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What Is A Kit Flag And Why Do Service Members Carry Them??

An American Flag is rolled up and secured with a couple of industrial rubber bands as well as knots of parachute cord to be safe. The red, white and blue are tightly compacted together, attached to the Special Forces soldier's back. There isn't a well defined term for this flag, but the tradition of carrying a rolled up American flag into combat grew stronger throughout the Global War on Terror. Some started calling it a "kit flag". Kit being a common term for body armor.

Some take the flag home. Others may give it to someone whom they appreciate. Sometimes it is used as a daytime signal to indicate friendly forces. If a serviceman is killed, it can go to the family or other member in the group to remember him by.

Since it's not an official military practice, there is no standard for "kit flags." Some members wrap it around their body armour. It's more common in the special operations community.

Throughout history, flags have been used as a form of morale boost and command and signal.

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