

## All Knightdale Scout Flag Retirement Ceremony

11/11/2019

Blue Star Memorial – Knightdale Station Park

Time: 7:00 – 7:45 p.m.

Scout Gathering/Fire Pits: 6:30 p.m.

Agenda:

**Opening** – Jason Brinkley Pack 347

(Welcome, General Overview, Info, Thanks)

**Color Guard Opening:** US Flag, Troop and Pack 347 Flags, Troop and Pack 365 Flags

Color Guard leader brings room to order. (Raise the Scout sign if needed.) The Color Guard leader walks to the front of the room and face audience. Color Guard leader: "Will the Audience please rise?" Give the audience time to rise. Color Guard leader: "Color Guard, POST THE COLORS. SCOUT SALUTE." Scouts carry the US & Pack flags walking double file. Color Guard leader: "Please join us in the Pledge of Allegiance." "I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands: one Nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all." Color Guard leader: "TWO." Color Guard leader: "Please join us now in the Scout Law. Scout Sign. A Scout is..." Color Guard leader: "Please join us now in the Scout Oath. On my honor..." Color Guard leader: "TWO. "Color Guard, return to ranks!" The color guard walks back out double-file to wait at the back of the room. Color Guard leader: "Color guard, dismissed. Please be seated." The Color Guard leader and color guard return to their seats.

**Opening Prayer** – Adrian Dixon

## Flag Retirement Ceremony –

(SCOUTS 1,2,3,4 LINE UP IN FRONT OF THE FIRES)

**Scout 1:** Title 36, Section 176, of the United States Code states, “No disrespect should be shown to the flag of the United States of America.” Furthermore, Paragraph (K) of this same Title 36, Section 176 states, “The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning.” The BSA publication “Our Flag” states, “When the national flag is worn beyond repair, burn it thoroughly and completely on a modest, but blazing fire. This should be done in a simple manner with dignity and respect. Be sure the flag is reduced to ashes, unrecognizable as a former flag.” The flag we present tonight was inspected earlier this day. During that inspection it was found to be no longer suitable for display. A fresh new flag now flies in it's place.

**Scout 2:** Tonight we will retire this great symbol of freedom throughout the world. Please remain silent until directed otherwise. ABSOLUTE DIGNITY MUST BE MAINTAINED THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE CEREMONY! Please stand out of respect for the flag of our great nation. Scouts, attention.

Just a simple piece of colored cloth; sewn together in a red, white, and blue design. A piece of cloth that of itself does nothing more than hang or blow in the wind. Each flag does not only represent its own history, but that of every flag that has flow before it.

**Scout 3:** To many millions of people throughout our nations glorious history, it has stood tall, standing as a monument of Freedom, for all Americans. Men and women have given their lives for it, fought for it, cried for it, and revered it as a symbol of the greatest country on earth. Books, songs, and poems have been written for it, and our National Anthem was inspired by it. Each day our children are encouraged to pledge their allegiance to it, and whenever it is raised or passes by, we all place our hands over our hearts or salute it. It stands for the freedom we all share and the pride and patriotism we feel for our country.

**Scout 4** (stands by American Flag): I am your flag. I was born on June 14, 1777. I am more than just a piece of cloth shaped into a colorful design. I am the refuge of the world's oppressed people. I am the silent sentinel of freedom. I am the emblem of the greatest sovereign nation on earth. I am the inspiration for which American Patriots gave their lives and fortunes. I have led your sons into battle from Valley Forge to the dry deserts of Iraq. I walked in silence with each of your honored dead to their final resting place, beneath the silent white crosses row upon row. I have flown through peace and war, strife and prosperity, and amidst it all I have been respected. "Old Glory" is my nickname; proudly I wave on high. Honor me, respect me, and defend me with your lives and your fortunes. Never let my enemies tear me down from my lofty position lest I never return. Keep alight the fires of patriotism, strive earnestly for the spirit of democracy, and keep me always as a symbol of freedom and liberty in our country.

When I am old and faded, do not let me fly in disrepair, rather retire me from my duties only to replace me with a new flag so that I may continue to symbolize our country. With this, renew your commitment to what I stand for and pledge your allegiance to me one final time.

(SCOUTS 1 2 3 4 MOVE TO TABLE OF PREPARED FLAGS)

**Scout 1:** Seven red stripes and six white stripes; together they represent the original 13 colonies that gained us liberty

**Scout 2:** The RED stripes remind us of the lifeblood of brave men and women who were ready to die for our country

**Scout 3:** The WHITE stripes remind us of purity and cleanliness of purpose, thought, word and deed.

**Scout 4:** The BLUE is for truth and justice, like the eternal blue of the heavens under which we fly.

**Scout 1:** The STARS represent and unify the 50 states of our great country

**Scout 2:** Scouts will now retire the stars and stripes

(EACH SCOUT 1,2,3,4 TAKES ONE STRIP TO THE FLAME; THEN OTHER SCOUTS TAKE LINE UP AND RETIRE STRIPS TO THE FLAMES MONITORED BY FIRE PATROL. )

**Scout 3 (once scouts are done):** We now invite veterans in the audience to please step forward and to assist in retiring the stars.

(VETS COME FORWARD AND RETIRE AVAILABLE STARS THEN LINE UP TO THE SIDE)

**Scout 4:** Please give a round of applause to honor these and all other veterans for their service.

(APPLAUSE)

**Scout 1:** To close this ceremony, please honor our nation and join in singing "God Bless America".

*God bless America, land that I love.  
Stand beside Her, and guide Her,  
Through the night, with the light from above.  
From the mountains, to the prairies,  
To the oceans white with foam.  
God bless America, my home sweet home.  
God bless America, my home sweet home.*

**Closing:** Franklin Johnston Pack 365

(Closing Remarks, Invite for Leadership, Meetings)

**Color Guard Closing:** Color Guard leader: "Will the Audience please rise?" Let audience rise. Color Guard leader: "Color Guard, Advance." Color Guard goes to front of room and divides up equally beside each flag. Color Guard leader: "Color Guard, Retrieve the Colors. SCOUT SALUTE." The color guard walks back out double-file. Color Guard leader: "TWO"