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## **Flag lines, Funerals Services and Formal Ceremonies**

This document is to correctly identify the staging of flags during funeral ceremonies at the Idaho State Veterans Cemetery and other formal ceremonies attended by Boise Valley POW/MIA Corporation. The purpose of this document is to create continuity for each and every time flags are staged. The military unit flags will be staged in accordance to DOD directive 1005.8 established 1972 (see below). This document will also be a directive for staging flags on motorcycles during parades and other formal events in accordance with the Boise Valley POW/MIA Flags and Equipment Chairman. The following will be a brief description of the correct formations and protocol during these events:

- The Master of Ceremony will be the Boise Valley POW/MIA Sergeant at Arms.
- A color guard will be present at all formal ceremonies and funerals. The color guard at a minimum will consist of the National Ensign and POW/MIA flag. The color guard will consist of two members (preferably current officers of the Boise Valley POW/MIA Corporation). The Boise Valley POW/MIA Color Guard can also consist of four flags in accordance to special arraignment by the Boise Valley POW/MIA Sergeant At Arms.
- The Idaho State Flag will always be staged in position #1 unless staged with the color guard as called out above. In the absence of the State of Idaho flag from the flag line to be place in the above color guard, all flags would move one position forward.
- The order of precedence when displaying military flags together is 1) Army, 2) Marine Corps, 3) Navy, 4) Air Force and 5) Coast Guard. The basic citation is Department of Defense Directive 1005.8. It's promulgated down the line in various service directives. The Boise Valley Flags and Equipment Coordinator will stage flags in accordance to this directive at all times.

➤ SERVICE FLAGS (By order of Service (DOD Dir 1005.8))

ARMY FLAG	11 July 1775
MARINE FLAG	10 November 1775
NAVY FLAG	13 October 1775*
AIR FORCE FLAG	18 September 1947
COAST GUARD FLAG	4 August 1790



- Merchant Marine Flag will be positioned right after the Military branch flags in position 7. The US conflicts flags will be staged in positions 8-12 in the following order: 8) World War II; 9) Korean War; 10) Vietnam War; 11) Operation Desert Storm; 12) Operation Iraqi Freedom, 13) Operation Enduring Freedom.
- All other Unit flags and miscellaneous flags can be staged in any further order in slots 14-23.
- In the situation that we are short on members to staff all 22 flags, the flags in positions 1-13 will take precedent first. On occasion a specific unit flag can be pulled from ranks and can be added to the above color guard if requested for specific funerals only.

### **Commands in the flag line:**

The Boise Valley POW/MIA Corporation Sergeant at Arms (SAA) will be giving the commands during formations in the flag line. If you are standing in a flag line, you will be required to know the commands and ensure that you can stand in a formation type of setting for the desired amount of time. This is important to make sure we present ourselves in a professional manner when we are in the public eye.

**Parade Rest:** Flag forward with your right arms extended, base of the flag pole at the outside toe of your right shoe. Left hand placed in the small of your back.

**Flag line Attention:** Flag upright in right arm at a 90 degree bend.

**Present Arms:** (color guard only). Nation Ensign straight up, POW/MIA dipped forward and height lower than the national ensign.

**Order Arms:** (color guard only). Same as "Attention" above.

**Flag line Dismissed:** Command given at the end of the ceremony by the Boise Valley Sergeant at Arms to dismiss participants from the flag line.

During Military Honors at funerals there will be no commands from the Boise Valley POW/MIA SAA. Commands of the Boise Valley POW/MIA Color Guard will go off queue of the Honor Guard, which normally is the Rifle Detail Fire Commander. The color guard along with the flag line will follow commands of the Honor Guard. An easy way to follow these commands is queue off the Boise Valley POW/MIA SAA. Whatever position the SAA is in, will be the correct position for the flag line. Remember if you are holding a flag you DO NOT render a hand salute! Once the ceremony is completed, the SAA will post before the BV POW/MIA Color Guard and have the Color Sergeant retire the colors. Once this is completed, the BV POW/MIA SAA will give the command "Flag line Dismissed". At that time all flag holders will walk in a single file line back to the previous staging area where the flags will be rolled up, sheathed and put away. (Normally at the ISVC restroom bldg).

### **Uniform of the Day:**

The uniform of the day for funerals is a white long sleeve "Never Forget" collar shirt, black jeans or trousers with your black POW/MIA vest. Cover can either be a black beret/other authorized military cover. Authorized ball caps will be black POW/MIA or black Military Service related ball caps.

## Boise Valley POW/MIA Parade Deck Formation



**1. State of Idaho**



**2. US Army**



**3. US Marine Corps**



**4. US Navy**



**5. US Air Force**



**6. US Coast Guard**



**7. Merchant Marines**



**8. World War II**



**9. Korean War**



**10. Vietnam**

**X Sergeant at Arms**



**11. Desert Storm**



**POW/MIA**



**12. Iraqi Freedom**



**National Ensign**



**13. Enduring Freedom**

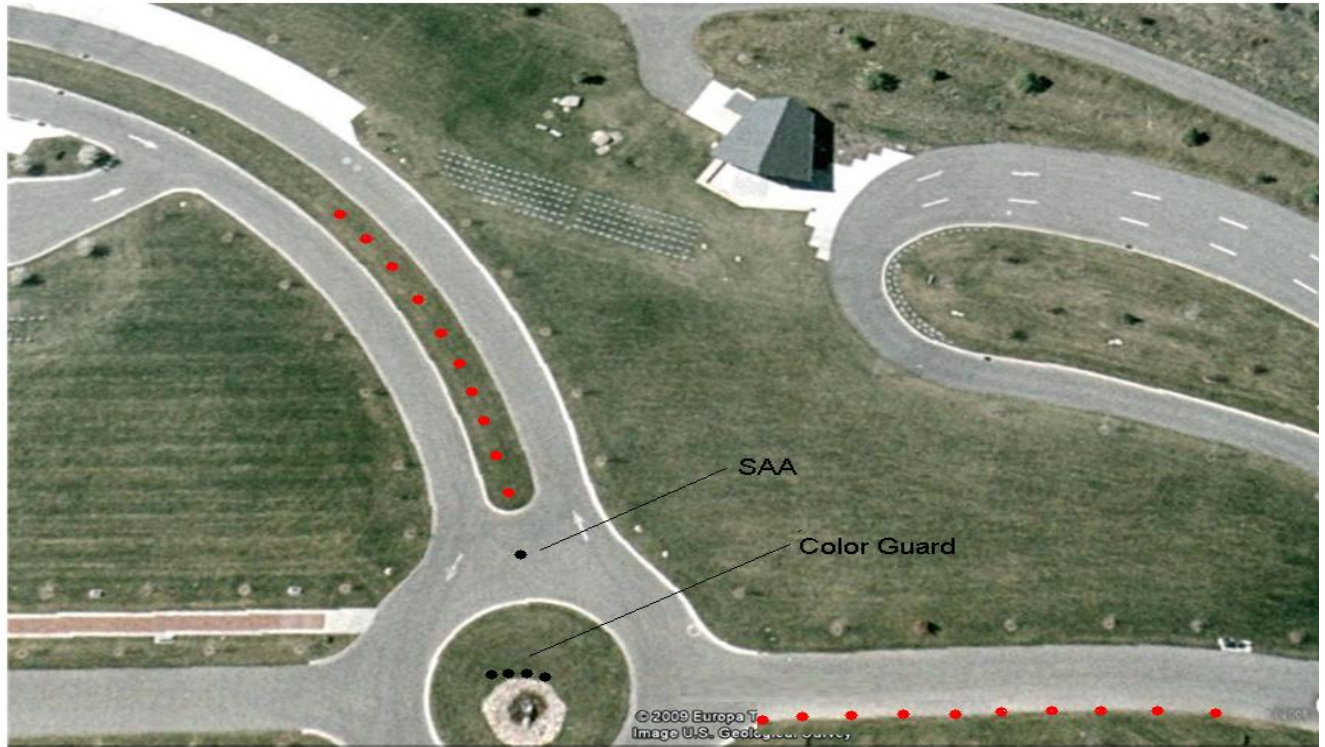


**14. All Other Flags (14-23).**

## Boise Valley POW/MIA Formation Inside ISVC

● = BV POW/MIA ■ = BV POW/MIA COLOR GUARD ▲ = BV SAA

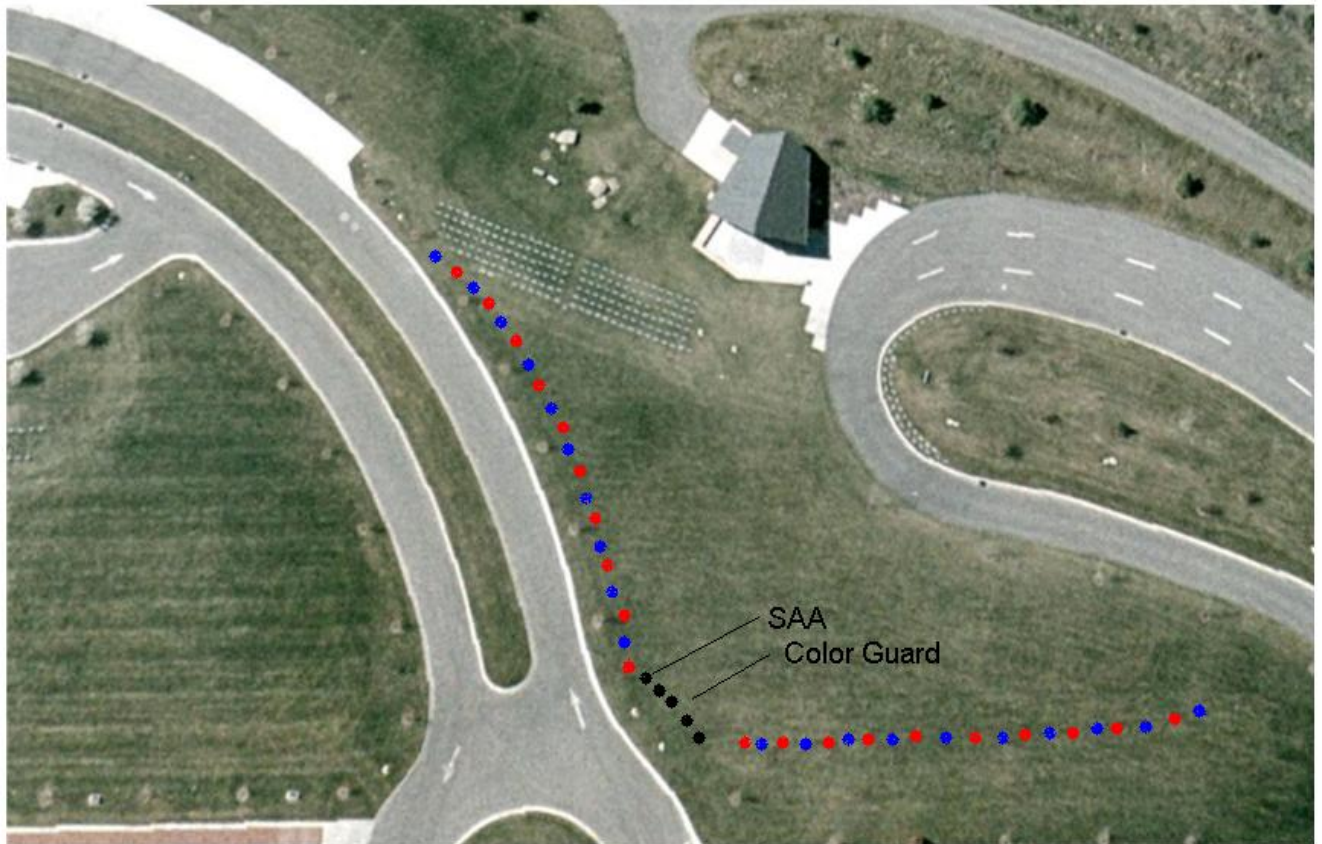
Example of Twenty Flag line inside Idaho State Veterans Cemetery



## Boise Valley POW/MIA Formation Inside ISVC

Example of a forty position flag line inside Idaho State Veterans Cemetery (Combined Boise Valley POW/MIA and PGR Mission).

● = BV POW/MIA x = PGR ■ = BV POW/MIA COLOR GUARD ▲ = BV SAA





## Boise Valley POW/MIA Formation Columbarium Wall:

● = BV POW/MIA   ■ = BV POW/MIA COLOR GUARD   ▲ = BV SAA  
Example of 20 position flag line at the Columbarium Wall at the ISVC.

