



## POW/MIA Flag Ceremony

To be presented at services for POW and returned MIAs

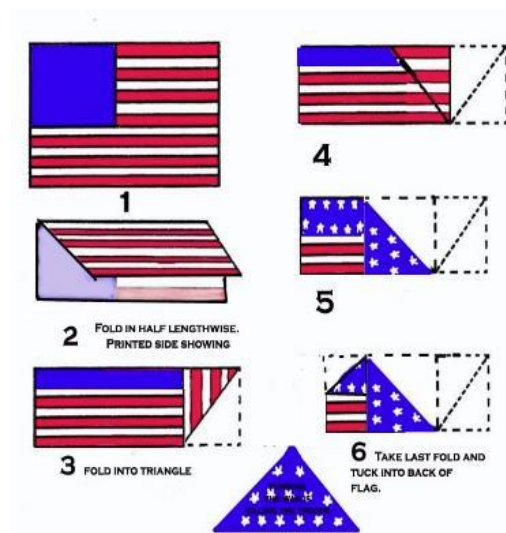


Approach the family, a spokesperson for the family, funeral director or minister to confirm that this ceremony is desired by the family.

With a new POW/MIA flag (standard white on black) enlist the assistance of at least one veteran outside the chapel to help fold the flag. Person performing this ceremony should be appropriately dressed.

Begin folding the POW/MIA flag in the same manner as folding the American flag.

Explain that the POW/MIA flag is folded in this manner to honor and respect the American flag. Carry the folded flag into the chapel.



At the agreed upon time the director of the service will either call for you or nod to you to proceed.

Approach the flag-draped casket and face the congregation. (If there is an urn there should still be an American flag displayed for Military Honors.) State the service, rank and full name of the deceased followed by capture date and release date. Repeat service, rank and full name. About face.

Touch the POW/MIA flag to the stars of the American flag. If assisted at the casket state, “Hand salute” (the American flag) followed by, “Two.” (Person holding flag does not salute – merely bows their head.)

Turn to take flag to next of kin (preferably the mate).

**On one knee or bending at the waist present the POW/MIA flag saying, “On this flag it states, ‘You are not forgotten.’ We present this flag to you to affirm the message (that we recognize our obligation), ‘We will not forget.’” Present the flag, stand, salute the POW/MIA flag and return to your seat/station. I have been told that it is not inappropriate to salute the POW/MIA flag. You are honoring those the flag represents.**