



Remembrance Day Parade

The following is a guide to help Scout colour parties and Leaders understand what is happening and how to act during the remembrance parade.

The order of service is normally as follows:

1. The parade is brought to alert by the TA and then marched to the cenotaph, where they wait for the service to start.
2. At 1058 hrs the parade is called to alert and all flags are “dipped” as a mark of respect. The flags remain dipped until the end of the 2 minute silence.
3. At 1059 hrs the bugler plays the last post.
4. At 1100 hrs the 2 minute silence starts.
5. At 1103 hrs the bugler sounds reveille. All of the flags are normally raised at this point.
6. At 1105 hrs the parade is stood at ease by the TA and a short service begins.

The service normally takes the following sequence:

1. A short prayer.
2. The memorial of the dead prayer.
3. The first hymn.
4. A prayer
5. The Parade Marshall reads:

They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old,
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We will remember them.

Everyone responds, “We will remember them”

6. The wreaths are then laid in a set order. The Scout wreath is one of the last to be placed.

7. The Parade Marshall reads:
The Legion of the living salutes the Legion of the dead.
Everyone responds, "We will not break faith with ye"
8. The second hymn.
9. The Lord's Prayer.
10. The parade is brought to alert by the TA and the flags are dipped.
11. The National Anthem.
12. The flags are raised and a blessing is read out.
13. The Parade Marshall reads:
When you go home tell them of us and say
For your tomorrow we gave out today.
14. The TA brings the parade to alert and tells individual groups to take over. This is the point where the District can march back to the college car park to be dismissed.

The whole service from the two minute silence normally takes between 30 to 45 minutes, depending on how many wreaths are being laid.

Flags Dipped

When the flags are dipped for the two minute silence and the National Anthem, the end should be allowed to rest on the ground, as shown in the diagram.

It is the only time the flag should touch the ground and is done as a mark of respect.

It is effectively the flag bearer saluting.

