



Display of the California Bear Flag

Most Americans love and revere the Flag of their country, but the outward manifestation of respect is too often neglected or is incomplete simply because the individual does not know the proper thing to do.

On every occasion of public display of the Bear Flag, within the State of California, it shall occupy the position of honor when displayed in company with the flags of other states, nations or international organizations, provided, however, that when the United States Flag is displayed with the Bear Flag, the National Flag shall occupy such position of honor.

The Flag of the United States and the Bear Flag should always be raised briskly and lowered slowly and ceremoniously.

There is no law prohibiting the flying of the Flag of the United States or the Bear Flag at night. It is a universal custom to display the Flag only from sunrise to sunset, on buildings or from stationary flag staffs in the open, if however the Flag or Flags are to be displayed outdoors at night, they should be brightly illuminated.

The Flag of the United States and the Bear Flag need not be displayed on days when the weather is inclement. Storm flags may be flown at military installations and armories as defined by Section 430 of the Military and Veterans Code, State of California.

When the Bear Flag and other flags, e.g., flags of cities or pennants of societies, are grouped and displayed from staffs with the Flag of the United States, the latter should be at the center or at the highest point of the group. The Bear Flag takes the next place of honor (on the spectator's left).

When carried in a procession with the Bear Flag and other flags, the Flag of the United States should be on the marching right with the Bear Flag taking the next position. When there is a line of other flags, the Flag of the United States is in front of the center of that line with the Bear Flag on the marching right of the line.

The Bear Flag shall only be dipped as a mark of honor to the Flag of the United States, and to the National Anthem if the Flag of the United States is not being displayed, and shall not be dipped to any person or thing.

The Bear Flag should not be carried flat or horizontally, but always aloft and free, as it is carried in a parade. It should always be attached securely to a staff.

The Bear Flag should not be draped over the hood, top, sides, or back of any vehicle, or of a railroad train, boat or airplane.

When the United States Flag is displayed from a staff on a speaker's platform in a public auditorium, it shall occupy the position of honor and be placed at the speaker's right as he faces the audience. The Bear Flag displayed from a staff on the speaker's platform shall be placed on the speaker's left as he faces the audience.

When the United States Flag is displayed from a staff in a public auditorium, elsewhere then on the platform, it shall be placed in the position of honor at the right of the audience as they face the platform. The Bear Flag shall be placed to the left of the audience as they face the platform.

The Bear Flag should never be used to cover a platform or speaker's desk, nor to drape over the front of a speaker's platform.

When displayed with the Bear Flag from crossed staffs the Flag of the United States should be on the right (Flag's own right) and its staff should be in front of the staff of the Bear Flag.

When the Bear Flag and the United States Flag are displayed at the same time on separate flagpoles, the flagpoles should be of equal length and the Flags should be the same size.

When the Flag of the United States is flown at half staff, so shall the Bear Flag. When flown at half staff, the Flags should be hoisted to the peak for an instant and then lowered to the half staff position, but before lowering for the day, the Flags should again be raised to the peak. When flown from adjacent staffs, the Flag of the United States is raised first and lowered last. By half staff is meant hauling down the Flag to one-half the distance between the top and the bottom of the staff. On Memorial Day display at half staff until noon only; then hoist

to the top of the staff. By order of the Governor or his representative, the Flag of the United States and the Bear Flag will be flown at half staff at all installations or places prescribed in Sections 431 and 432, Government Code, State of California.

The Bear Flag should never be fastened, displayed, used, or stored in such a manner as will permit it to be easily torn, soiled, or damaged in any way.

