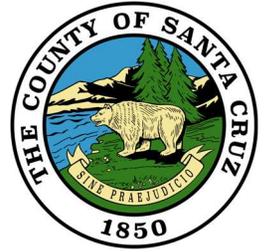


**COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ
FLAG AND LIGHTING SCHEDULE**



MONTH	DATE	OBSERVANCE	FLAGS TO BE FLOWN	FLAG PROTOCOL	ILLUMINATION
MAY	May 15th	<u>Peace Officers Memorial Day</u> <i>Pays tribute to the local, state, and federal peace officers who died or were disabled in the line of duty.</i>	U.S. Flag California State Flag Santa Cruz County Flag	Half-staff From sunrise to sunset	N/A
MAY	Third Saturday in May	<u>Armed Forces Day</u> <i>Recognizes the services of all members of the U.S. military.</i>	U.S. Flag POW Flag	Full-staff From sunrise to sunset	N/A
MAY	Last Monday in May	<u>Memorial Day</u> <i>Pays tribute to those that died while serving in the U.S. military</i>	U.S. Flag POW Flag	Full-staff From sunrise to sunset	N/A
MAY-JUNE	May 27 through June 30	<u>Pride Month</u> <i>Recognizes the impact that LGBTQ+ individuals have had on history, society, and cultures locally, nationally, and internationally</i>	U.S. Flag California State Flag Santa Cruz County Flag Progressive Pride Flag	Full-staff From sunrise on the start date to sunset on the end date	Building Illuminated <u>Rainbow Colors</u> From Sunset on the start date to Sunrise on the end date
JUNE	June 14	<u>Flag Day</u> <i>Commemorates the adoption of the American Flag by resolution of the Second Continental Congress in 1777</i>	U.S. Flag POW Flag	Full-staff From sunrise to sunset	N/A
JULY	July 4	<u>Independence Day</u> <i>Commemorates the ratification of the Declaration of Independence by the Second Continental Congress on July 4, 1776, establishing the United States of America.</i>	U.S. Flag POW Flag	Full-staff From sunrise to sunset	N/A

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SEPTEMBER	September 11	<u>Patriot Day</u> <i>Commemorate the lives of those who died in the 2001 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center in New York City, the Pentagon in Virginia, and the United Airlines Flight 93 crash in Pennsylvania.</i>	U.S. Flag California State Flag Santa Cruz County Flag	Half-staff From sunrise to sunset	N/A
SEPTEMBER	Third Friday in September	<u>National POW/MIA Recognition Day</u> <i>Honors and commemorates the U.S. military service members who were prisoners of war (POWs) and those who are still missing in action (MIA).</i>	U.S. Flag POW Flag	Full-staff From sunrise to sunset	N/A
OCTOBER	First Sunday in October	<u>National Firefighters Memorial Day</u> <i>Pays tribute to all firefighters who died in the line of duty during the previous year.</i>	U.S. Flag California State Flag Santa Cruz County Flag	Half-staff From Sunrise to Sunset	N/A
NOVEMBER	Week Prior to November 11	<u>Operation Green Light</u> <i>During the week leading up to Veterans Day, counties shine a green light to show support for veterans, raise awareness of the benefits available to them, and call for action on federal policies that support veterans and their families.</i>	U.S. Flag California State Flag Santa Cruz County Flag	Full-staff From sunrise on the start date to sunset on the end date	Building Illuminated <u>Green</u> From Sunrise on the start date to Sunset on the end date
NOVEMBER	November 11	<u>Veterans Day</u> <i>Honors the service of all veterans, past and present. Flags are flown as a sign of gratitude.</i>	U.S. Flag POW Flag	Full-staff From sunrise to sunset	N/A

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DECEMBER	December 7	<p><u>Pearl Harbor Day</u> <i>Pearl Harbor was one of the deadliest tragedies in U.S. military history. On this day, the flags are flown at half-staff to honor the victims and show patriotism.</i></p>	<p>U.S. Flag California State Flag Santa Cruz County Flag</p>	<p>Half-staff From sunrise to sunset</p>	N/A

Standard Protocol for Days Without Scheduled Observances:

On days when no official observance is scheduled, the U.S. Flag, California State Flag, and Santa Cruz County Flag are to be flown at full staff throughout the day. No building illumination is designated for these dates.

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POW Flag information

POW/MIA Flag with the American Flag on a Single Flagpole

When displayed on a single flagpole, the POW/MIA flag should fly directly below, and be the same size or smaller than, the U.S. flag. If a state or military flag is also flown, the POW/MIA flag should be flown above it, unless stated otherwise in the state flag code.

If on separate poles, the U.S. flag should always be placed to the right of other flags. On the six national observances for which Congress has ordered display of the POW/MIA flag, it is generally flown immediately below or adjacent to the United States flag as second in order of precedence.

The law also specified where the POW/MIA flag would fly, and designated these locations:

- U.S. Capitol
- White House
- Korean War Veterans Memorial, Vietnam Veterans Memorial & the World War II Memorial
- All national cemeteries
- Buildings containing the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Director of the Selective Service System
- All major military installations, as designated by the Secretary of Defense
- All VA medical centers
- All U.S. post offices

The 105th Congress passed the 1998 Defense Authorization Act requiring that the POW/MIA flag fly six days each year over specific federal locations. Those days included Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, POW/MIA Day, and Veterans Day.

While these are the most common days during which we fly our flags, this may not be an exhaustive list. Some Americans may have state, local, and religious holidays during which they may wish to fly their flags.