

FLAG CEREMONY 2014  
OREGON ESA STATE CONVENTION  
SEVEN FEATHERS  
CANYONVILLE, OREGON

I would like to welcome you to our opening ceremony in which we will  
Take time to honor our 2900 paid and 7800 volunteer firefighters in Oregon.  
These men and women put their lives on the lines each day for our families.  
Today we are honored to have members of the local fire departments to  
Escort our flag bearers.

The Central Oregon flag is presented by Vice President Barbara Moss

The Coast District Flag is presented by President Thelma Belcher

The Douglas District Flag is presented by Carolyn Rapant

The Eastern District is presented by

The Northwest District Flag is presented by President Andrea Storm

The Southwest District Flag is presented by President Lynn Hughes

The Willamette Valley District Flag is presented by President Julie Rassmann

The All Faiths flag is presented by Ellen Ellis Oregon State Chaplain

The Oregon State Flag is presented by State President Su McDonell

The ESA Banner is presented by: Joy Serkwoney

The ESA Foundation Flag is presented by: Judy Huntley

The Easter Seals flag is presented by: JoAnne McKenney

The St. Jude flag is presented by: Kathy State

The Western States Flag is presented by Mary Lambert

Please rise as we honor the flag of the United States which is presented by:

I.C. representative Rickie Brown

Please join me in the Pledge of Allegiance and remain standing for prayer.

Chaplain:

## CENTRAL DISTRICT FLAG

The Central Oregon District flag is presented by their Vice President Barb Moss. Representing the high desert plateaus and mountains of this majestic region, the Central District flag, with its blue and darker blue circle design.

## COAST DISTRICT

The flag of Coast District is carried by their President Thelma Belcher. The beauty of the Oregon Coast is depicted on this flag with the ocean, clouds, sunset and soaring seagulls.

## DOUGLAS DISTRICT

The Douglas District flag is presented by their president Carolyn Rapant. Their flag symbolizing the economic and recreational facets of this district with the Douglas Fir on one side and the circle with symbols on the other.

## EASTERN DISTRICT

The Eastern District flag is carried by District President Amber Heine.

This flag has a field of brown, containing symbols of the diversity of the area from the Wallowa Mountains to the fields of grain. The cowboy depicts the Pendleton Roundup.

## NORTHWEST DISTRICT

Andrea Storm President of Northwest District Council, carries the Northwest District flag. The Cascades and Columbia River are depicted by the field of blue. Political strength is represented by the Capital Building, and the apple symbolizes the agriculture of this district.

## SOUTHERN DISTRICT

The Southern District flag is being carried by District President Lynn Hughes. This region of our state is symbolized on the flag by a circle of green containing the symbols of mountains, rivers and industry.

## WILLAMETTE VALLEY DISTRICT

Willamette Valley President Julie Rassman presents their flag which is white and depicts a seascape with a circle and lone tree, symbolizing that this district is from the coast to the mountain range.

## ALL FAITHS FLAG

Our all Faiths Flag is presented by Ellen Ellis our Oregon State Chaplain. Characteristics of the all Faiths Flag is green representing Spiritual growth, the circle or never ending friendships and the white dove of peace, symbolize all of our faiths regardless of denominations or creed.

## OREGON STATE FLAG

Our own Oregon State President Su McDonell presents our Oregon State Flag. The beautiful brilliant blue and gold flag represents Oregon and its forward thinking, fiercely independent citizens, who take pride in living and playing in such a diverse and beautiful state.

## ESA BANNER

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## ESA FOUNDATION

The ESA Foundation flag is presented by Judy Huntley, ESA Foundation Counselor. With its colors of blue and white and emblazoned with a world globe, this flag represents the motto “ serving the world community because we care.



## EASTER SEAL FLAG

The Easter Seal flag is presented by JoAnne McKenney State Easter Seal Chairman. This flag symbolizes the mission of Easter Seals which is working within communities to help children with disabilities and their families. Our dedication to the mission of Easter Seal has reaped memories for many.

## ST. JUDE FLAG

Kathy State St. Jude Chairman is presenting this flag. The mission of St. Jude children's Hospital is to find cures for children with catastrophic illnesses through research and treatment. Through the tireless efforts of ESA members everywhere, our dedication to St. Jude has indeed sowed many dreams.

## WESTERN STATES COUNCIL FLAG

The Western States Flag is presented by Mary Lambert. The Western States Council consists of Alaska, Arizona, California, Oregon, Washington and Australia. This flag symbolizes the unity of ideals and goals.

## UNITED STATES FLAG

Please rise as our I.C. representative Rickie Brown presents the flag of the United States of America.

## CLOSING FLAG CEREMONY

2014

Flag Bearers: please take your places to retire the flags.

Please stand for the retiring of the flags.

As our flags are retired please let us reflect on the friends

We have made and renewed throughout our weekend.

These Flags represent all of us and make us remember why

We strive to carry out the mission of ESA in each of our

Community's.

As we return home please remember to keep our first responders

In your thoughts and prayers.

First, our District Flags representing our regional differences but our  
Unity in ESA.

The Central District

The Coast District

The Douglas District

The Eastern District

The Northwest District

The Sothern District

The Willamette Valley District

The All Faiths Flag  
The Oregon State Flag  
The ESA Banner  
The ESA Foundation Flag  
The Easter Seals Flag  
The St. Jude Flag  
The Western States Flag  
The Flag of the United States

Su thank you for your faith in me to pay honor in this presentation of our flags.



# *Flag Ceremony Presentation*

*Oregon State Convention  
April 26, 2014*

*Seven Feathers Casino  
Canyonville, OR*

*Presented by Louise Muir  
Flag Ceremony Chairman*



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## *Fireman's Prayer*

When I am called to duty, God  
Wherever flames may rage,  
Give me the strength to save some life  
Whatever be its age.

Help me embrace a little child  
Before it is too late,  
Or save an older person from  
The horror of that fate.

Enable me to be alert  
And hear the weakest shout,  
And quickly and efficiently  
To put the fire out.

I want to fill my calling and  
To give the best in me  
To guard my every neighbor  
And protect his property.

And if according to Thy will,  
I am to lose my life,  
Please bless with your protective hand,  
My children and my wife.

*Amen*



*After the Oklahoma City Bombing, April 19, 1995*



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