

“This flag, which we honor and under which we serve, is the emblem of our unity, our power, our thoughts and purpose as a nation. It has no other character than that which we give it from generation to generation. The choices are ours.”

-Woodrow Wilson-
Former president of the United States



The Flag of the United States

Display of the Flag

The Federal Flag Code prescribes the proper way to display and show respect for the United States Flag. A few guidelines taken from Public Law 94-344:

- ◆ The flag represents a living country; a lapel flag pin being a replica should be worn on the left lapel near the heart.
- ◆ When flown at half-staff, the flag should first be hoisted to the peak then lowered to half-staff position. The flag should again be raised to the peak before lowering it for the day.
- ◆ No other flag should be placed above or, if on the same level, to the right of the flag of the [USA]. When displaying the flag at a podium with the speaker facing an audience, “right” refers to placement to the right of the speaker (as he faces the audience). Naval chaplains at sea may fly the church pennant above the flag during church services for personnel of the Navy.
- ◆ On a vehicle, attach the flag to the antenna or clamp the flagstaff to the right fender.
- ◆ From a building, hang the flag on the staff, with the stars away from the building.
- ◆ In a window, hang the flag vertically with the stars to the left of anyone looking at it from the outside.
- ◆ Against a wall, when displayed either horizontally or vertically, the stars should be uppermost and to the observer’s left.
- ◆ In a procession with other flags, the Stars and Stripes should be carried to the marchers’ right in a line of flags or to the front and center of a line of other flags.





U.S. Flag at the 7th Ranch (named for the 7th Cavalry), Garryowen, Montana, adjacent to the battlefield often called “Custer’s Last Stand,” taken from David’s camera as he rode his horse, *American Patriot*, up the hill to the flag.

Chip and Sandy Watts, retired educators, display their flag proudly for campers and passersby. Chip takes military leaders and visitors on learning tours of the battleground.

The American flag at the Alabama Veterans Memorial Park stands above the trees, visible from I-459 and Liberty Park.



Flag Day is observed on June 14 in the United States.