flag in a dignified manner, preferably by burning.

INAPPROPRIATE:

❖ Do not display the Flag in inclement weather.
❖ Do not use the Flag for advertising.
❖ Do not display the Flag upside down, it is flown upside down only as a distress signal.
❖ Should not use the Flag as drapery, wearing apparel, or bedding; covering for desk, vehicle, or boat; draping for a platform; covering for a stature; or for any decoration.
❖ The Flag should not be used as part of a uniform or costume but may be used as a flag patch under certain circumstances.
❖ The Flag should not be used as a receptacle for carrying anything.
❖ No other flag should be placed over the Flag or on the same level to its right.
❖ The Flag should never touch the ground, floor, water, or merchandise.
❖ The Flag should never have placed on it any mark, insignia, letter, work, figure, design, picture, or drawing.
❖ The Flag should never be carried flat or horizontally but free and aloft.

DISPLAY YOUR PATRIOTISM

SHOW YOUR COLORS

Motto: God We Trust
Anthem: Star-Spangled Banner
March: The Stars and Stripes Forever
Floral Emblem: Rose