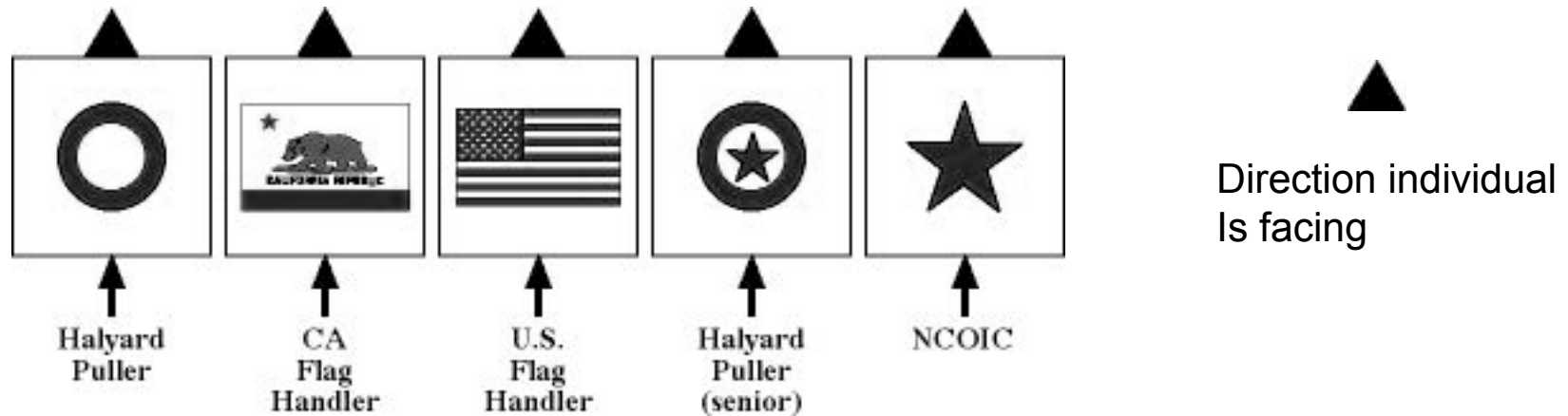


# Flag Detail

**Part 1**  
**Raising the Flag**



# Formation



The Flag Detail should be formed in line formation at Close Interval, Dress Right Dress between members.

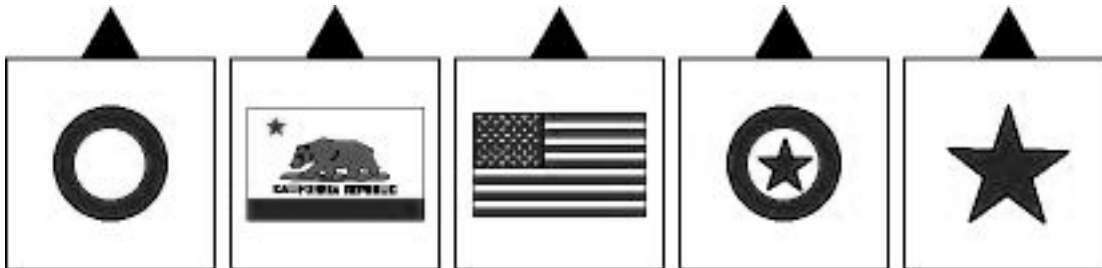
NCOIC is in the position of “squad leader” at the unit’s rightmost position.

# Approach

Flagpole

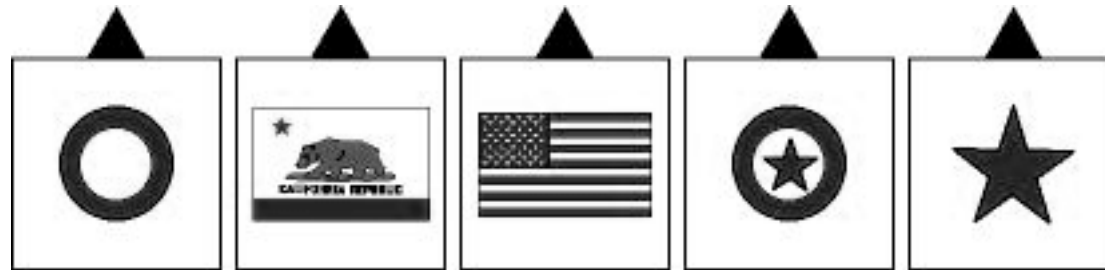


The NCOIC marches the detail so the flag handlers are centered on the flagpole and commands **Detail, HALT** when the detail is 1 step in front of the flagpole



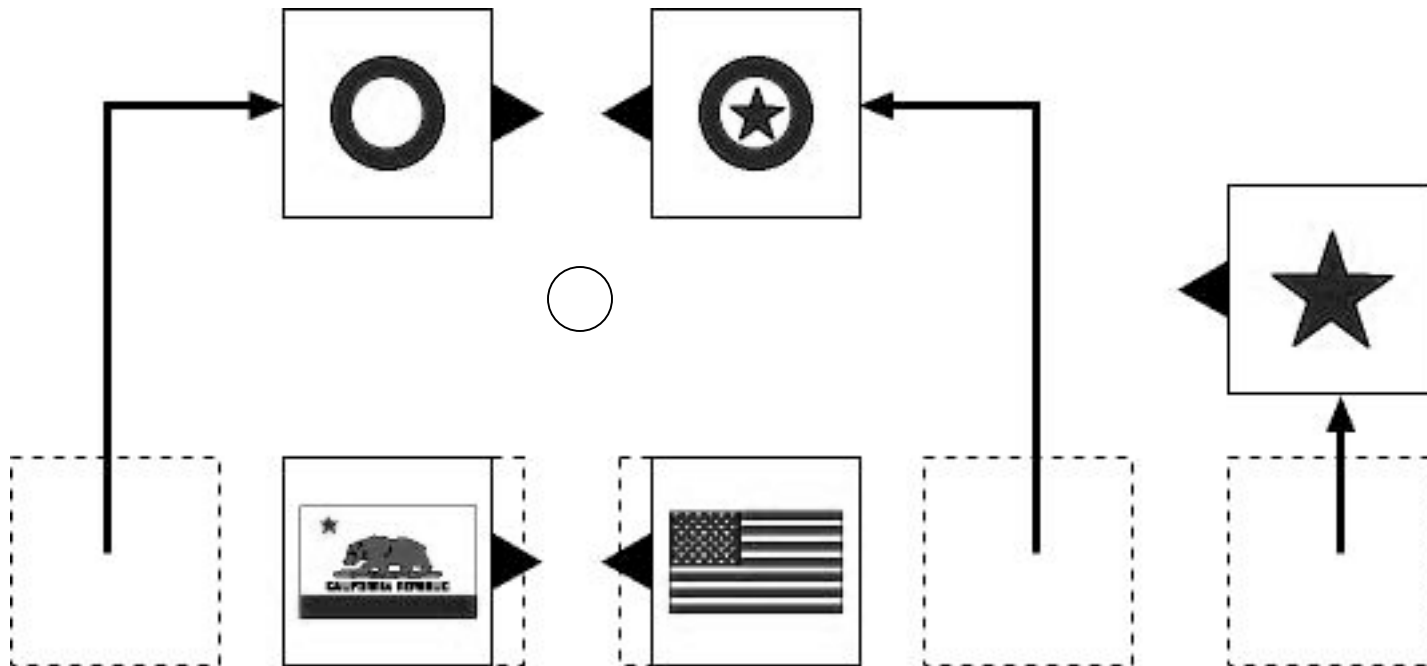
# Approach

Flagpole



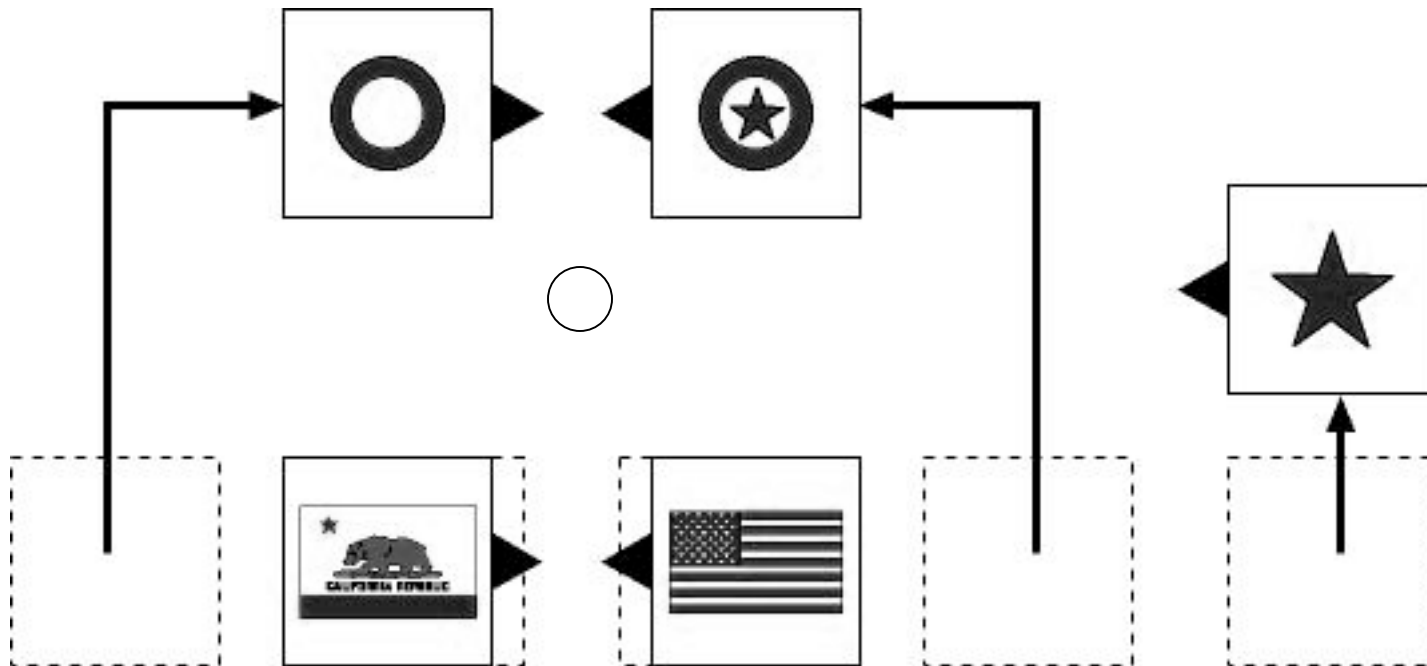
# Approach

The NCOIC commands **POST**. The halyard pullers march forward and 1 step past the flagpole, perform flanks towards each other and halt together when at the pole



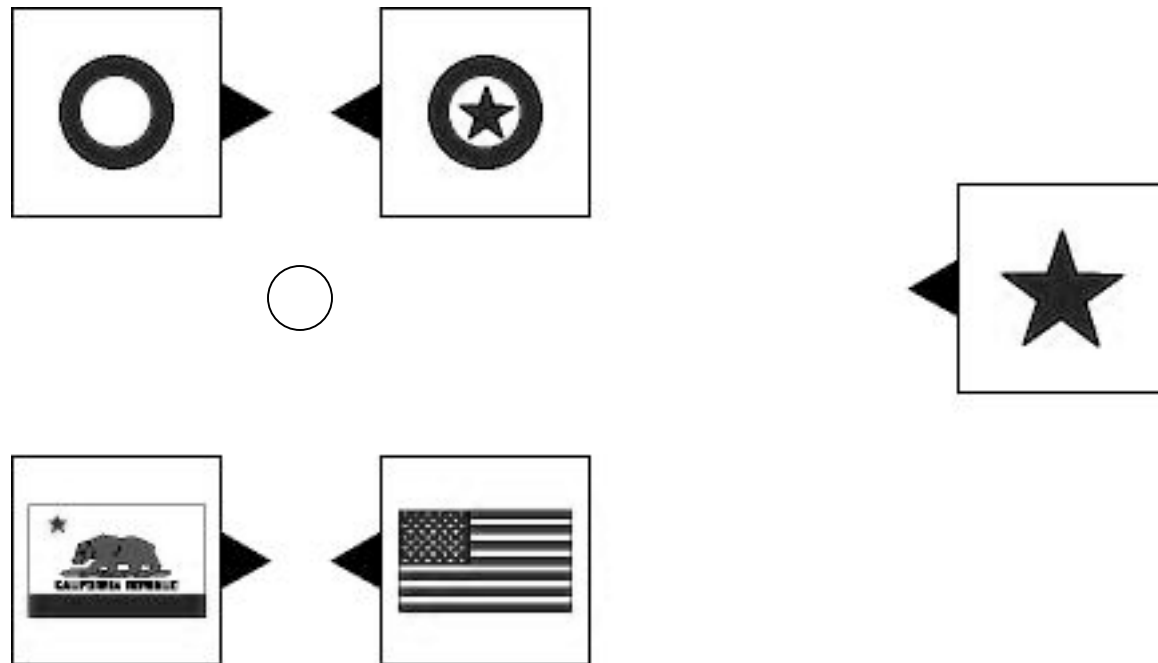
# Approach

The flag handlers will also take one-half side step away from each other, and face towards each other. The NCOIC takes one step forward, halts and faces towards the flagpole



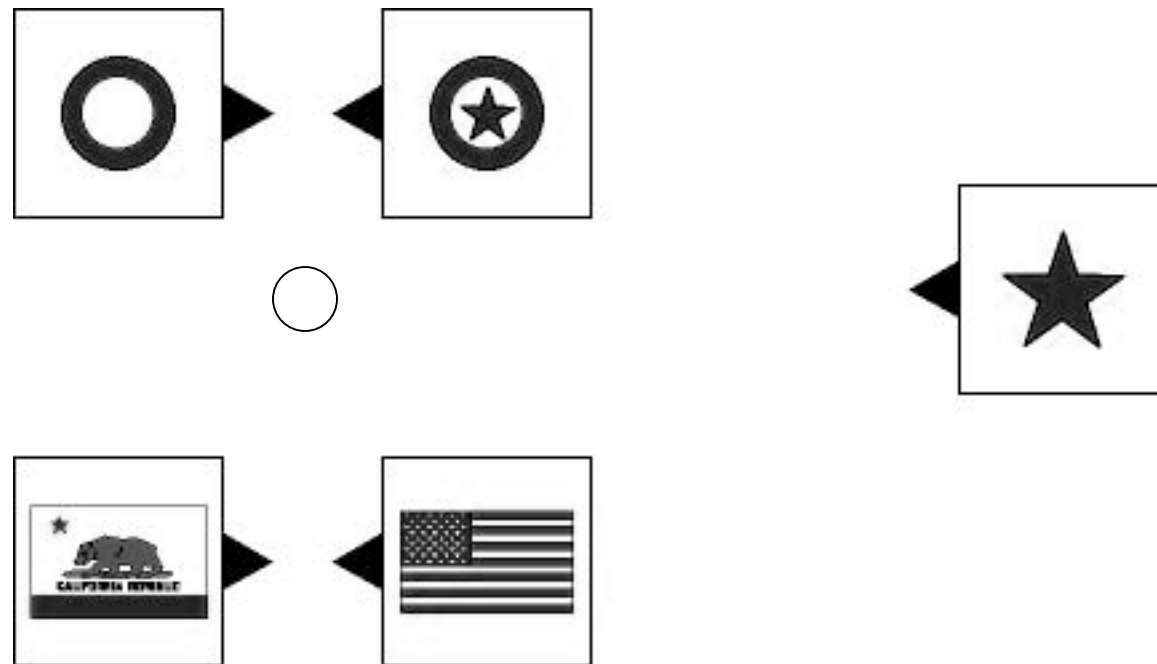
# Approach

The halyard pullers carefully ensure that the halyards are free of the pole and the clips to connect the flags are brought to the lowest level of the pole.



# Preparation to Raise Flag(s)

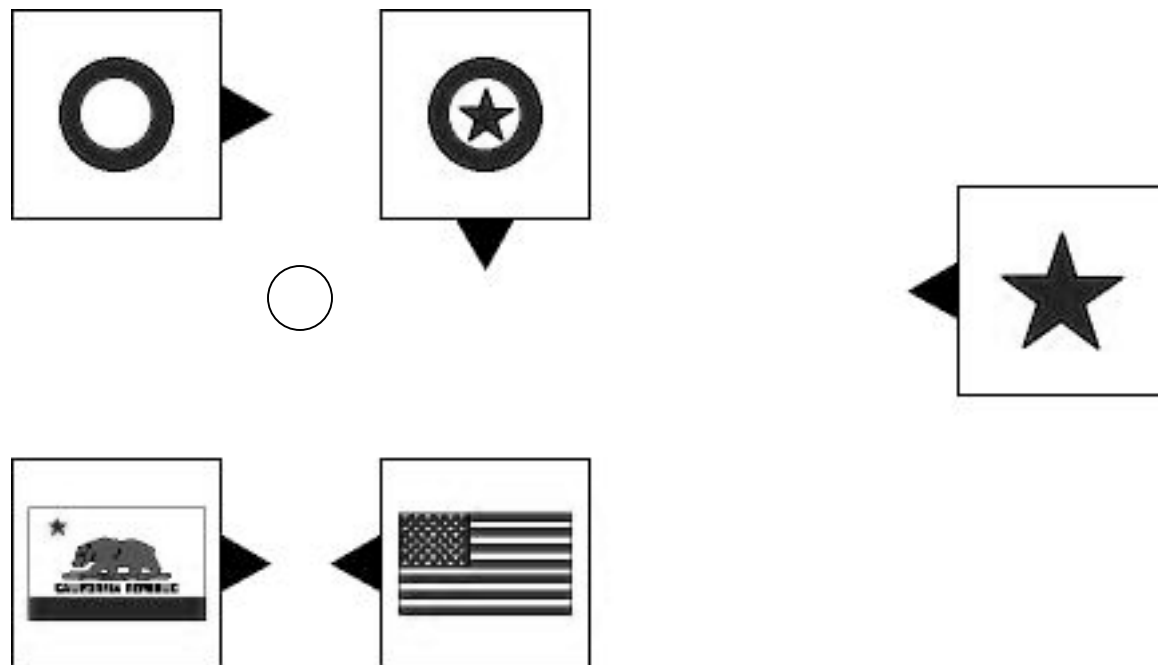
The NCOIC commands **UNFOLD THE FLAG**





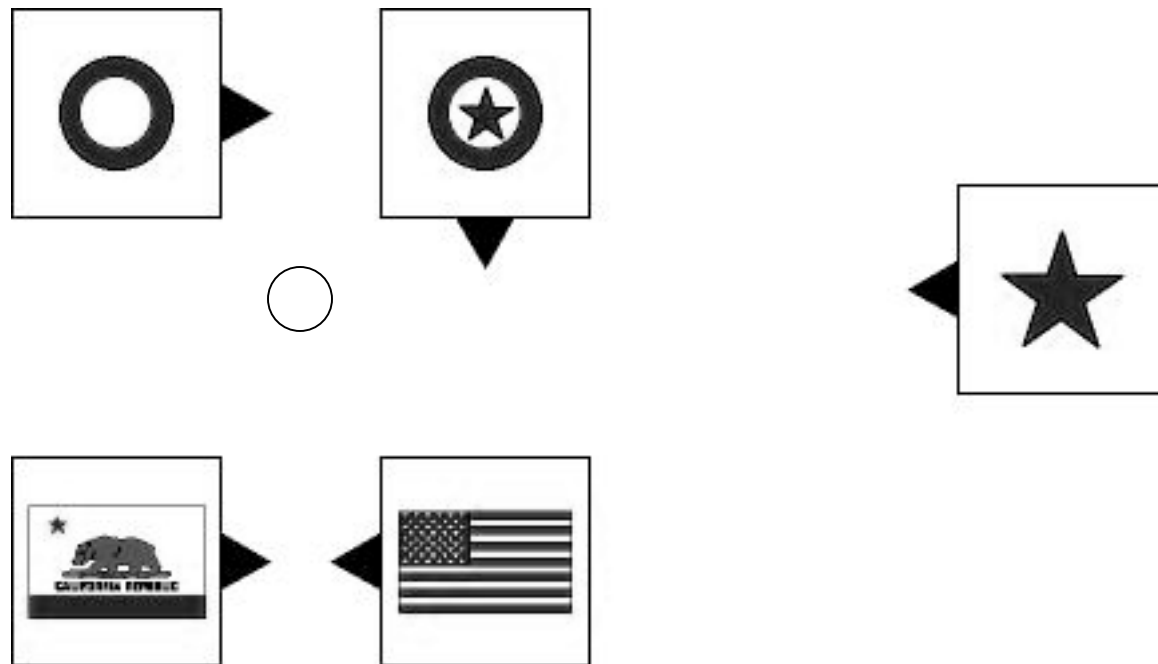
# Preparation to Raise Flag(s)

The Senior Halyard Puller faces towards the U.S. Flag Handler, as the handler begins to unfold the flag lengthwise. The Senior Halyard Puller moves forward to accept the grommet end of the flag.



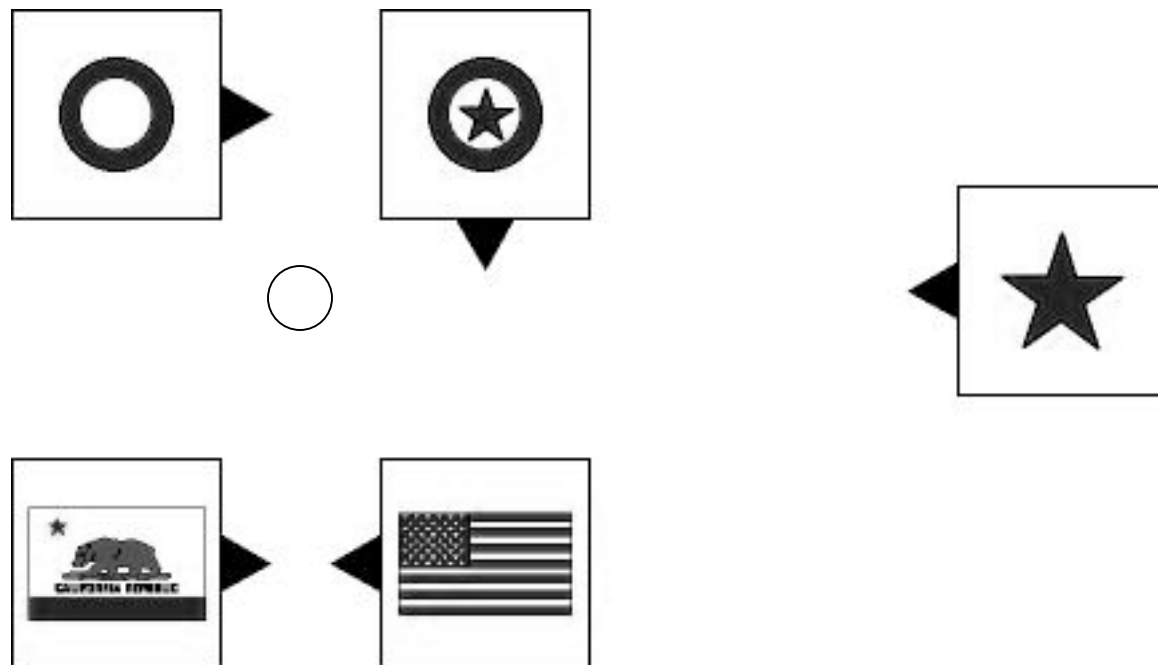
# Preparation to Raise Flag(s)

If necessary, the U.S. Flag Handler will move away from the flagpole by side stepping, until the flag is fully extended length wise, but not unfolded widthwise.



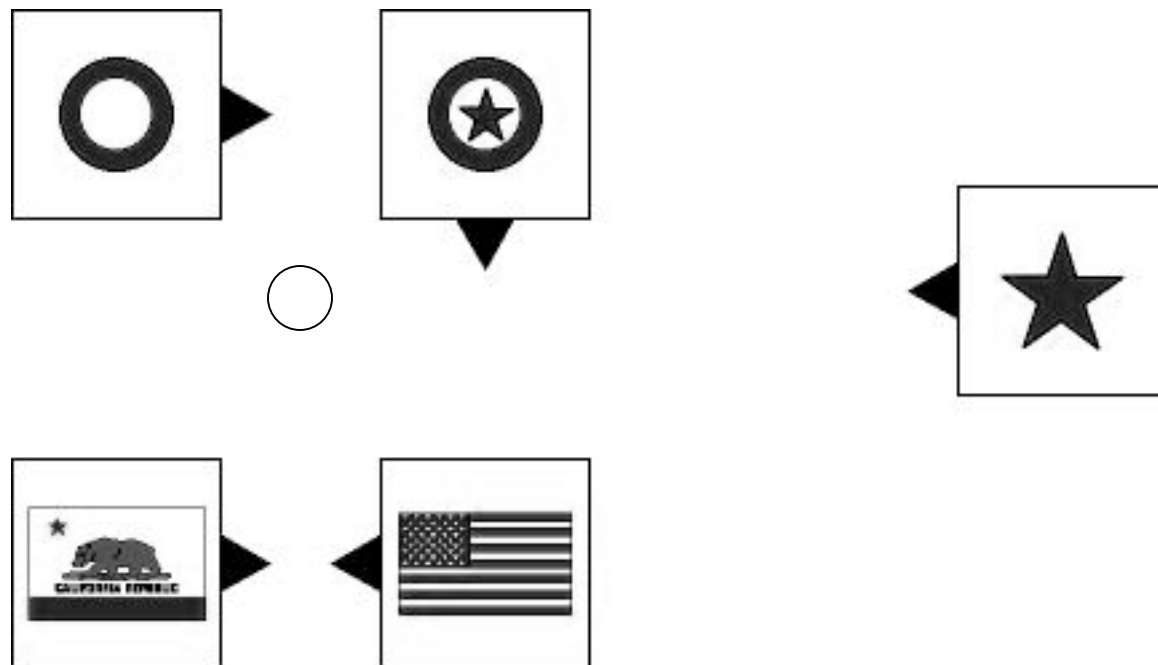
# Preparation to Raise Flag(s)

Once the flag has been unfolded, the U.S. Flag Handler will then hold the flag waist high with forearms horizontal to the ground.



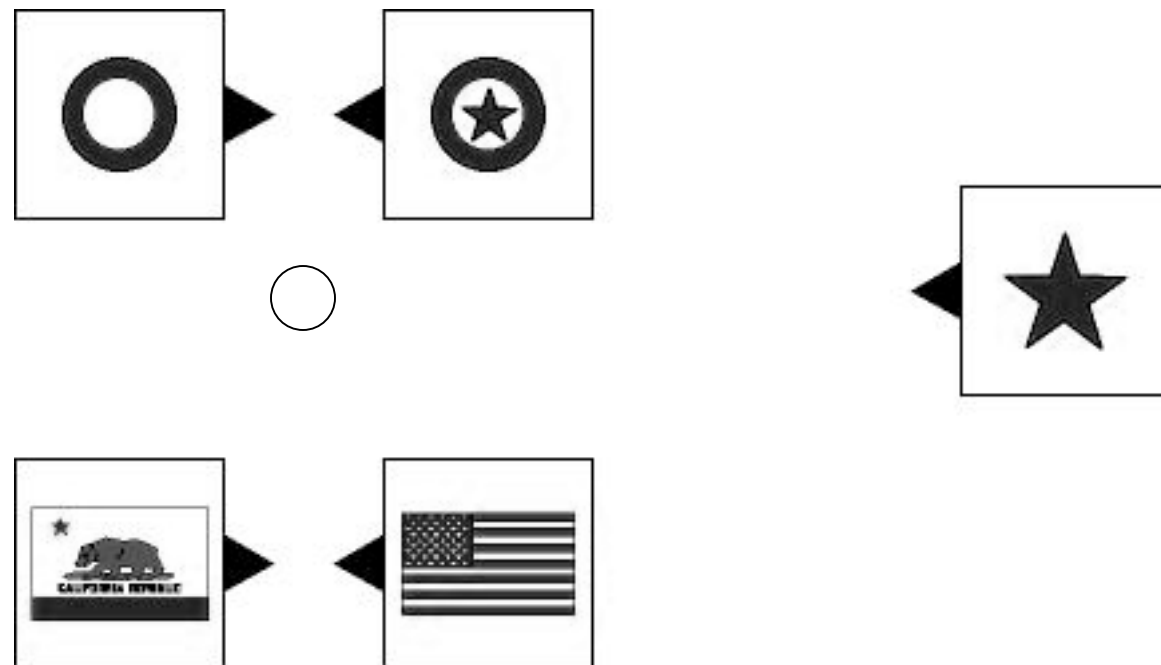
# Preparation to Raise Flag(s)

The NCOIC then commands **ATTACH THE FLAG**



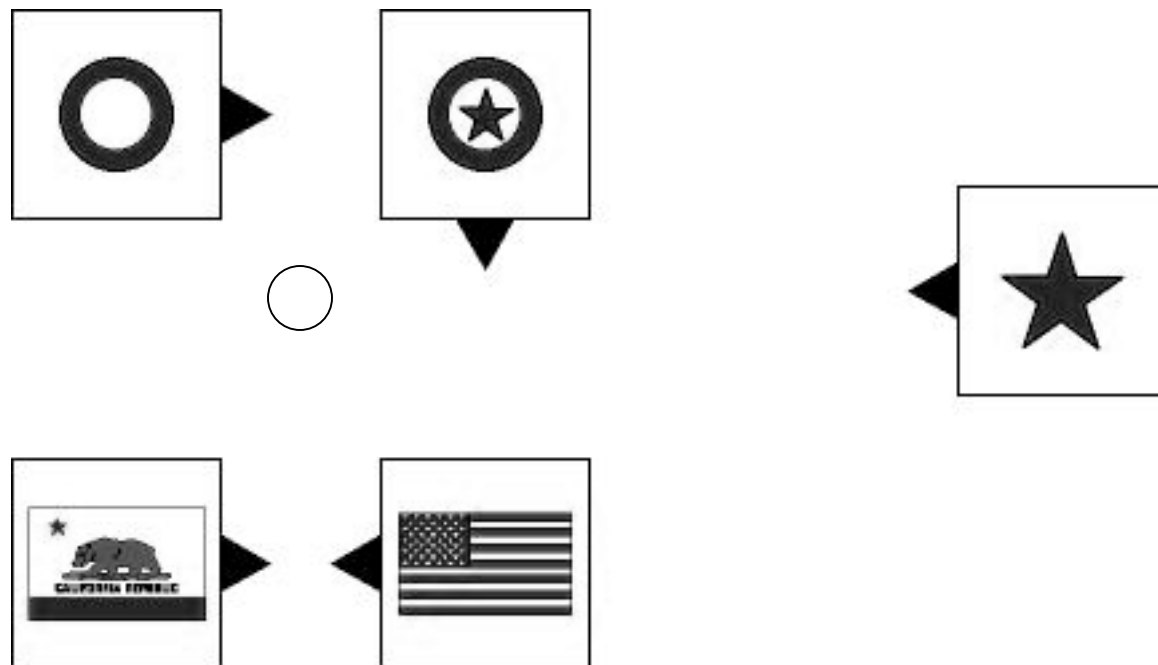
# Preparation to Raise Flag(s)

The U.S. Flag Handler will support the flag until it has been raised high enough not to come in contact with the ground. The Senior Halyard Puller will take control of the halyard from the other halyard puller.



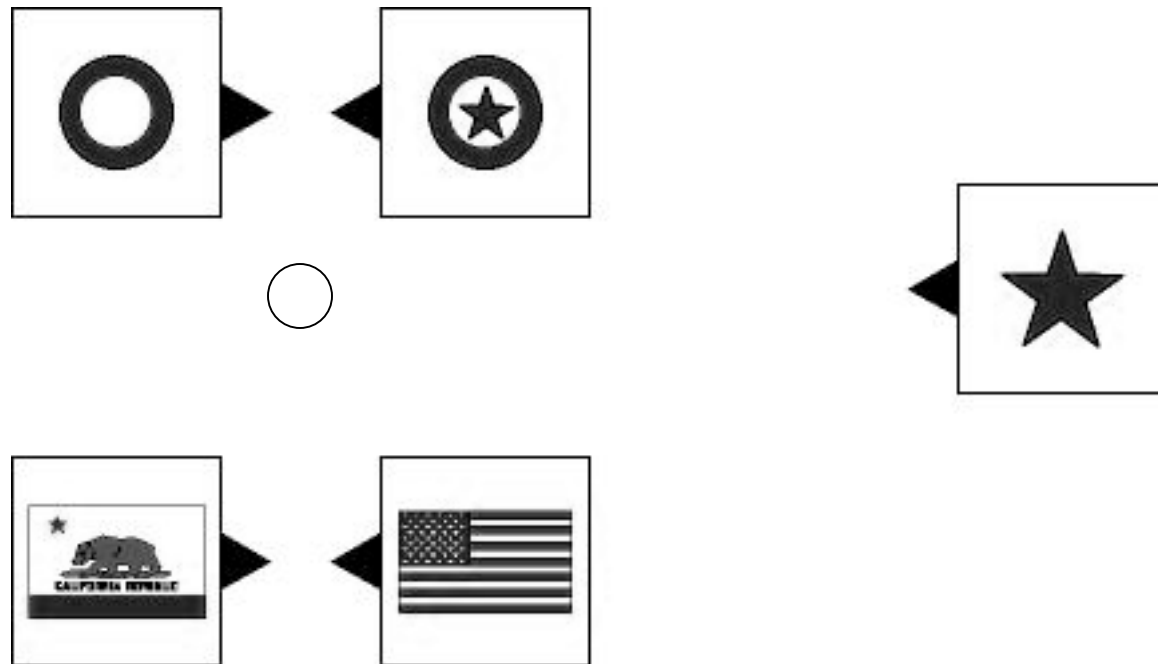
# Preparation to Raise Flag(s)

The Senior Halyard Puller attaches the top of the flag to the halyard. The other halyard puller then raises the flag until the bottom of the flag can be attached.



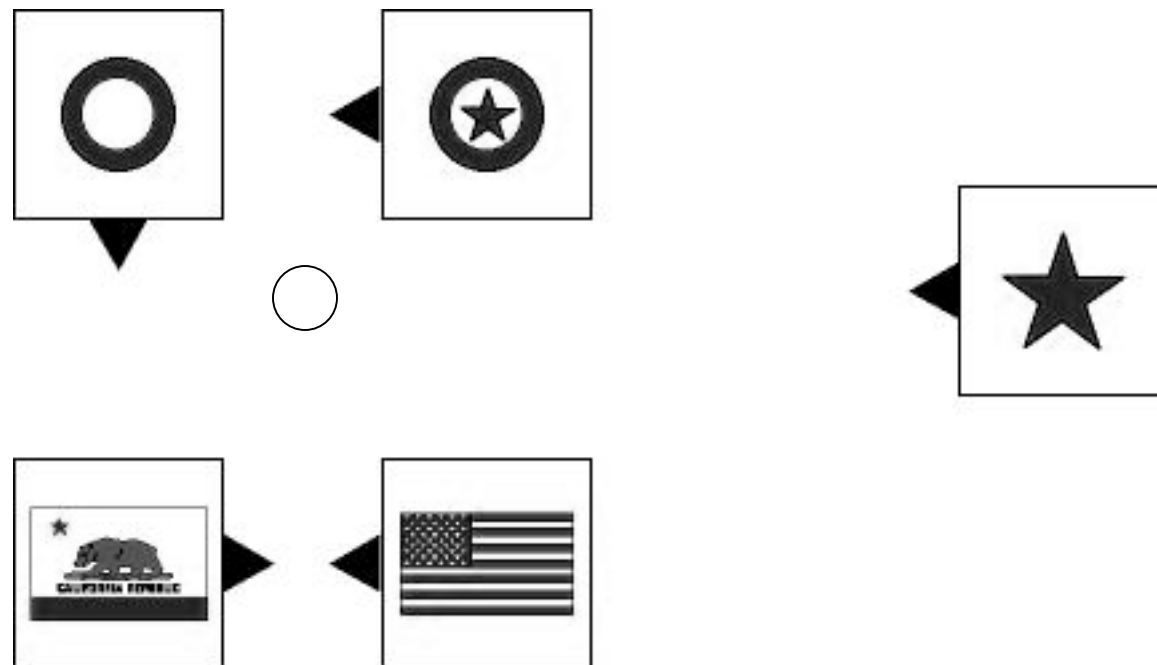
# Preparation to Raise Flag(s)

The NCOIC commands **UNFOLD THE FLAG**



# Preparation to Raise Flag(s)

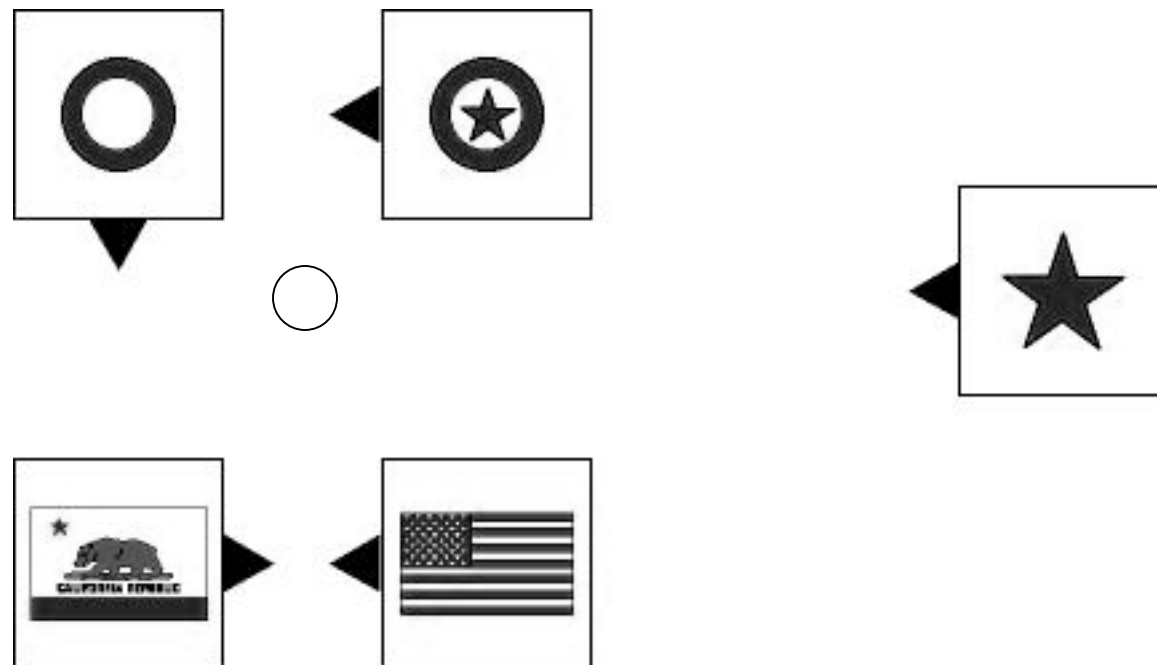
The Halyard Puller faces towards the California Flag Handler, as the handler begins to unfold the flag lengthwise. The Halyard Puller moves forward to accept the grommet end of the flag.





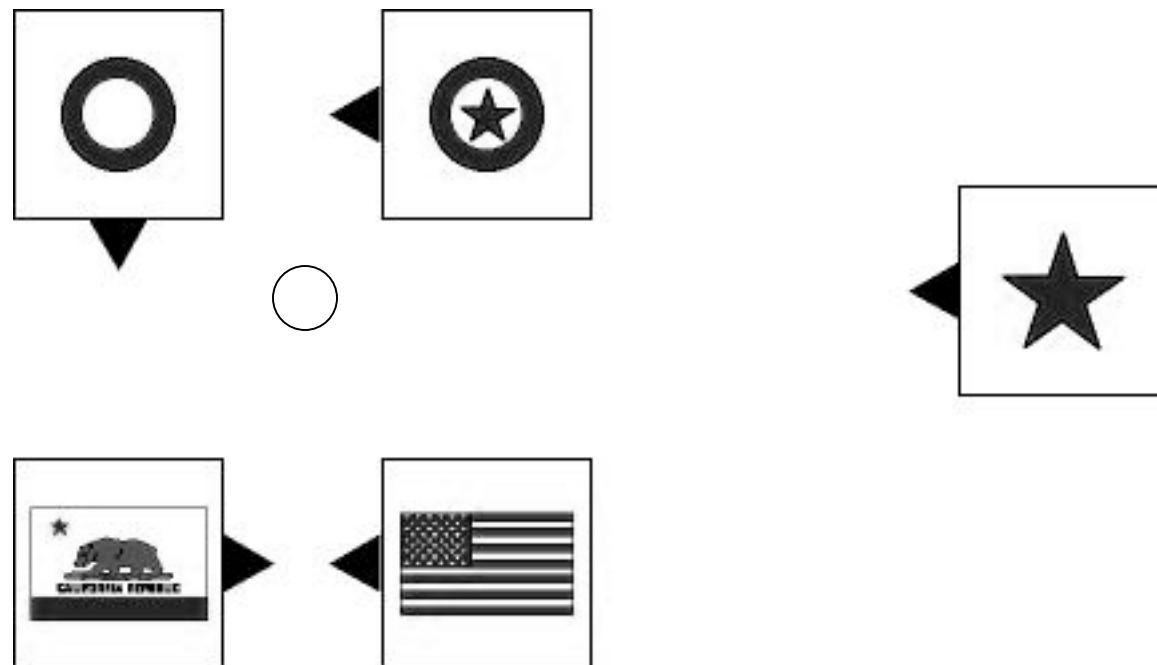
# Preparation to Raise Flag(s)

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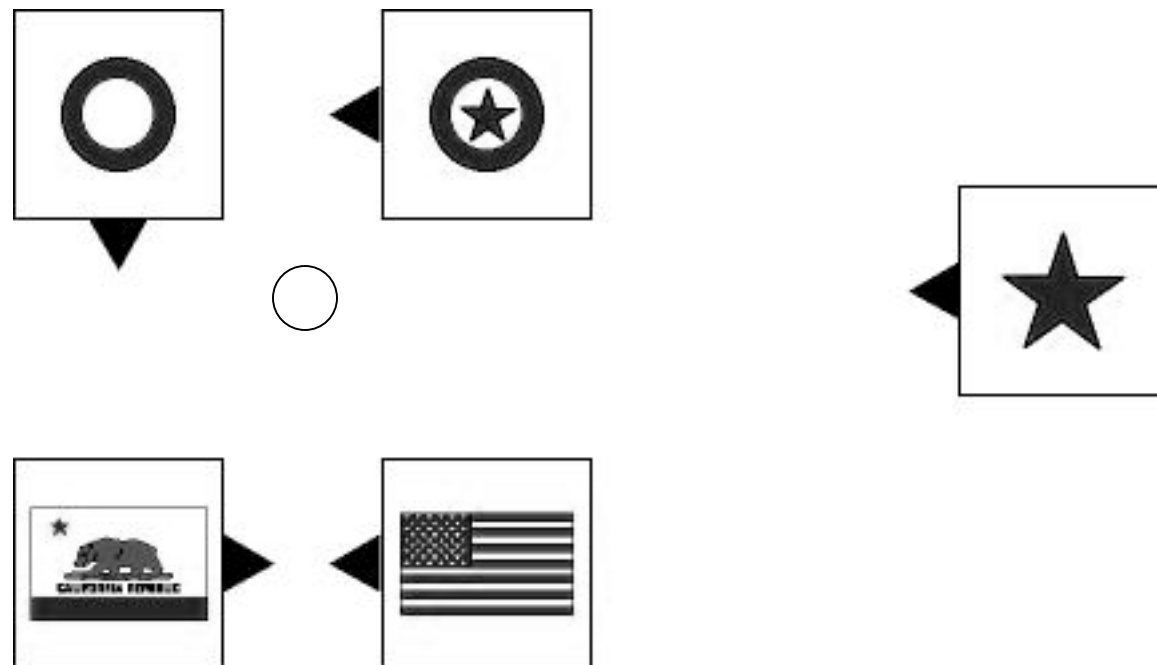
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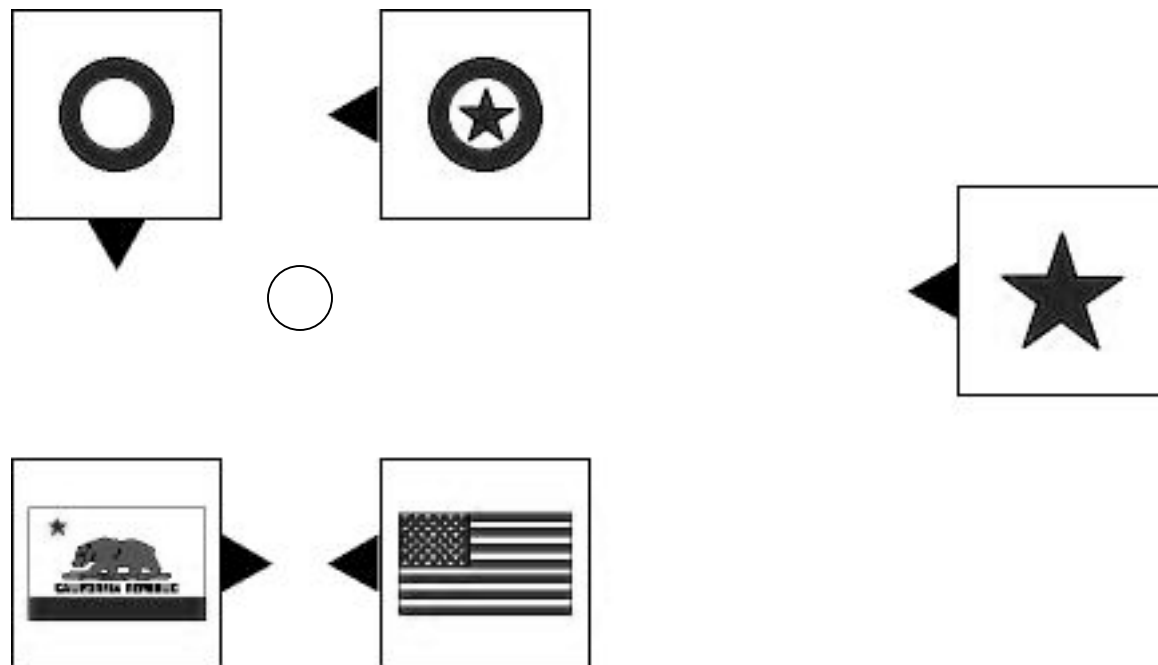
# Preparation to Raise Flag(s)

The NCOIC then commands **ATTACH THE FLAG**



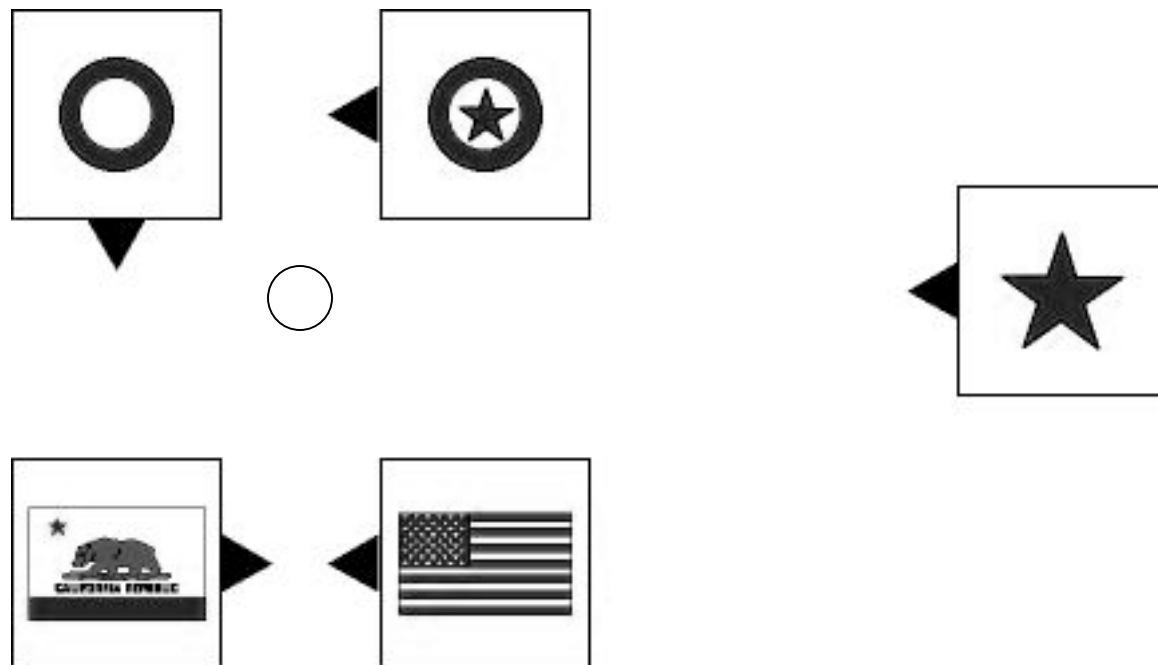
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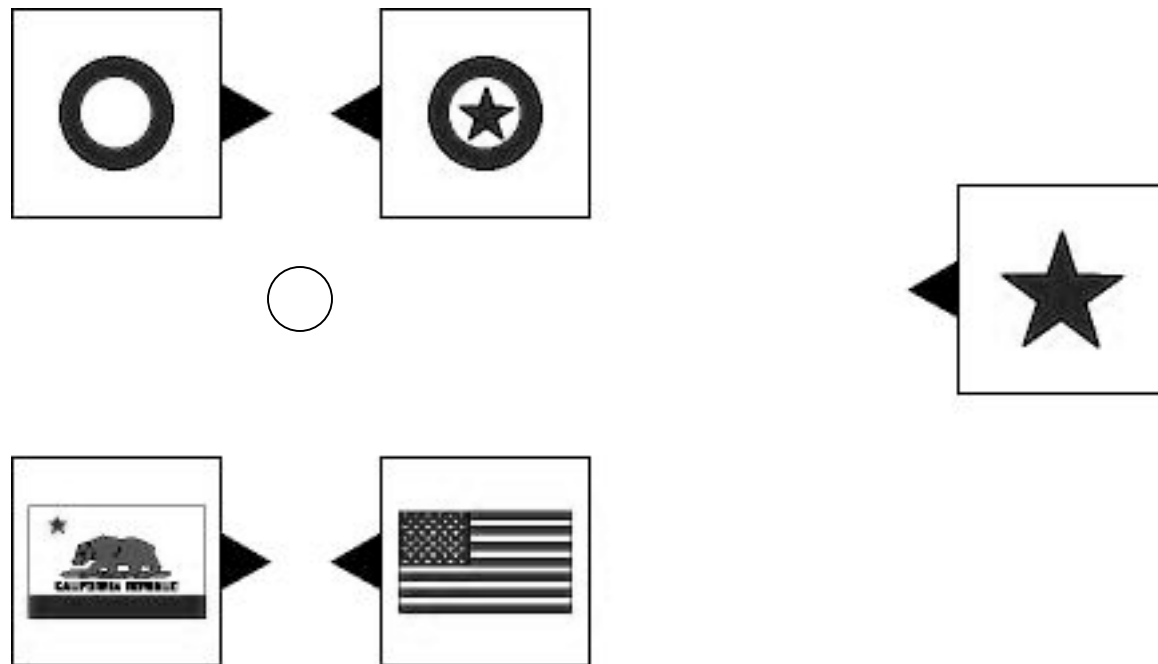
# Preparation to Raise Flag(s)

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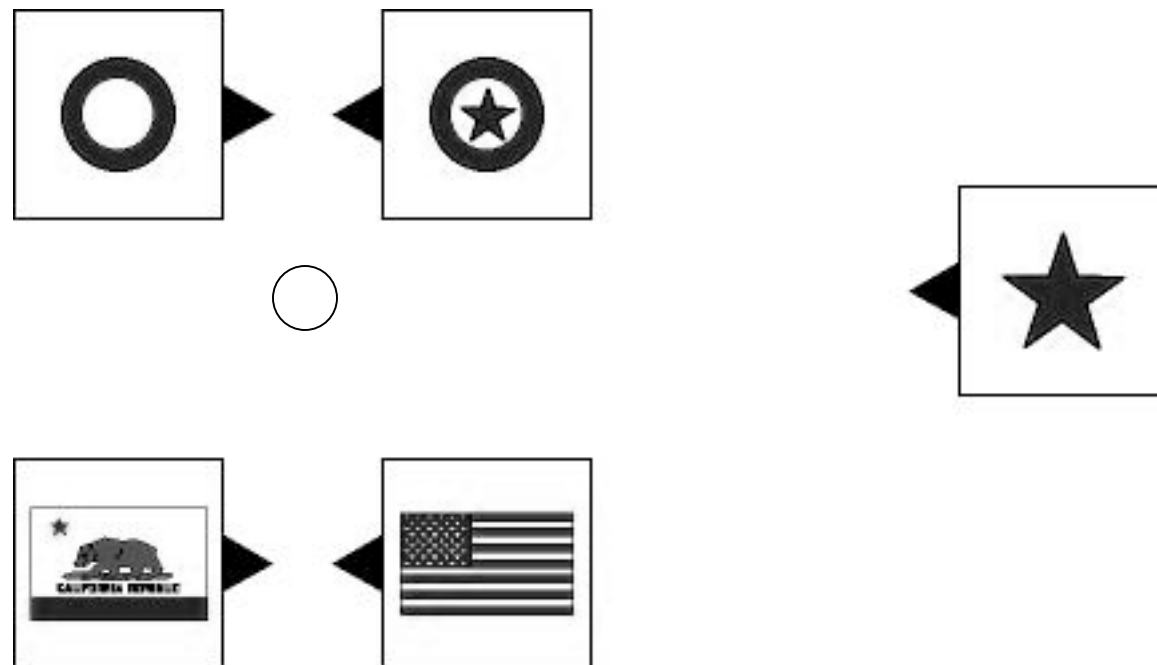
# Raising the Flag(s)

If no music is to be played, then the NCOIC will command **Present, ARMS.**



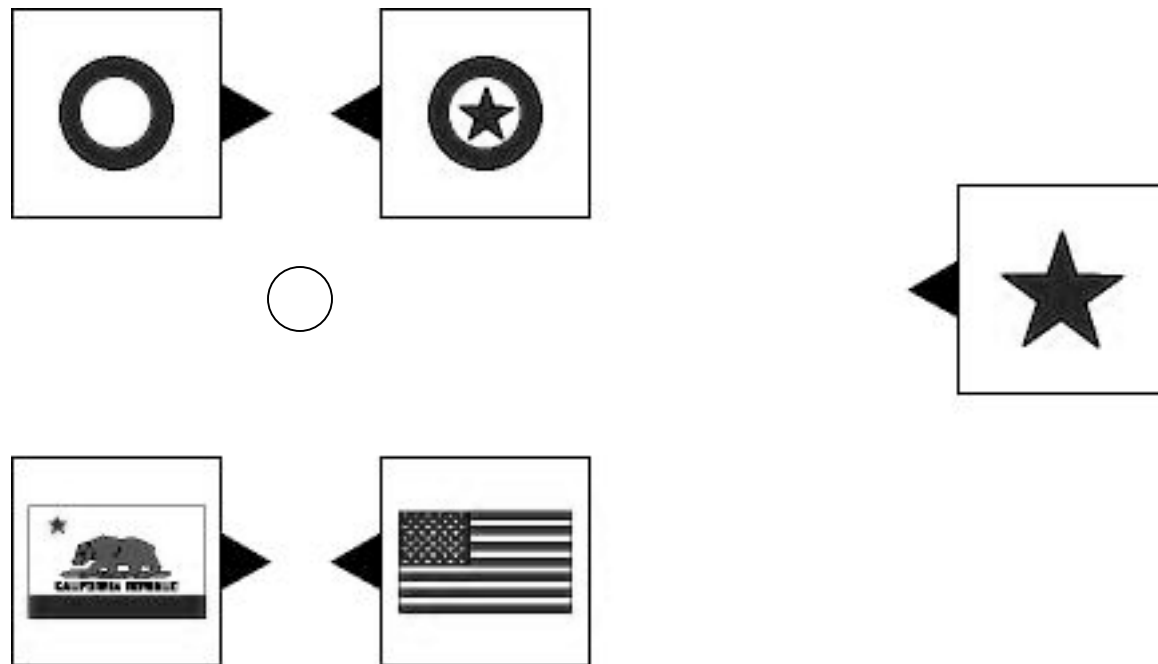
# Raising the Flag(s)

The halyard pullers will rapidly raise the flag(s). The NCOIC and both the flag handlers will salute and follow the flag(s), lifting their heads as the flag(s) are raised.



# Raising the Flag(s)

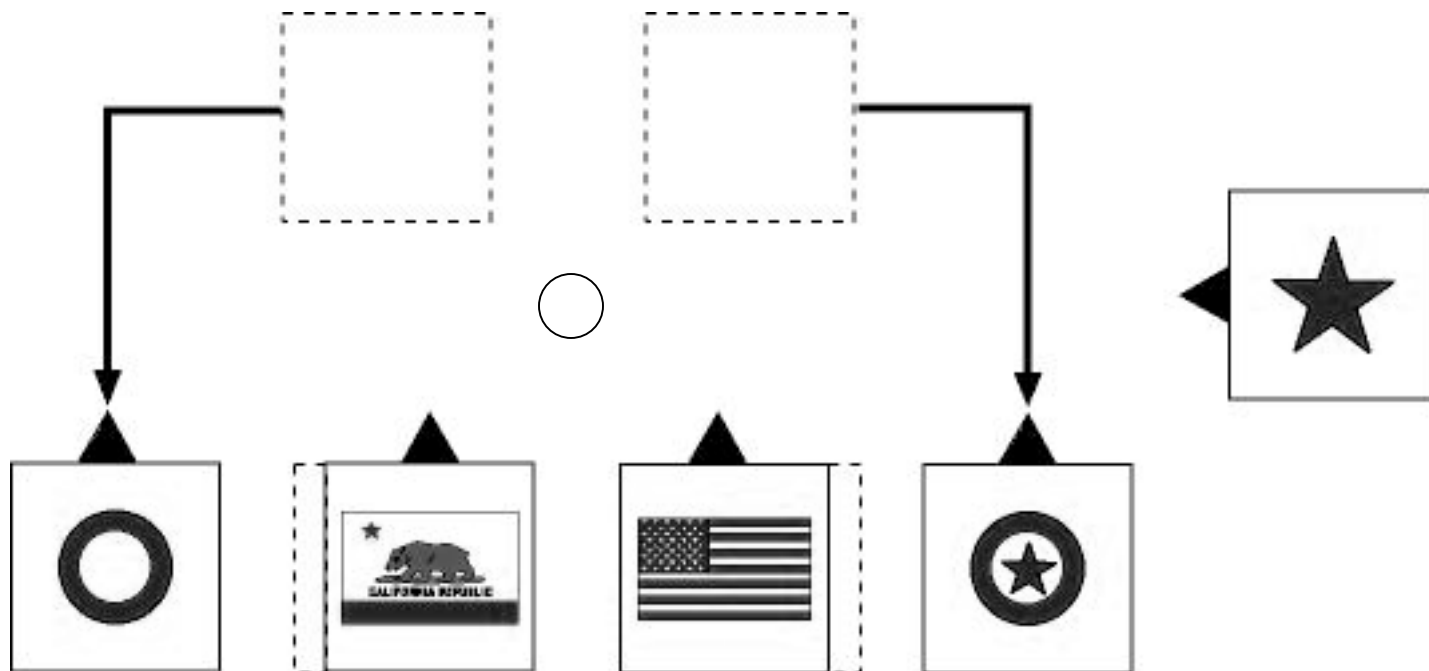
When the flag(s) reaches the top, the NCOIC commands **Order, ARMS.**





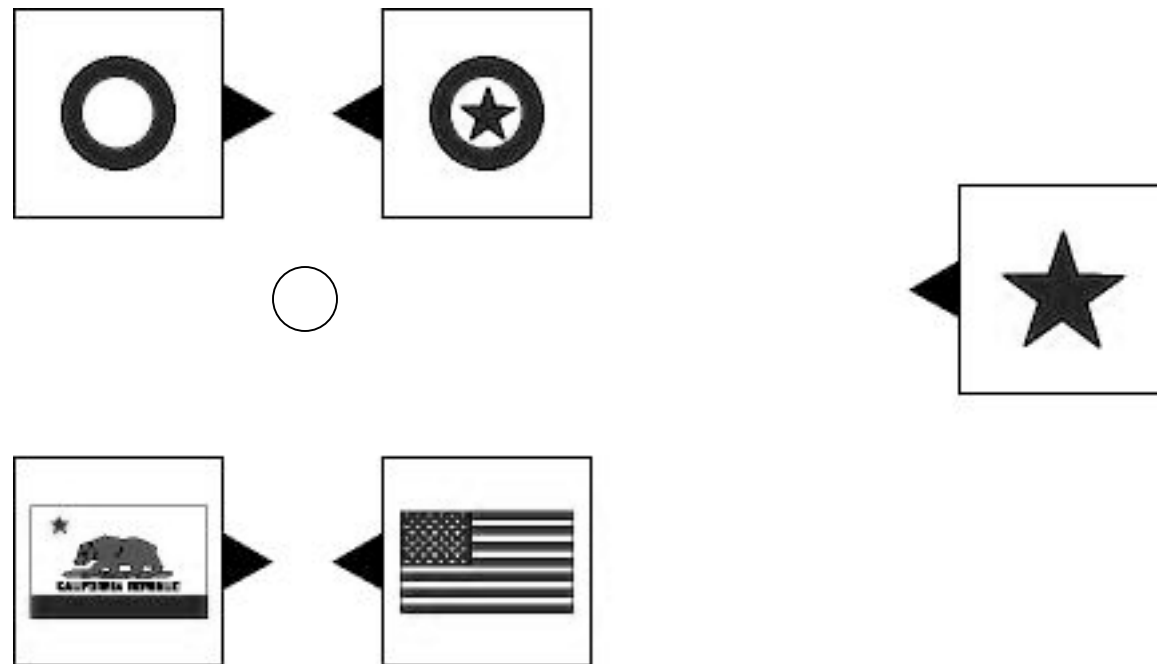
# Raising the Flag(s)

The flag handlers will perform appropriate facing and stepping movements to return to their original position in the line formation. At the same time, the halyard pullers will secure the halyard, returning to their original position in the line formation. .



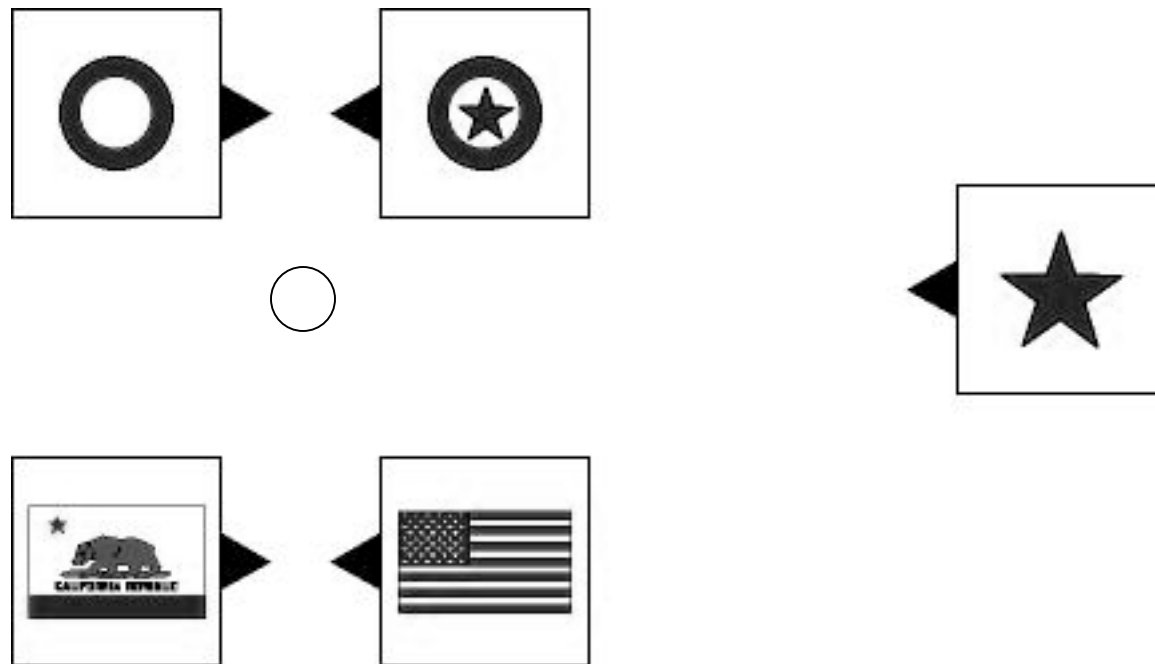
# Raising the Flag(s)

If music is to be played the NCOIC will command **Present, ARMS**. Then on the first note the halyard pullers will rapidly raise the flag(s).



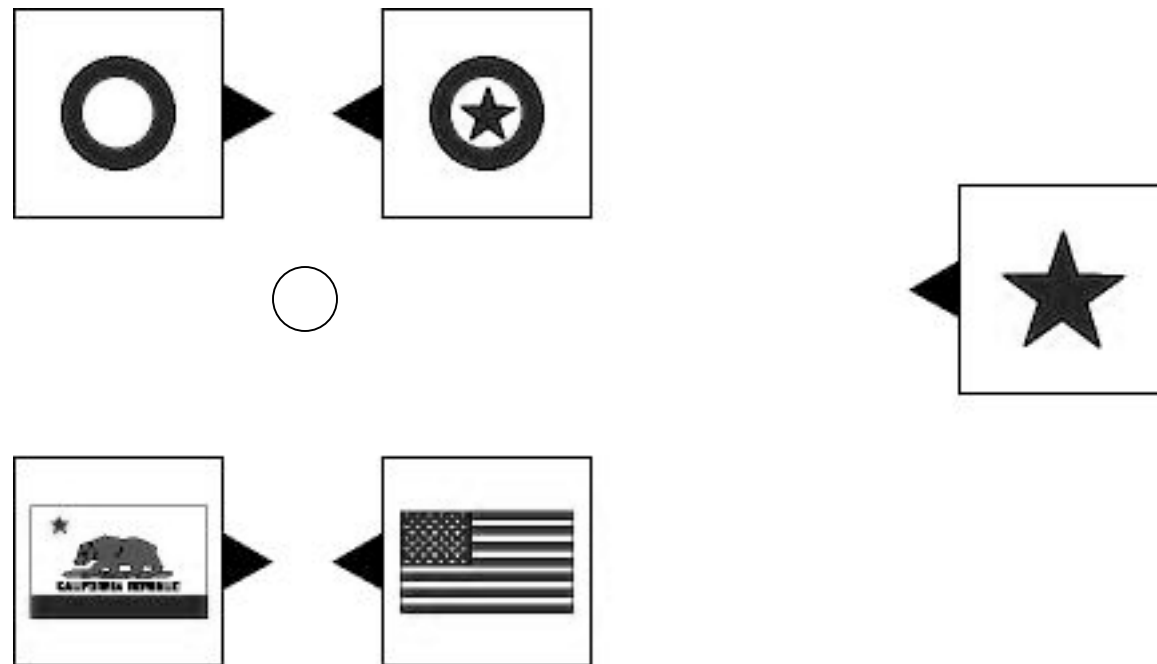
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The NCOIC and both flag handlers will salute and follow the flag(s), lifting their heads as the flag(s) are raised.



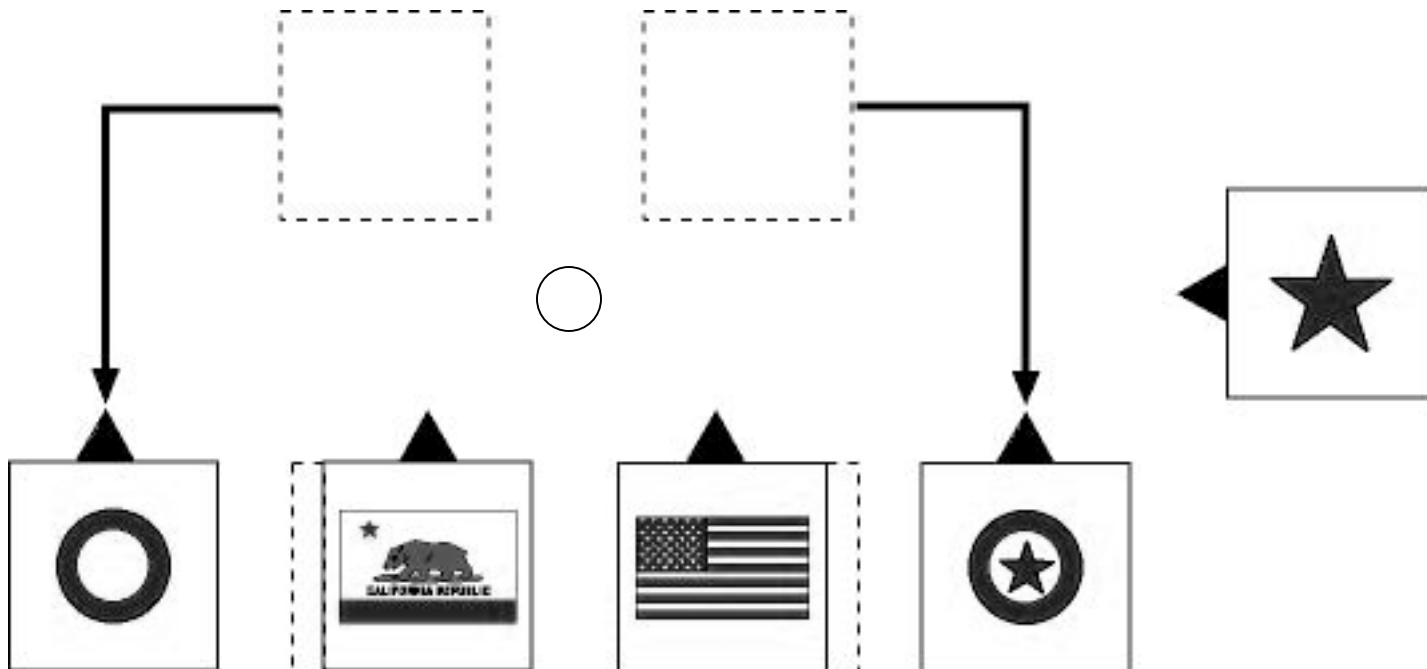
# Raising the Flag(s)

Regardless of when the U.S. Flag reaches the top, the NCOIC will wait until the last note of the music is played and then commands **Order, ARMS.**



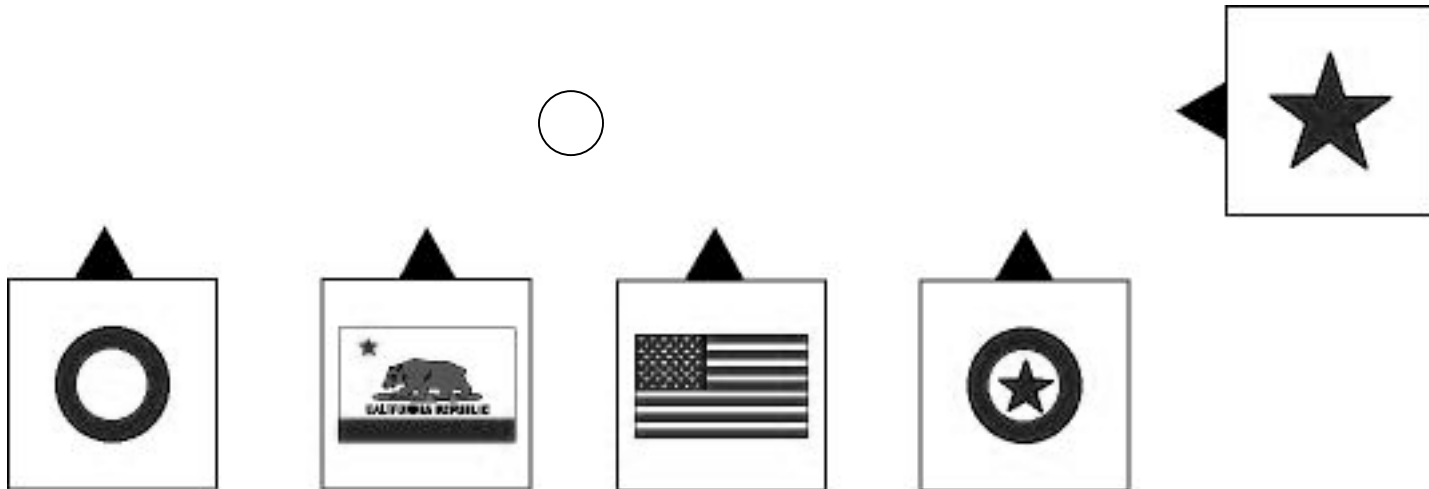
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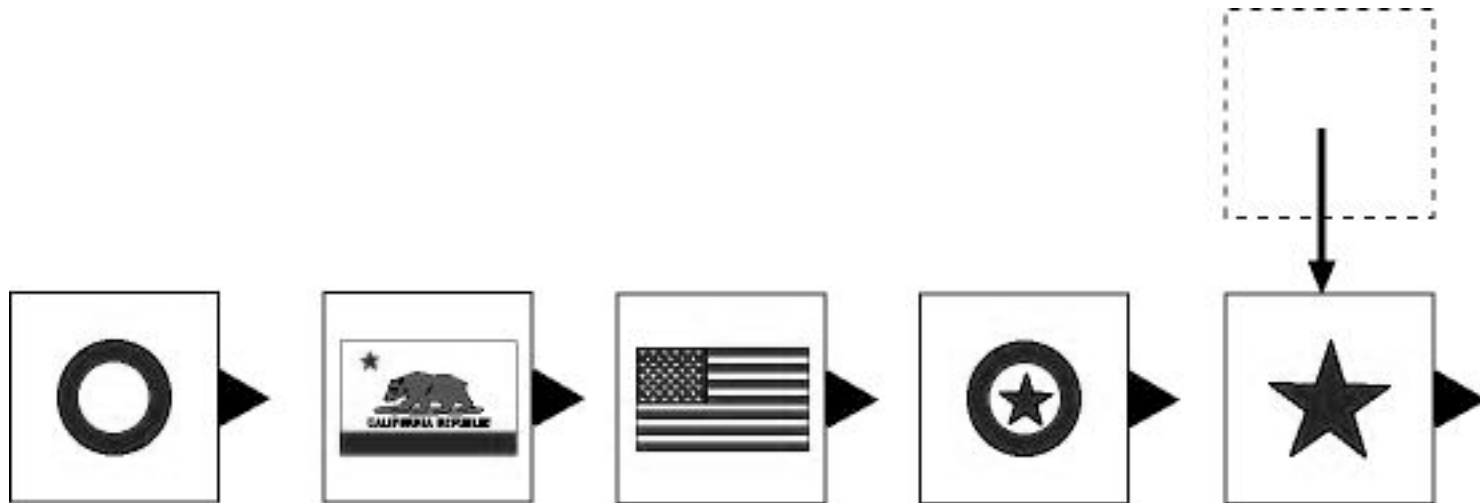
# Departure

Because each site is different, the direction and manner of departure should be adjusted to accommodate local needs and layouts. At this point in the ceremony, the NCOIC is still facing the flagpole



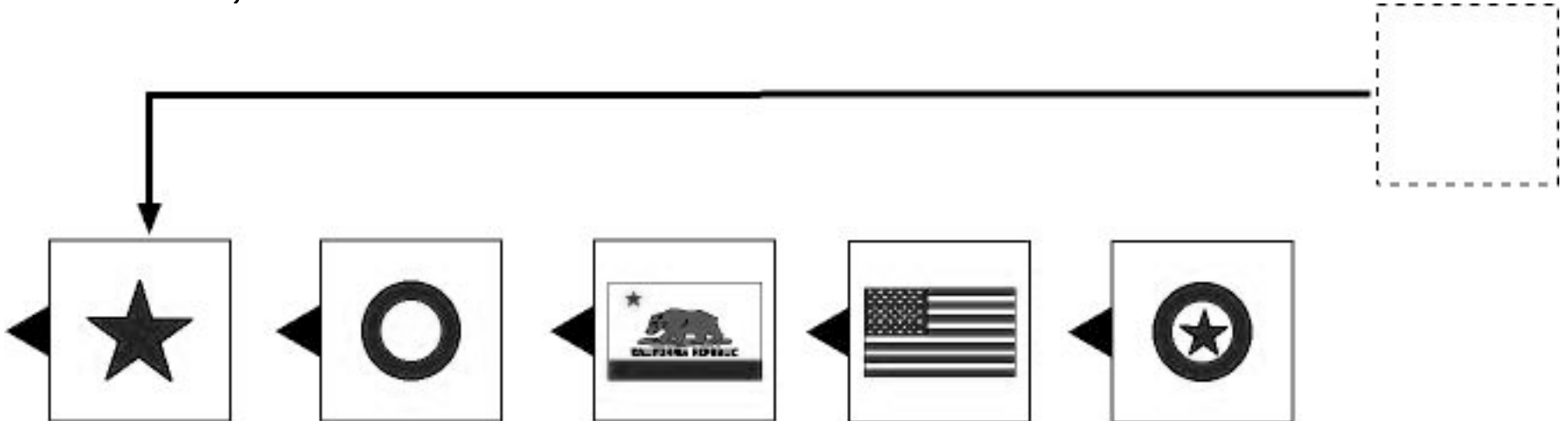
# Departure

If the detail is to depart to the right, the NCOIC should resume the position on the far right of the detail. The NCOIC should command **Right, FACE**, and march the detail from the site. When appropriate, the NCOIC should then halt, face and dismiss the detail.



# Departure

If the detail is to depart to the left, the NCOIC should command **Left, FACE**. The NCOIC should march to assume a position at the front of the column formation and march the detail from the site. When appropriate, the NCOIC should then halt, face and dismiss the detail.





# Departure

If the detail is to depart to the rear, the NCOIC should command **About, FACE**. The NCOIC should march to assume a position on the far right of the detail and march the detail from the site. When appropriate, the NCOIC should then halt, face and dismiss the detail.

