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1. Purpose. This regulation specifies the procedures to be followed for the use and display of all flags, including the major command flag, the major subordinate command flag, and the Corps of Engineers' "castle" flag.
2. Applicability. This regulation is applicable to HQ USACE, all FOA, and Engineer vessels.
3. References.
 - a. AR 840-10.
 - b. ER 1125-2-304.
4. Authorized flags. Corps of Engineers offices are authorized to fly only the flag of the United States and other flags listed herein. Flags not identified in this regulation and flags that have been locally modified in appearance are not authorized. Unauthorized and modified flags that are now in use must be retired.
5. U.S. Army flag. In accordance with AR 840-10, figure 1-2, "Flags authorized for Army echelons and organizations," this flag is authorized only for the Office of the Chief of Engineers and the offices of the Engineer Divisions. It is described in paragraph 4-1b of AR 840-10.
6. Chief of Engineers' flag. This is a distinguishing flag that recognizes the position of the Chief of Engineers. It is authorized for indoor display and ceremonies only.
 - a. Authorization is governed by paragraph 3-17 of AR 840-10.
 - b. This flag is scarlet, with the branch insignia for the Corps of Engineers in white, detailed black with red windows. It has a white fringe. The size is 3 feet hoist by 4 feet fly.
 - c. This flag is not a "positional color." Only flags denoting offices ranging from that of the President of the United States down to and including that of the Vice Chief of Staff of the Army are referred to as positional colors.

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7. Major command flag.

a. The Corps of Engineers was designated a major command of the Army by General Order 13, HQ, Department of the Army, dated 14 June 1979 and effective 16 June 1979. As a major command, the Corps of Engineers is entitled to several heraldic items, including a shoulder sleeve insignia (already in use in USACE FOA in 1979), a distinctive badge (unit insignia, commonly referred to as a unit crest), and a distinguishing flag.

b. The distinguishing flag of the major command, in accordance with paragraph 5-7 of AR 840-10, is dark blue, trimmed on three sides with yellow fringe. The shoulder sleeve insignia for the Corps of Engineers is 15 inches high and is centered on the flag. The flag is authorized only for the Office of the Chief of Engineers for indoor display and ceremonies.

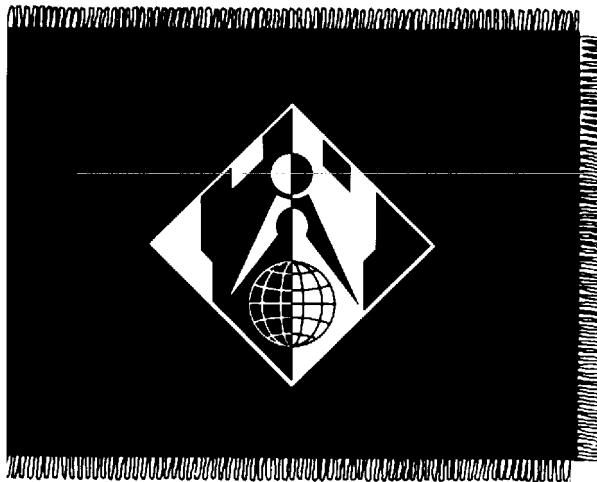


Figure 1. The major command flag of the Corps of Engineers.

8. Major subordinate command flag. On 13 November 1980, the Chief of Engineers designated the Engineer Divisions as the only major subordinate commands of the Corps of Engineers. Only Engineer Division offices are authorized to display subordinate command flags.

a. This flag is scarlet with a 10-inch white stripe centered and running from top to bottom. The branch shoulder sleeve insignia, 15 inches high, is centered on the white stripe. The size is 3 feet hoist by 4 feet fly. The flag has yellow fringe on three sides.

b. Each Engineer Division is authorized one flag. It is authorized for indoor display and ceremonies only.

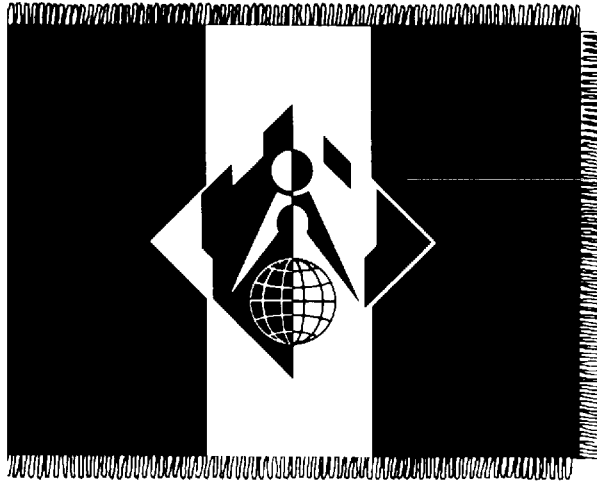


Figure 2. The major subordinate command flag of Engineer Division offices.

9. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers distinguishing flag ("castle" flag).

a. By endorsement dated 20 May 1981, the Director, U.S. Army Institute of Heraldry, authorized a distinguishing flag for use by the Corps of Engineers. Prior to that time, Corps of Engineers activities, which are staffed largely by civilians and generally located outside of military installations, had no distinctive flags specified in Army Regulations with which their personnel could identify. This flag fills a heraldic void inherent in that situation. It is authorized for use by Divisions, Districts, laboratories, and separate offices.

b. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers distinguishing ("castle") flag is a scarlet nylon flag, without fringe, on which is centered the branch insignia for the Corps of Engineers in white, detailed black, with scarlet windows and doors. It should not be confused with the fringed distinguishing flag of the Chief of Engineers, described in paragraph 6 above, which is authorized only for the office of the Chief of Engineers.

c. The use of distinguishing flags for Army Engineers dates back at least to 1862, when General Order 102 of the Army of the Potomac authorized an Engineer flag for each Division. This flag consisted of a white disc on a field that was the same color as the flag of the Division to which the Engineers belonged.

d. The tradition of a scarlet Engineer flag with castle dates back to 1866. In that year, General Order 93, HQ, Department of War, specified the colors and design for the flag of the Engineer Battalion. This flag was to be scarlet with the castle in the center, "US" above and "Engineers" below the castle, all in silver, with a white fringe. This appears to have been the first use of the scarlet flag with castle for any Engineer flag.

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e. Outdoor use of the "castle" flag by area offices, visitor centers, and other activities of Engineer Districts may be authorized by District Engineers.

f. The only size authorized for indoor display is 3 feet hoist by 4 feet fly. The indoor flag is made of rayon banner cloth.

10. Order of precedence for indoor display.

a. HQ USACE:

- (1) United States flag.
- (2) U.S. Army flag.
- (3) Major command flag.
- (4) Distinguishing flag of the Chief of Engineers.
- (5) General officer's flag (if two or more, in order of rank).

b. Engineer Divisions:

- (1) United States flag.
- (2) U.S. Army flag.
- (3) Major Subordinate Command flag.
- (4) U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' distinguishing ("castle") flag.
- (5) Individual flag, if commander is a general officer.

c. Other FOA:

- (1) United States flag.
- (2) U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' distinguishing ("castle") flag.
- (3) Individual flag, if commander is a general officer.

11. Indoor display from staffs.

a. When the flags are grouped and displayed from staffs radiating from a central point (Figure 3), the flag of the United States will be at the center and at the highest point. The identifying numbers 1 through 5 in the drawing refer to the flags listed in paragraphs 10a and 10b.

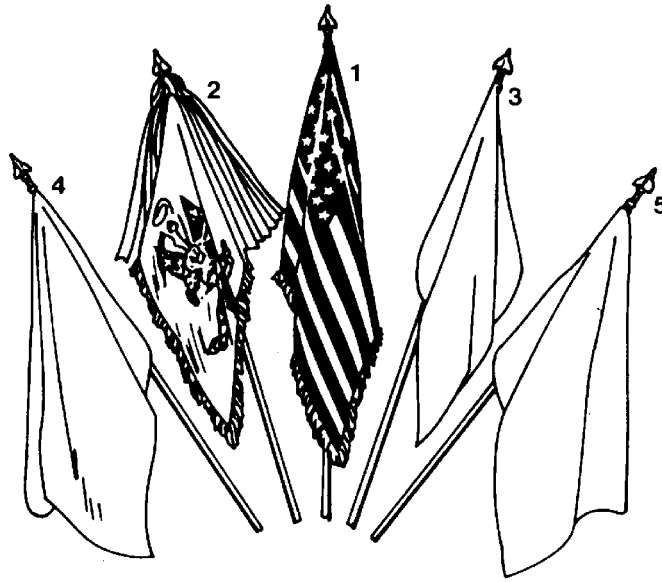


Figure 3. United States flag displayed in center of line.

b. When the flags are displayed from staffs set in a line, the United States flag will be on the right, i.e., on the left of an observer facing the display. Other authorized flags will be placed on the left of the United States flag in the declining order of precedence.

c. The flag of the United States may be placed at the center of the line provided that it is displayed on a higher level (Figure 4). In this case the order of sequence will be the same as a group radiating from a central point.

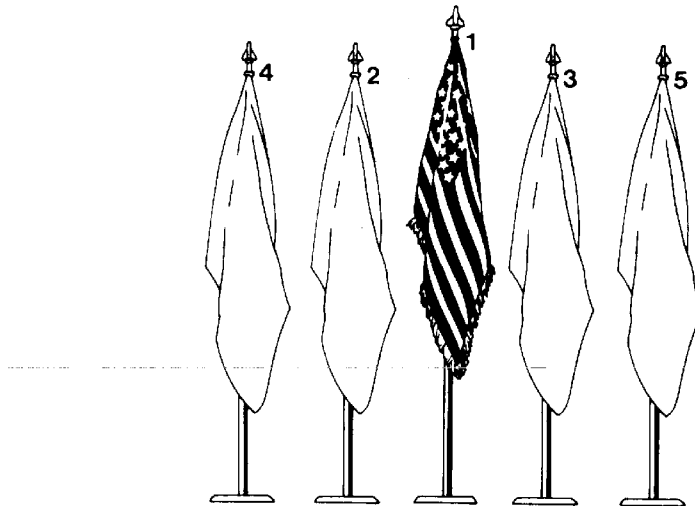


Figure 4. Flags displayed in group with staffs radiating.

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12. Ceremonies involving the participation of the Assistant Secretary of the Army/Civil Works (ASA/CW). Corps of Engineers headquarters and field offices responsible for organizing ceremonies marking openings, anniversaries, or other civil works special occasions at which ASA/CW will be present shall notify the office of the ASA/CW that the event would be appropriate for display of the positional color of the ASA/CW. Such notification will be to the Office of the Executive to the ASA/CW, Washington, DC 20310, telephone 202-697-9809, and will provide sufficient time for delivery of the positional color to the office prior to the ceremony.

a. If the Office of the ASA/CW provides the positional color, the proper order of precedence is for the flag to be displayed below the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers distinguishing flag ("castle" flag) and above the individual flags of general officers.

b. If the Office of the ASA/CW declines to provide the positional color, individual flags of general officers will not be displayed.

13. Safety flags. In accordance with rules and safety standards established by each Division Engineer, a flag denoting outstanding safety performance may be flown at any project site or office of the Corps of Engineers under the Division Engineer's jurisdiction. The flag for that purpose will conform to specifications of the National Safety Council and have a green cross safety emblem centered on a white field. The safety flag will not be flown from the same staff as the American ensign and will not be included in an official ceremonial display with the flags listed above. Three sizes of the safety flag are authorized: hoist of 2 feet, 3 feet, and 4 feet with flies of 3 feet, 5 feet, and 6 feet, respectively. The most appropriate size will be flown.

14. Flags for vessels.

a. Vessels belonging to the Corps of Engineers, when in commission and manned, will carry the American ensign and the Corps of Engineers distinguishing flag or "castle" flag at all times between 0800 hours and sunset, unless the particular work on which a vessel is engaged renders the display of flags impracticable. The design of the "castle" flag shall be as described in paragraph 9b above.

b. The term "vessel," as used in this regulation, applies only to (1) self-propelled ships and boats, except small work launches, (2) craft without propulsion having mechanical installations that require the continuous quartering of the crew on board, and (3) floating plant used as the headquarters of a construction or survey party in the field when not in tow.

c. Flags on vessels will be flown at locations described below. Under no circumstances will the engineer flag or any other flag or pennant be flown on the same staff as the American ensign.

<u>VESSEL EQUIPPED WITH</u>	<u>AMERICAN ENSIGN</u>	<u>ENGINEER FLAG</u>
Bow staff only	not flown	bow staff
Bow & stern staffs only	stern staff	bow staff
Bow staff & mast only	mast (at the gaff)	bow staff
Bow & stern staffs & mast(s)	stern staff or main mast (at the gaff)	bow staff
One mast (no staffs)	mast (at the gaff)	on halyard, on port side & below ensign
More than one mast (no staffs)	main mast (at the gaff)	on halyard, on subordinate mast

d. Each vessel belonging to the Corps of Engineers will be furnished American ensigns and Engineer flags. Two sizes of each flag will be furnished, the larger for use in fair weather and the smaller for use in stormy weather. The sizes will be as listed below.

Type of Craft	Fair Weather		Stormy Weather	
	American Ensign	Engineer Flag	American Ensign	Engineer Flag

Vessels

Longer than 150'	5'x9.5'	6'x8'	3.52'x6.61'	4'x6'
85' to 150' long	5'x9.5'	4'x6'	3.52'x6.69'	2'x3'
shorter than 85'	2.37'x4.5'	2'x3'	2.37'x4.5'	2'x3'

Launches

none	12"x18"	none	12"x18"
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e. In addition to the above flags, Division and District Engineers may authorize the flying of a pennant to denote the presence of the Division Engineer or District Engineer aboard a vessel. Only one such pennant may be flown aboard a vessel at any given time. The pennant will not be flown from the same staff as the national ensign and will be removed when the officer leaves the vessel. The authorized dimensions of pennants for District and Division Engineers are 29-inch hoist, 45-inch fly, and two-inch heading. Design of these pennants is as follows:

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(1) Division Engineer pennant: vertical red, white, and blue sections, with the red section next to the mast or staff and the white section in the middle. The red section is nine inches wide. The middle white section is 15 inches wide and contains an Engineer castle centered vertically and horizontally. The blue section is 19 inches wide.

(2) District Engineer pennant: the Engineer castle in red centered vertically on a white field, with the center of the castle located 14.5 inches horizontally from the heading.

(3) The Engineer castle on both pennants will have a 12-inch overall horizontal dimension and 7.37-inch overall vertical dimension.

(4) Colors: the red will be Old Glory red (#70180) and the blue will be National Flag blue (#70077).

f. A boat flag indicating the presence of a general officer may be flown instead of a District Engineer or Division Engineer pennant. Only one boat flag, representing the senior general officer on board, may be flown at any given time. The boat flag should be flown from the mast, staff, or other location normally used for the pennants of District and Division Engineers. Boat flags for general officers are described in AR 840-10.

g. Safety flags may be flown on any vessel of the Corps of Engineers as determined by the Division Engineer with jurisdiction over the vessel. The flag for that purpose is described in paragraph 12 above. The safety flag will not be flown from the same staff as the American ensign. The most appropriate authorized size will be flown on a vessel.

15. Supply of flags and related items.

a. All authorized flags, streamer sets and streamer set attachments, and silver bands, for use on land are available through the normal supply system from the U.S. Army Support Activity, Philadelphia. Questions regarding supply should be directed to Commander, U.S. Army Troop Support Command, U.S. Army Support Activity, Philadelphia (Attn: STRAP-SE), P.O. Box 13460, Philadelphia, PA 19101-3460. The commercial telephone number is 215-952-2521. The AUTOVON number is 444-2521. Local procurement is not authorized.

b. Boat flags for general officers are also available from the U.S. Army Support Activity, Philadelphia.

c. American ensigns, "castle" flags for vessels, pennants for District and Division Engineers, and safety flags will be procured from U.S. Army Engineer District Philadelphia, ATTN:

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CENAP-CT-P, Custom House, 2nd & Chestnut Streets, Philadelphia, PA
19106-2991. The commercial telephone number is 215-597-4716. The FTS
number is 597-4716.

16. Inquiries. Questions regarding the use and display of flags should
be directed to CDR USACE (CEHO-S), Kingman Building, Fort Belvoir VA
22060-5577. The commercial telephone number is 202-355-2543. The FTS
number is 385-2543.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert C. Lee', written in a cursive style.

ROBERT C. LEE
Colonel, Corps of Engineers
Chief of Staff