Section B. Flag Etiquette

Introduction

Auxiliary leaders are primarily concerned with and responsible for those rules of flag etiquette that pertain to the display of the National Ensign at meetings and social events. The flag is often referred to by other names such as the colors, ensign, and standard. Regardless of the name, it is important that the flag always be properly displayed so as not to commit a breech of protocol.

B.1. Displayed in a Meeting Room

In a meeting room, when displayed flat behind the speaker's podium or head table, the flag should be placed above and behind the speaker with union uppermost and to the flag's own right, that is, to the audience's left.

When displayed from a staff in the meeting room, the national flag will be accorded a position of superior prominence over any flag displayed in the same room. It is the only flag that may be displayed behind and to the right of the speaker's podium or head table. In other words, to the left of the audience. All other flags, displayed in the same room including the Auxiliary ensign, will be placed on the speaker's left and to the audience's right.

B.2. Displayed on a Facility

For information on flag placement on an AUXFAC, refer to the Auxiliary Operations Policy Manual, COMDTINST M16798.3 (series).

B.3. Social Events

For information on flag placement at meetings and social events, refer to the Auxiliary Division Procedures Guide, COMDTPUB P16791.3 (series).