

How to Display The United States Flag

Ten Guidelines

1. The flag should be hoisted briskly and lowered ceremoniously.
2. The flag is never allowed to touch the ground or the floor.
3. When hung over a sidewalk on a rope extending from a building to a pole, the union stars are always away from the building.
4. When vertically hung over the center of the street, the flag always has the union stars to the north in an east/west street, and to the east in a north/south street.
5. The flag of the United States of America should be at the center and at the highest point of the group when a number of flags of states or localities or pennants of societies are grouped and displayed from staffs.
6. The flag should never be festooned, drawn back, nor up, in folds but always allowed to fall free.
7. The flag should be displayed at half-staff until noon on Memorial Day then raised to the top of the staff.
8. Never fly the flag upside down except as a signal of distress in instances of extreme danger to life or property.
9. The flag is never flown in inclement weather except when using an all-weather flag.
10. The flag can be flown every day from sunrise to sunset and at night if illuminated properly.

Flag Display Days

New Year's Day	January 1st
Inauguration Day (Presidential)	January 20th
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	3rd Monday in January
Lincoln's Birthday	February 12th
Washington's Birthday (Presidents' Day)	3rd Monday in February
Easter Sunday	variable
National Vietnam War Veterans Day	March 29th
Mother's Day	2nd Sunday in May
Peace Officers Memorial Day (half-staff)*	May 15th
Armed Forces Day	3rd Saturday in May
Memorial Day (half-staff until noon)	last Monday in May
Flag Day	June 14th
Father's Day	3rd Sunday in June
Independence Day	July 4th
National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day	July 27th
Labor Day	1st Monday in September
Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance (half-staff)	September 11th
POW/MIA Recognition Day	3rd Friday in September
Constitution and Citizenship Day	September 17th
Columbus Day	2nd Monday in October
Navy Day	October 27th
Veterans Day	November 11th
Thanksgiving Day	4th Thursday in November
National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day (half-staff)	December 7th
Christmas Day	December 25th

and such other days as may be proclaimed by the President of the United States; the birthdays of states (date of admission); and on state holidays.

Information outlined above is part of the Federal Flag Code or enacted by Federal legislation. Federal agencies, military installations and U.S. post offices are required to fly the POW/MIA flag on all days on which the flag of the United States is displayed. Fly your POW/MIA flag with your United States flag on Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, National POW/MIA Recognition Day and Veterans Day.

For more information regarding flag history, Federal Flag Code, or how to properly display the U.S. flag, please refer to the VFW Website, vfw.org.

** The flag shall be flown at half-staff on Peace Officers Memorial Day, unless that day is also Armed Forces Day.*

