



## **FLAG BURNING CEREMONY** ( from a flag pole )

Caller Color Guard, Advance (Color Guard Advances)

Caller (When Color Guard is in place) The flag of the United States of America is a living symbol of all we hold dear in our great nation whose citizens believe in Liberty, Mutual Respect and Justice. It is the emblem of our freedom and of the sovereign rights of the individual. It symbolized our respect for our nation's past and our unswerving faith in it's future.

Caller Color Guard, Retire the Colors (Color Guard retires colors from flag pole)

Flag is carried taunt horizontally, with stars at Flag Bearers left shoulder, led to altar by Flag Bearer.

Caller When the Flag is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, it should not be cast aside or used in any way that might be viewed as disrespectful to the national colors, but should be buried or destroyed by fire.

Color Guards hold flag horizontally to the ground and taut, while Flag Bearer cuts out the blue field of stars. When this is done the right guards fold the strips with respect and the left Guards fold the stars. Flag Bearer is then handed the stripes and he places them on the burning fire; when it has burned sufficiently he places the stars in the fire.

Flag bearer is then handed the new flag and he, with the Color Guard, advance to the flag pole and raise the new flag. While flag is being raised a scout reads:

Reader I swing before your eyes as a bright gleam of colors, a symbol of yourself, and of that which makes this nation great. My stars and my stripes are your dreams and your labors. They are bright with cheer, brilliant with courage, firm with faith, because you have made them so out of your heart.

All When the flag is in place, Guards and Bearer return to the group.

Caller Please Join me in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**I Pledge Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America  
and to the Republic for which it stands,  
one Nation under God,  
indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.**

Caller Color Guard, **dismissed**. Group **dismissed**.