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Hoping everyone had a safe and fun summer.

In this Promotional am going over rules of displaying the American Flag.

Display Outdoors:

- 1. Over the Middle of the Street:** It should be suspended vertically with the union to the north in an east and west street or to the east in a north and south street.
- 2. Flown at Half Staff:** Should be first hoisted to the peak for an instant and then lowered to the half-staff position. The flag should be again raised to peak before it is lowered for the day. By "half-staff" is meant lowering the flag to one-half the distant between the top and bottom of the staff. Crepe streamers may be affixed to spear heads or flagstaffs in a parade only by order of the President of the United States.
- 3. Flown on the Same Halyard with Non-Nation Flags:** The American Flag should always be at the peak. When the flags are flown from adjacent staffs, the flag of the United States should be hoisted first and lowered last. No flag or pennant may be placed above the flag of the United States or to the right of the flag of the United States.
- 4. Suspended over a sidewalk:** The flag may be suspended from a rope extended from a house to a pole at the edge of the sidewalk, the flag should be hoisted out, union first, from the building.
- 5. From a Staff Projecting Horizontally or at an Angle:** The flag may be projected from the windowsill, balcony, or front of a building with the union of the flag placed at the peak of the staff unless the flag is at half-staff.

6. **In a Parade with Other Flags:** The flag, when carried in a procession with another flag, or flags, should be either on the marching right; that is, the flag's own right, or, if there is a line of other flags, in front of the center of that line.
7. **With Non-National Flags:** The flag of the United States of America should be at the center and at the highest point of the group. When a number of flags of States or localities or pennants of societies are grouped and displayed from staffs.
8. **With other National Flag:** When flags of two more nations are displayed, they are to be flown from separate staffs of the same height. The flags should be of approximately equal size. International usage forbids the display of the flag of one nation above that of another nation in time of peace.
9. **With Another Flag Against a Wall from Crossed Staffs:** Should be on the right, the flag's own right which is the viewer's left, and its staff should be in front of the other flag.

DISPLAY INDOORS:

1. **From a Staff in a Church or Public Auditorium on a Podium:** The flag of the United States of America should hold the position of superior prominence, in advance of the audience, and in position of honor at the clergyman's or speaker's right as he/she faces the audience. Any other flag so displayed should be placed on the left of the clergyman or speaker to the right of the audience.
2. **From a Staff in a Church or Public Auditorium off the Podium:** Custom and not the flag code hold that the flag of the United States of America should hold the position of superior prominence as part of the audience, in the position of honor at the audience's right.
3. **Used to Cover a Casket:** It should be so placed that the union is at the head and over the left shoulder.
4. **Other than being Flown from a Staff:** The flag should be displayed flat, whether indoors or out. When displayed either horizontally or vertically against a wall, the union should be uppermost and to the flag's own right, that is, to the observer's left. When displayed in a window it should be displayed in the same way, that is with the union or blue field to the left of the observer in the street. When festoons, rosettes, or draping's are desired, bunting of blue, white and red should be used, but never the flag.

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