

Color guard flag etiquette

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I am part of the newly formed color guard in Arizona. We have purchased the following flags for use in flag presentations at various events: current United States, Betsy Ross, Old Glory (1777-1795), Gadsden (Don't Tread on Me), Arizona State, and SAR. I know that the current American flag always is presented on its right and is the highest in honor. In what order do you carry and present all the others? In other words what is the precedence of these flags, right to left?

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Flag sites list 50 star at right, then 48, then in numerical order, then down to Betsy.

But the 50 star and all previous Official US Flags, ie: 48, 20 star, Betsy all are to be at the same level. They all command the same respect as the 50 star.

Then Battle Flags, then State Flags, then Society flags.

f in a line-up four flags with muskets flanking would be on right,

50 star, Betsy, Arizona State Flag, SAR Flag

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Volume II, page 67 of the SAR Handbook (accessed by clicking on "Compatriots" at the top of this web page, and then clicking on "SAR Handbook" on the dropdown menu), states, on page 67: "The Flag of the United States of America should hold the position of superior prominence when displayed from a staff in a church or public auditorium, in advance of the audience and in the position of honor at the clergyman's or speaker's right as he faces the audience. Any other flag so displayed should be placed on the left of the clergyman or speaker or to the right of the audience."

Unfortunately, in order to "balance the flags," or perhaps out of ignorance, this plainly written portion of the U. S. Flag code is too often not followed.

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