Flag Ceremony Script

Standard Opening Flag Ceremony

1. Will the troop & audience please rise, hats off.
2. Color guard, attention!
3. Color guard, advance!  
   (wait for color guard to reach the front)
4. Color guard, prepare to post the colors!  
   (wait for flag carriers to reach the flag stands and are ready to insert the poles)
5. Post the colors!  
   (wait for flag carriers to set the flags in the stands and step back)
6. Please join me in the Pledge of Allegiance - Ready - Begin  
   ("I Pledge Allegiance to the Flag ...")
7. The Scout Oath - Ready - Begin  
   ("On My Honor I will do my best ...")
8. The Scout Law - Ready - Begin  
   ("A Scout is trustworthy, ...")
9. Two!
10. Color guard, return to ranks.
11. Color guard, retreat.
12. Color guard, dismissed – Troop and audience, you may be seated.

Standard Closing Flag Ceremony

1. Will the troop & audience please rise, hats off.
2. Color guard, attention!
3. Color guard, advance!  
   (wait for color guard to reach the front)
4. Color guard, prepare to retire the colors!  
   (wait for flag carriers to reach the flag stands and are ready to extract the poles)
5. Troop salute the American flag. (salute for about 3 seconds) Two!
6. Color guard, retire the colors.
7. Color guard, return to ranks.  
   (wait for flag carriers to rejoin to the rest of the color guard at front of the room)
8. Color guard, retreat.  
   (wait until the flags reach the back of the room)
10. Troop dismissed - Thank you for coming.