

The U.S. Flag

Target Audience: All Personnel

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| Purpose | Foster common acts of courtesy among all Air Force personnel and community to aid in maintaining discipline and promote the smooth conduct of affairs in the military establishment (Profession of Arms). |
| Description | Compliance with these courtesies shows you have internalized the commitment to the oath of service and operate in a safe and healthy professional environment. Refer to AFI 1-1, Air Force Standards ; AFI 34-1201, Protocol ; and AFPAM 34-1202, Guide to Protocol for additional information to strengthen your commitment to the Profession of Arms. |
| Employ | <p>Display of Flags. Correct height, positioning, straightening of staffs, and the draping of flags all play an important role in achieving the correct display. AFI 36-1201 provides specific guidelines on the position and manner of display of the U.S. flag. Practical tips for arranging flags for both indoor and outdoor events are outlined below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use the same size and type of flagstaff and base within a presentation of flags, unless the U.S. flag is placed at the center of a line of flags; then it must be displayed at a higher level than other flags in the display.• When the U.S. flag is displayed with flags of other nations, flags should be of equal size and height.• Use flags of the same material in a display—do not mix outdoor flags with indoor flags.• Use the same size flag, except for the smaller general officer flag.• Securely fasten to the flag staff to prevent sliding down the staff during the event.• Finals (metal nickel-plated spades) are parallel to the audience with flat side out.• Due to ceiling limitations in most rooms, flag staff height may be an issue. Avoid using 8-foot staffs because a full size flag will be too large and touch the floor.• Flags should be draped from left to right as you look at the flag. Drape all flags the same way so the bottom tips are all in the same location.• Click on the publication links in the description for further details on rendering proper respect for the U.S. flag. Remember your compliance with these standards show you have internalized your commitment to the oath of service. |
