COLOR GUARD QUESTIONS

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

***THIRTY DAYS.***

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

***THE STARS SECTION IS CUT FROM THE FLAG AND THEN BOTH SECTIONS ARE BURNED TOGETHER***.

3. MAY A FEMALE SOLDIER BE USED IN A COLOR GUARD?

***YES***.

4. WHEN CAN THE FLAG BE FLOWN UPSIDE-DOWN?

***IN TIMES OF EMERGENCY***.

5. WHAT DOES RETREAT MEAN?

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

6. HOW IS THE FLAG PUT TO HALF-MAST, AND HOW IS IT LOWERED?

***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***.

7. AFTER FOLDING THE FLAG AT A FUNERAL, WHAT SHOULD BE SHOWING?

***THE STARS***.

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

***SIX STEPS***.

9. AT WHAT INTERVAL DOES A COLOR GUARD MARCH AT?

***CLOSE INTERVAL***.

10. HOW FAR IN FRONT OF THE COLOR COMPANY DO THE COLORS HALT?

***10 STEPS*. (*USAF: 12 PACES*)**

11. DOES THE COLOR GUARD EVER EXECUTE REAR MARCH?

***NO***.

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

***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***

13. WHAT DO THE COLORS OF THE FLAG REPRESENT?

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

14. HOW LONG IS REVEILLE PLAYED?

***20 SECONDS***.

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

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16. CAN THE NATIONAL COLORS RENDER A SALUTE?

***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***.

17. WHEN IS THE GARRISON FLAG DISPLAYED?

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

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

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

19. WHAT IS A GUIDON?

***THE SMALL SWALLOW-TAILED FLAG NORMALLY CARRIED BY A COMPANY, TROOP OR BATTERY***.

20. HOW SHOULD THE FLAG BE FLOWN ON MEMORIAL DAY?

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

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

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

22. WHERE IS THE U.S. FLAG DISPLAYED WHEN A NUMBER OF FLAGS ARE GROUPED AND DISPLAYED FROM STAFFS RADIATING FROM A SINGLE POINT?

***THE U.S. FLAG WILL BE AT THE CENTER OF THE LINE, AT THE HIGHEST POINT***.