

OPENING FLAG CEREMONY  
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Since time began, every nation or clan has designed some emblem to symbolize the principles for which its people stand. No matter in what form that emblem might be, its ideals and principles have inspired its people to follow it to eternity. So with honor and pride, we pay tribute today to our flags which stand for Liberty, Justice, and Right.

Carrying the American flag is \_\_\_\_ escorted by Lamplighters \_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_

I am Old Glory — born amid the flames of America’s struggle for freedom. I am a symbol of my country’s motto “E Pluribus Unum”, meaning one from many. My stripes permanently honor the little group of 13 colonies whose fight for freedom inspired so many, in countries around the world. My stars in their blue sky point proudly to our growth - from sea to shining sea.

Through dark hours as well as triumphs, I have been looked upon as a symbol of national unity. So long as American love liberty more than life itself, so long as the principles of truth, justice, and charity for all remain deeply rooted in human hearts, I shall continue to be the enduring banner of the United States of America.

As the flag is carried is carried to the standard we will sing GOD BLESS AMERICA. Carrying the Kansas flag is \_\_\_\_\_ escorted by \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

God bless America, land that I love,  
Stand beside her and guide her, through the night with a light from above.  
From the mountains, to the prairies, to the oceans white with foam.  
God bless America, my home sweet home.  
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Clean air - rolling golden wheat fields - miles and miles of flat highways - hills and valleys - large cities - small towns - buffalo - native golden sunflowers - wild geese - clear water lakes - the meadowlark - the honeybee - the mighty cottonwood trees - manufacturing plants - ranches - small farms - churches to worship as you please - major medical centers - small town doctors - universities - small colleges - sports - musical entertainment - You - me and our families.

Yes, all of these things are in the great state of Kansas. As you look at our State

things reflected in her design and colors. We salute this flag representing our beloved state of Kansas, located in the heart of the nation. As the flag is carried to the standard we shall sing "Home on the Range." Carrying the All Faith's Flag is \_\_\_\_\_ escorted by \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

Oh, give me a home where the buffalo roam,  
where the deer and the antelope play.  
Where seldom is heard, a discouraging word,  
and the skies are not cloudy all day.  
Home, home on the range,  
Where the deer and the antelope play  
Where seldom is heard a discouraging word  
And the skies are not cloudy all day.

"The ESA Flag of All—Faiths" is symbolic of all our faiths, without regard to denomination, creed or sect. The green represents the spiritual growth in our lives, while the white dove of peace serves as a reminder to keep within our hearts, a prayer for peace and love throughout the world. The International circle represents all ESA women who have joined hands across the seas, working together in harmony and friendship. May this symbol, representing one of the four great freedoms, freedom of religion, give us continued strength, courage and faith to serve mankind and one another.

As this flag is placed in its standard we will sing BATTLE HYMN OF REPUBLIC.

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord:  
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored,  
He hath loosed the fateful lightening of His terrible swift sword;  
His truth is marching on.  
Glory, Glory, hallelujah!  
Glory, Glory, hallelujah!  
Glory, Glory, hallelujah!  
His truth is marching on.

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,  
With a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me;  
As he died to make men holy, let us die to make men free,  
While God is marching on.  
Glory, Glory, hallelujah!  
Glory, Glory, hallelujah!  
Glory, Glory, hallelujah!  
His truth is marching on.

Carrying the ESA flag is \_\_\_\_\_ escorted by \_\_\_\_\_

and \_\_\_\_\_

I am Epsilon Sigma Alpha, the heritage of you all. I am the Flag of Blue and Gold. I honor those who before me have trod the path of ESA; I honor those who saw the vision, felt the Spirit and laid the Cornerstone.

I pay tribute to the handclasp; to our Founders who made possible the opportunity to clasp friendly hands across the seas, plains, mountains, and valleys. I pay tribute to the Golden Lamp of Learning; the "Right to be of Service"; to the Open Book, an emblem unfolding the wealth of knowledge and to the strength of wisdom. I pay tribute to the Jonquil and the candles on the crest.

I shall ever wave for ESA symbolizing your magnificent principles and heritage.

As we have paid tribute to our ESA flag, please remain in position, as we pay tribute to you in your own song written especially for you by Florence Ellis.

ESA FLAG: Tune: Jewel Pin Song

We honor the flag that you bear  
We cherish the letters written there  
We love the Jonquils yellow hue  
We love our Sister Joan, too.

We proudly hail you on this day  
And wish you luck along the way  
Kansas will help you get to the top  
For we love you and ESA.