



Flag Education for Kids!

This is to help you know how to take good care of the Flag of the United States of America!

Displaying the Flag:

- On Same Staff: U.S. Flag at very top, above any other Flag.
- Grouped with other Flags: U.S. Flag goes to its own right. Flags of other nations are flown at same height.
- Marching with other flags: U.S. Flag to marcher's right (observer's left).
- Decoration: Never use the Flag for decoration. Use bunting with the blue on top, then white, then red.

Half Staff (Halfway up the Flag pole):

- On special days, the Flag may be flown at half-staff.
- On Memorial Day it is flown at half-staff until noon and then raised.

Saluting the U.S. Flag:

- Everyone in uniform should use the military salute.
- Members of the armed forces and veterans who are present, but not in uniform, may use the military salute.
- **Everyone else should face the Flag and stand at attention with their right hand over the heart.**
- If you are wearing anything on your head, other than the official VFW or VFW Auxiliary cap, take it off with your right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart.

Don't do this!!!

- Do not let the Flag touch the ground.
- Do not fly Flag upside down unless there is an emergency.
- Do not carry the Flag flat, or carry things in it.
- Do not use the Flag as clothing.
- Do not store the Flag where it can get dirty.
- Do not use it as a cover.
- Do not fasten it or tie it back. Always allow it to fall free.
- Do not draw on or otherwise mark the Flag.

Flag Disposal:

This should only be done with adult supervision!

- The Flag should be folded in its customary manner.
- It is important that the fire be fairly large and of sufficient intensity to ensure complete burning of the Flag.
- Place the Flag on the fire.
- The individual(s) can come to attention, salute the Flag, recite the Pledge of Allegiance and have a brief period of silent reflection.
- After the Flag is completely consumed, the fire should then be safely extinguished and the ashes buried.
- Please make sure you are conforming to local/state fire codes or ordinances.

