

**Governor Isaac Shelby Chapter
Sons of the American Revolutionary**

HANDBOOK & INSTRUCTION GUIDE



Member:

FLAG CARRYING

Color Guard Carrying of the USA Flags & Colors

Rules when Carrying the Colors:

Order of Flags:

The USA 50 Star Flag will be located at the far right of the 1st column, except when it is positioned, by its self, in the center and in front of the first line. *Arms when utilized will be position to the right of the USA 50 Star Flag and as the last team member. When the USA 50 Star Flag is located in the center in front of the first full line and arms are being carried, it will be flanked by CG Team carrying Arms.*

The previous authorized USA Flags, when carried, will be placed to the left of the Current USA Flag in descending order of authorization (latest to earliest).

State flags are positioned next to the USA Flags. If more than one state flag is represented, they will be positioned (right to left) in the order of their statehood.

The GISSAR Chapter Flag will be positioned next to the state flag(s) in our marching Color Guard. If we are marching with the KYSSAR, the KYSSAR SAR Flag will be used instead of the GISSAR Flag.

Battle flags are positioned next to the GISSAR chapter flag. They are to be positioned (right to left) in the order of their authorization or use in battle. Refer to the “Order of GISSAR Flags” in your manual.

How the Colors are to be Carried:

All flags will be carried on the right side of the body, except when the flag holster is used.

When carried on the right side, the left hand/arm will be used to support the upper portion of the flag and the right hand/arm will support the lower portion of the flag pole. **[left over right]**.

USA Flags (current & past) will be carried in a vertical position at all times.

The current 50 Star USA Flag will be carried such that it is higher than all other flags.

All flags, other than USA Flags, will be carried at a 30 degree angle from vertical.

All flags will be positioned vertical when not marching or at attention.

The USA FLAGS (PRESENT or PAST) ARE NEVER DIPPED AS A GESTURE OF HONOR or Salute. All other flags should be dipped as a gesture of honor such as for an *Honor Flight*.

When marching, lines should be maintained straight and members should try to keep in step. Keeping in step is to mean, all step together, left then right, etc.

The Color Guard Commander or designee will give orders for the Color Guard Team.

COMMANDS GIVEN WHEN MARCHING WITH FLAGS

When Marching with colors & in parades or other public events the following commands are to be used:

When the Color Guard (CG) Team has been assembled and the Marching is to begin, the Color Guard Commander will call the CG Team to “**Attention**”.

The Color Guard Commander will give the command to “**Order, Firelocks**”. This signals the CG Team to raise their flags, [and guns when included in the Color Guard], into carrying position [right side].

The Color Guard Commander will give the command to “**Mark Time, March**”. With this command the CG Team is to begin marching in place beginning with the left foot.

The Color Guard Commander will give the command to “**Forward, March**”. This requires the CG Team to move forward with their left foot first.

The Color Guard Commander will give the command to “**Mark Time, March**” when there is a need to slow the forward movement due to the slowing of units ahead of the CG Team.

The Color Guard Commander will give the command to again “**Forward, March**” when the units in front of the CG Team again begin to move forward. The need to “**mark time**” and then “**march forward**” may occur several times during an event.

The Color Guard Commander will give the command “**Color Guard, Halt**” when the units in front experience a long delay in moving forward. This will be the judgement of the Color Guard Commander.

The Color Guard Commander will give the command “**Color Guard, Halt**” at the end of the event followed by “**Color Guard, Dismissed**”.