**BISD INVITATIONAL COLOR GUARD QUESTIONS**

1. Q: WHEN A PRESIDENT OR PAST PRESIDENT OF THE U.S. DIES, HOW LONG IS THE FLAG FLOWN AT HALF-MAST

A: THIRTY DAYS.

2. Q: WHEN THE NATIONAL FLAG IS WORN-OUT, HOW IS IT DISPOSED OF?

A: The colors are burned and buried.

3. Q: WHEN CAN THE FLAG BE FLOWN UPSIDE-DOWN?

A; IN TIMES OF EMERGENCY.

4. Q: WHAT DOES RETREAT MEAN?

A: RETIREMENT OF THE COLORS FROM THE DAY’S ACTIVITIES. (USAF:Honors to the flag and the end of the duty day’s activities.)

5. Q: HOW IS THE FLAG PUT TO HALF-MAST, AND HOW IS IT LOWERED?

A: IT IS HOISTED TO FULL-STAFF FOR AN INSTANT, THEN LOWERED TO HALF-MAST, IT IS LOWERED BY RAISING IT TO FULL-STAFF AND THEN LOWERING IT.

6. Q: AFTER FOLDING THE FLAG AT A FUNERAL, WHAT SHOULD BE SHOWING?

A: THE STARS.

7. Q: HOW MANY STEPS WILL AN INDIVIDUAL HOLD A SALUTE AFTER PASSING THE NATIONAL FLAG?

A: SIX STEPS.

8. Q: AT WHAT INTERVAL DOES A COLOR GUARD MARCH AT?

A: CLOSE INTERVAL.

9 . Q: WHAT IS A HALYARD?

A: A ROPE OR TACKLE USED FOR RASING AND LOWERING THE FLAG

10. Q: DOES THE COLOR GUARD EVER EXECUTE REAR MARCH?

A: NO.

11. Q: WHAT ARE THE THREE (3) TYPES OF FLAGS NORMALLY FLOWN AND THEIR RESPECTIVE SIZES?

A: STORM- 5X9-1/2 FEET. USAF: BASE – 10 x 19 FT

POST- 10x19 FEET. USAF: ALL PURPOSE – 9 x 5 FT

GARRISON- 20X 38 FEET. USAF: CEREMONIAL – 9 x 5-1/2 FT

12. Q: WHAT DO THE COLORS OF THE FLAG REPRESENT?

A: RED - HARDINESS AND VALOR, WHITE - PURITY AND INNOCENCE, BLUE - VIGILANCE, PERSEVERANCE AND JUSTICE.

13. Q: HOW LONG IS REVEILLE PLAYED?

A: 20 SECONDS.

14. Q: HOW MANY NATIONAL COLORS CAN BE PRESENT DURING A REVIEW, PARADE OR HONOR GUARD CEREMONY?

A: ONE

15. Q: CAN THE NATIONAL COLORS RENDER A SALUTE?

A: NO, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF NAVAL VESSELS WHEN, UPON RECEIVING A SALUTE OF THIS TYPE FROM A VESSEL REGISTERED BY A NATION FORMALLY RECOGNIZED BY THE UNITED STATES, MUST RETURN THE SALUTE.

16. Q: WHEN IS THE GARRISON FLAG DISPLAYED?

A: ON HOLIDAYS AND OTHER SPECIAL OCCASIONS. USAF: N/A

17. Q: WHAT ARE THE THREE (3) TERMS USED IN MILITARY SERVICE FOR THE NATIONAL FLAG?

A: COLORS: A FLAG CARRIED BY DISMOUNTED UNITS, SUPREME COMMANDERS AND CERTAIN GENERAL OFFICERS; STANDARDS: CARRIED BY MOUNTED TROOPS; ENSIGN: FLAG FLOWN FROM A SHIP.

18. Q: WHAT IS A GUIDON?

A: A SMALL FLAG CARRIED AS A STANDARD BY A MILITARY UNIT. NARROWS TO A POINT OR FORK

19. Q: HOW SHOULD THE FLAG BE FLOWN ON MEMORIAL DAY?

A: THE FLAG IS FLOWN AT HALF-MAST UNTIL NOON, THEN AT NOON IS RAISED TO FULL-STAFF.

20. Q: WHERE IS THE U.S. FLAG DISPLAYED WHEN A NUMBER OF FLAGS ARE DISPLAYED IN A ROW?

A: THE U.S. FLAG WILL BE AT THE RIGHT OF THE LINE, TO THE LEFT OF THE OBSERVERS.