

Presenting the Colors

Presenting the Colors (displays of the national, state, and other flags) is a long-standing tradition that has roots in the early days of the United States. It is a way of showing respect for the nation's flag and symbolizing patriotism; it became a formalized tradition with the adoption of the flag as a symbol of national identity and unity.

A Color Guard is a group who carry and present the US and other flags. Color guards are often seen at events like military ceremonies, athletic events, parades, and other public gatherings. The Honor Guard's primary purpose is to provide ceremonial honors, often at funerals or other official events. An Honor Guard may be part of a County/State departmental unit (i.e. Police, Fire, etc) that performs honors during memorial services, funerals, etc.

While distinct, Color and Honor Guards often work together. An Honor Guard may include a Color Guard to present the Colors as part of their ceremonial duties. For example, an Honor Guard may provide the burial honors for a fallen service member and the Color Guard would be responsible for presenting the flag.

This program is pretty simple ... add the America250 Flag to these presentations; by doing so call attention to the coming 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.