

## FLAG CEREMONY #2

Set up.

Have the flags placed to the sides of the podium, even with it, and about 4-5' on each side of it.

This will take 3-4 youth. If we only have 3 then the last youth does the 4<sup>th</sup> part also.

Each youth stands to the side after he has said his piece.

- 1<sup>st</sup> youth: Many flags and banners have flown over the America. From Norse explorers to the banners of the colonists, each identified those who followed it. However only one flag has represented the Republic, a free people bound together under one banner sanctified by the lives that have been given to protect that freedom.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> youth: Through civil war, political turmoil, depression, and disaster, our flag has not changed little except for the addition of additional stars representing the inclusion of each new state that joined the Republic. For over 200 years it has been the banner of freedom to which the world looked and under whom millions sought protection.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> youth: We the people formed the Republic and said so the beginning of our Constitution. The events of the past days have shown that underneath the surface, we the people will still sustain the Republic and the symbol we have chosen is still the Flag of the United States of America.
- 4<sup>th</sup> youth: Please rise and join me in pledging our allegiance to flag and the Republic it represents.

All leave.