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ACQUISITION AND DISPLAY OF FLAGS

**History.** This is a new regulation for the Northwestern Division (NWD).

**Summary.** This regulation establishes policies and requirements for display of various flags at NWD managed facilities and is intended to address the specific requirements for the display of various flags at the NWD Headquarters Offices, NWD Districts and field locations.

1. PURPOSE. This regulation explains processes for procurement and the appropriate display of flags at all facilities of the Northwestern Division (NWD). The contents of this regulation have been extracted from AR 840-10 (Flags, Guidons, Streamers, Tabards, and Automobile and Aircraft Plates), which have been modified to address specific NWD requirements.
2. APPLICABILITY. This regulation is applicable to all elements of the Northwestern Division (NWD).
3. EXPLANATION OF TERM. The term NWD facilities as used in this regulation refers to all locations occupied on a permanent or semi-permanent basis by any organizational subordinate element of Headquarters, NWD and assigned Districts.
4. REFERENCES.
  - a. Required Reference. AR 840-10, Flags, Guidons, Streamers, Tabards, and Automobile and Aircraft Plates. Cited in paragraph 8.
  - b. Related Reference. CESM Memorandum, 1 Aug 1998, Subject: Guidance for Design, Acquisition, Display and Use of Flags and Streamers.
5. RESPONSIBILITIES.
  - a. The NWD Executive Assistant is responsible for monitoring of the status, proper display, and initiation of actions for replacement and retirement of flags at the NWD Headquarters office in Portland.

b. The Director, Logistics Management, is responsible for monitoring the status, proper display and initiation of actions for replacement and retirement of flags at the NWD Headquarters office in Omaha.

c. The Chief, Logistics Management Office, Omaha District is responsible for the procurement of flags and related streamers for NWD Headquarters.

d. NWD District Commanders will assign duties as required to assure the proper display and maintenance of flags within their districts.

6. RESTRICTIONS.

a. Only flags approved by The Institute of Heraldry will be displayed at NWD facilities.

b. The commercial procurement of flags, streamers and components is prohibited. District Logistics Offices will forward all requests for U.S. Army and Corps of Engineers flags to the Philadelphia District for further processing (see paragraph 19). The flag of the United States may be ordered through normal GSA supply channels.

c. The private, unofficial use or display of positional colors, distinguishing flags, or organizational colors is prohibited.

d. Unserviceable flags will not be used for any other purpose. When a flag is no longer suitable for its intended use, it will be disposed of by burning or some other method that does not show irreverence or disrespect to the flag.

e. Flags, guidons, or streamers will not be sold, loaned, or donated to individuals or private organizations.

7. FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES. The flag of the United States is an accountable item and will be carried on the property books of NWD organizations.

a. The flag of the United States will be displayed outdoors at all NWD locations. The flag may be displayed on a permanent or semi permanent basis, twenty four hours daily, providing it is illuminated with its own source of light. NWD facilities collocated with other federal agencies may permit another agency to display the U.S. flag on or in front of their facility.

b. Only one additional flag may be displayed on the same flagpole with the U.S. flag, and if displayed will be smaller in size, and attached a minimum of six inches below the flag of the United States.

c. The following United States flags are authorized for outdoor display at NWD facilities:

(1) Post flag. 8-foot 11 3/8-inch hoist by 17-foot fly.

(2) Storm flag. 5-foot hoist by 9-foot 6-inch fly.

(3) Boat flag. 3-foot hoist by 4-foot fly. Displayed on vessels only when positional boat flag colors or general officers flags are also displayed.

(4) Ensign. 2-foot 4 7/16-inch hoist by 4-foot fly. Displayed on vessels when required to indicate nationality.

d. The following United States flags are for indoor display and for use in ceremonies and parades. These flags are of rayon banner cloth or heavyweight nylon, trimmed on three sides with golden yellow fringe, 2 1/2 inches wide. The United States flag will be the same size or larger than other flags displayed at the same time.

(1) 4-foot 4-inch hoist by 5-foot 6-inch fly. This flag will be displayed with the U.S. Army flag, the Army Corps of Engineers organizational flag, and positional flags

(2) 3-foot hoist by 4-foot fly. This flag may be displayed with the Army Field flag and the Army Corps of Engineers Organizational flag.

8. POSITION AND MANNER OF DISPLAY. Consult AR 840-10 for specific display requirements under any given condition. The following information from the regulation is reiterated here for emphasis:

a. Order of precedence. When displaying the United States flag with other flags, the following order of precedence normally of concern for NWD organizations is as follows:

(1) The flag of the United States. Always displayed on its own right (on the left as viewed by an observer).

(2) Foreign flags.

(3) State flags.

(4) The U.S. Army flag.

(5) The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Organizational flag.

(6) Individual flag (see paragraph 14., Authorizations, below).

b. No flag or pennant will be placed above the flag of the United States.

c. The United States flag will always be displayed flat or hanging free. It will not be festooned over doorways, nor used to cover a speaker's stand.

d. When being displayed with state flags in a line, the United States flag may be positioned in the center of the display, providing it is at a higher level than all other flags in the display. State flags will all be of comparable size and displayed from separate flagstaffs at the same height.

e. When displayed with foreign flags, the United States flag will be at the same height as all other flags in the display.

f. Flags displayed during meetings where there is a speaker's position will be placed on the speaker's right.

9. The U.S. Army flag.

a. U.S. Army Ceremonial Flag. The U.S. Army Ceremonial flag is an accountable item and will be carried on the property books of NWD organizations. The Ceremonial flag is white with a 4-foot 4-inch hoist by 5-foot 6-inch fly. The flag is trimmed on three sides with yellow fringe 2 1/2 inches wide. The device of the Department of the Army seal in ultramarine blue, (without the roman numerals) is centered thereon. A scarlet scroll inscribed UNITED STATES ARMY in white, is centered between the device and the ultramarine blue numerals "1775".

b. The U.S. Army Display Flag. The Display flag is of the same design as the Ceremonial flag except it has a 3-foot hoist and 4-foot fly. The Display flag is an accountable item and will be carried on the property books of NWD organizations. There are 33 streamers to be displayed with the Army Display flag; two for each war with multiple campaigns (the first and last streamer of each war) and one for each of the following campaigns: Mexican Expedition, American theater, Dominican Republic, Granada and Panama. This flag is authorized only for those organizations authorized the Army Ceremonial flag (See paragraph 13). It is intended for display in areas where height restrictions preclude the display of the Ceremonial flag.

c. The U.S Army Field Flag. This flag is ultramarine blue, 3 -foot hoist by 4- foot fly trimmed on three sides with yellow fringe 2 1/2-inches wide. The device of the DA seal in white (without the Roman numerals) is centered. A white scroll inscribed UNITED STATES ARMY in scarlet is centered beneath the seal with the numerals "1775" below in white.

d. Streamers. The Ceremonial flag must be displayed with a set of 173 streamers representing the 173 campaigns of the Army. The Display flag is displayed with the 33 streamers described above. The streamers are displayed below the spearhead of the flagstaff of the Army flag. Each streamer is inscribed with the campaign and year that it occurred. The streamers will be arranged in such a manner that the first and last streamers (LEXINGTON 1775 and SOUTHWEST ASIA CEASE-FIRE 1991-1995) are visible. Streamers will be arranged counter-clock wise in the order earned. When on display, the U.S. Army flag has precedence over all other Army flags.

e. Indoor display. The U.S. Army flag may be displayed inside NWD facilities as directed by the local commander. When displayed with other Army flags, foreign flags, or with state flags, the order of precedence is: United States flag, foreign national flag, state flags, U.S. Army flag, Organizational (COE) flag.

f. Outdoor display. The U.S. Army flag may be carried in parades, at official ceremonies, or in support of community relations as deemed appropriate by the local commander. Order of precedence is as described above.

10. THE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS ORGANIZATIONAL FLAG. The COE (castle) flag is scarlet, on which is centered the branch insignia for the Corps of Engineers in white with detailed black and scarlet windows and doors. There is no fringe. The Army Corps of Engineers flag may be displayed outdoors at NWD facilities on the same flag pole with the United States flag, or indoors observing the protocols outlined for the U.S. flag and Army flag outlined above. The flag is available in the following sizes: 6-foot hoist by 8-foot fly, 4-foot hoist by 6-foot fly, and 2-foot hoist by 3-foot fly. This flag will not be displayed on military installations.

11. NORTHWESTERN DIVISION DISTINGUISHING FLAG. The NWD Distinguishing flag is authorized for display at the Division Headquarters offices. The flag is an accountable property item and will be carried on the Division Headquarters property book. The flag is scarlet with a 10 inch vertical center stripe in white, with a 2 1/2 inch white fringe. The shoulder sleeve insignia of the Engineer branch, 15 inches high is centered on the stripe. Below the insignia is a white scroll inscribed NORTHWESTERN DIVISION in scarlet. The NWD Distinguishing flag is for indoor display and ceremonies only, as prescribed by the Division Commander, in accordance with the protocols outlined above.

12. INDIVIDUAL FLAGS, GENERAL OFFICERS AND SENIOR EXECUTIVE SERVICE PERSONNEL. Individual flags identifying the grade of general officers are items of personal issue and may be retained by the individual upon retirement as a memento of service. Individual flags identifying members of the Senior Executive Service are organizational property, and may not be retained by the individual upon retirement.

a. General officers flag. This flag is scarlet with a yellow fringe and has a 3-foot hoist by 4-foot fly with a horizontal line of five pointed-stars. The number of stars indicating the grade.

b. Senior Executive Service flag. This flag is white, 3-foot hoist by 4-foot fly, with the Senior Executive Service keystone in gold centered on the flag, encircled by the words Department of the Army Senior Executive Service in gold letters on a dark blue background. The fringe is gold.

13. POSITIONAL COLORS. Positional colors indicate the official status or rank of certain civilian and military officials of the Federal Government. Positional colors are not authorized in the Northwestern Division. In the event of a requirement for positional colors, the sponsoring organization shall notify the Director, Logistics Management, and provide specific details.

14. AUTHORIZATIONS. The following flags are authorized to be stocked and displayed by NWD organizations:

a. Flag of the United States. Any size United States flag may be stocked and displayed at any NWD facility. However, due to size and pole requirements, the Garrison flag is not recommended.

b. Foreign flags. Foreign flags may be held in storage by NWD Districts if the commander considers possession to be appropriate. However, these flags will not be displayed, except on special occasions during visits by foreign dignitaries.

c. State flags. State flags are authorized for the Division Headquarters offices, and for all NWD District headquarters and field locations, and may be displayed as deemed appropriate by the Division and District Commanders. Normally, only the flags of states in which the command has responsibility would be displayed.

d. Army flags.

(1) The Army Ceremonial flag w/streamers. Authorized to be held and displayed only at NWD Headquarters offices.

(2) The Army Display Flag w/streamers. Authorized to be held and displayed only at, NWD Headquarters offices, providing height restrictions preclude display of the Army Ceremonial flag.

(3) The Corps Organizational (Castle) flag. Authorized to be held and displayed by all NWD facilities.

(4) Distinguishing flag. Authorized to be held and displayed only at NWD Headquarters offices.

(5) Individual flags. Authorized to be held and displayed at all NWD facilities when personnel warranting such flags are on the premises.

15. MINIMUM DISPLAY REQUIREMENTS. NWD Regional and District headquarters facilities will maintain the following flags on full time display:

a. NWD Headquarters Offices:

(1) The Flag of the United States.

(a) Indoor, 4-foot 4-inch hoist by 5-foot 6-inch fly.

(b) Outdoor, Post or Storm.

(2) The U.S. Army Ceremonial flag w/streamers.

(3) The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Organizational (Castle) flag (Note size restrictions cited in paragraph 7.c.(7), above when displayed with the National flag.)

(4) The Northwestern Division Distinguishing flag.

(5) Individual flags as authorized by personnel assignment.

b. NWD Districts headquarters and field locations.

(1) The Flag of the United States.

(a) Indoor, 3-foot hoist by 4-foot fly. Authorized for display with the Army Field flag, and Corps of Engineers Organizational flag.

(b) Outdoor, post and storm.

(2) The United States Army Field flag (O-6 commands only - displayed at District Headquarters only).

(3) The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Organizational (Castle) flag. Note size restrictions cited in paragraph 7.c.(7), above.

(4) Safety flags. In accordance with safety standards established by the NWD Safety Officer, as approved by the Division Commander, a flag denoting outstanding safety performance may be flown at NWD field locations. The safety flag will conform to the specifications of the National Safety Council and have a green cross safety emblem centered on a white field. The safety flag will not be flown from the same staff as the flag of the United States, and will not be included in official ceremonial displays.

16. FLAGS FOR VESSELS. (Refer to reference 4.b., for specifics regarding vessel/flag sizes)

a. Flags for vessels are displayed in various locations depending on vessel design. Under no circumstances will any other flag or pennant be flown on the same mast with the flag of the United States.

b. Division and District Commander's pennants. A pennant denoting the presence of the Division Commander, or District Commander may be displayed on NWD vessels. Only one such pennant is authorized for display at any given time.

(1) Division Commander's pennant. The pennant has vertical red, white, and blue sections, with the red section next to the mast or staff and the white section in the middle, on which the engineer castle is centered vertically and horizontally.

(2) District Commander's pennant. The pennant is the engineer castle in red, centered vertically on a white field.

c. Individual boat flags. A boat flag indicating the presence of a general officer may be flown instead of a Division or District Commander pennant. Only one boat flag, representing the senior person aboard will be flown at any given time.

17. FLAGSTAFF. The flagstaff is the staff on which a flag is carried or displayed. When in a common display, all flags will be displayed on the same length flagstaff. This applies for both indoor displays and outdoor ceremonies. When displayed singularly, General Officer flags will be displayed on 8-foot staffs. Ceremonial and organizational flags are displayed on 9' 6" staffs.

18. FINIAL (flagstaff head). The spearhead is the only finial authorized for use in NWD with any flagstaff-mounted flag cited in this regulation. A ball finial is required for flagpoles and for staffs mounted on external building walls.

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19. PROCUREMENT. The Philadelphia District has been assigned Corps wide responsibility for the procurement of flags and insignia. Send orders to: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Philadelphia District, ATTN: CENAP-CT-S, Wanamaker Bldg., 100 Penn Square East, Room 643, Philadelphia, PA 19107-3390. National flags may be ordered through normal GSA channels.

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