

Formation of HGA Flag Fold Team

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➤ Our Executive Committee decided on June 15, 2021 to refine our Flag-Folding procedure as stated in the meeting minutes:

“Outreach Flag Fold Detail

- *It was decided the Color Guard is not responsible to provide a flag folding detail.*
- *Commander Dutcher recommended developing a Flag Folding/Narration Team. Assistant Commander Boone will coordinate.*
- *Assistant Commander Boone asked that Squad Leaders see who on their squad is interested in being part of a folding and narration team and report back to him.*
- *The flag folds includes a narration of the meaning of each fold.”*

➤ We’ve been folding the American Flag honoring our deceased Veterans since July 1999

- Each Squad also performs this duty unique to the respective procedure of that Squad, meaning we tend to fold the Flag by Squad format versus a common, consistent HGA format

➤ I will be visiting each Squad on your duty day in the near future to initiate discussion and develop a plan to:

- Recognize each Squad’s position on flag-folding history & interests
- Introduce the “Honor Guard Manual” guidance for conducting the Flag Fold. This manual is the same reference used in creating SOP HG-3, complimenting this procedure with our existing MFH guidance.
- Identify Squad members interested in building an organization-level procedure that leads to any team member joining another member to seamlessly fold the Flag regardless of their Squad affiliation
- Identify Squad members also willing to read the “13 Fold” narrative when our Association is requested to do so.
- Suggest a date or dates to convene with the interested Squad members

➤ Would you please disseminate this info to your Squad so everyone can think about participating in this initiative?

Thanks, Don