

## **What about other types of flags? Are they acceptable?**

Our area of expertise is about the care and display of the national flag of the United States that is defined in Presidential Executive Order (E.O.) No. 10834, August 24, 1959. E.O. No. 10834, Part 1 (Design of the flag), Section 1 states, "The flag of the United States shall have thirteen horizontal stripes, alternate red and white, and a union consisting of white stars on a field of blue." As such, our organization will no longer take any position or offer any other comment about any other flag other than the U.S. Flag itself as defined in E.O. No. 10834. This position does not denote our organization's support for or non-support for any causes that may be represented by flags other than the Flag of the United States. There are many decorative, patriotic bunting and banners which people choose to display.

## **What is the order in which flags should be displayed, left to right (when facing)?**

1. United States flag (first mentioned in precedence in U.S. Flag Code)
2. State flag (next in order of precedence per U.S. Flag Code)
3. City / county / locality flag (next in order of precedence per U.S. Flag Code) (following those mentioned above in the U.S. Flag Code are "pennants of societies", aka flags of organizations or "organizational flags". The U.S. Flag Code offers no specific hierarchy for precedence of display among any specific organizational flags)
4. POW/MIA flag (organizational flag – first organizational flag of precedence IAW National Security Commission guidance/opinion; high honor as an organizational flag due to the symbolism it represents)
5. U.S. Army (organizational flag)
6. U.S. Marine Corps (organizational flag)
7. U.S. Navy (organizational flag)
8. U.S. Air Force (organizational flag)
9. U.S. Space Force (organizational flag)
10. U.S. Coast Guard (organizational flag)
11. American Legion (organizational flag)

## **May I display multiple flags?**

Multiple flags may be displayed from the same flagpole. Other flags displayed with the U.S. flag may be of approximately equal size but may not be larger, and no other flag may fly above the flag of the United States. The U.S. Flag Code is silent as to mandating or restricting the number of flags displayed from a single pole. In making that determination a great deal would depend upon the height of the pole, the size of the flags, and the visual proportional appearance when multiple flags are displayed on the same pole.

IF MY QUESTION ISN'T ANSWERED HERE, WHERE CAN I GET AN ANSWER?

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TO: [AMERICANISM@LEGION.ORG](mailto:AMERICANISM@LEGION.ORG).

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## **References**

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<https://www.legion.org/flag/faq>