

Breaking the Colors" is not a violation of the United States Flag Code. The American Legion Auxiliary has developed a tradition and meaningful custom in which one does not pass between the American Flag and the Auxiliary Banner. This custom of preserving "Hallowed Ground" shows honor and respect to our fallen veterans. This is a tradition. This poem by an unknown author is a good example as to why-

*Between these flags that proudly fly
Let no man dare to stand,
For here our fallen comrades lie.
A symbol, yes, but mark it well;
Here let us ever humbly pause in memory of the lads
Who fell in fighting for our sacred cause.
On sea or land these buddies dies,
Some lie beneath a foreign sod
In graves caressed by winds and tide,
In spots unknown to all but God.
And so, this place is Hallowed Ground,
And it shall be forever blest,
As though it were a grassy mound
Beneath which gallant heroes rest.
Be ever watchful, Legionnaire,
Of those two flags which signify
That we should guard this spot with care
Where our departed comrades lie.
And, if a man should dare to tread this spot
where lies our gallant brave,
He desecrates those noble dead
As though he walked upon their graves.*