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**PART I
COVER SHEET**

CAP 1 SEMESTER 1 WEEK 13

COURSE: Curry Leadership Laboratory, Achievement 1

LESSON TITLE: Drill and Ceremonies – Open/Close Ranks

LENGTH OF LESSON: 50 Minutes

METHOD: Demonstration - Performance

REFERENCE(S): AFM 36-2203, *Drill and Ceremonies Manual*, Chapter 4

AUDIO/VISUAL AIDS/HANDOUTS: None

COGNITIVE OBJECTIVE: N/A

COGNITIVE SAMPLES OF BEHAVIOR: N/A

AFFECTIVE OBJECTIVE: The objective of this series of lessons is for each cadet to know all of the military drill required of a basic cadet.

AFFECTIVE SAMPLES OF BEHAVIOR: Each cadet will willingly learn each of the drill movements and perfect them to required military standards.

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PART II TEACHING PLAN Introduction

ATTENTION: What do you do when you are being inspected? How does the inspector get between the ranks? This is what we are going to learn today.

MOTIVATION: Is your uniform in perfect condition? Do you meet the required grooming standards?

OVERVIEW: Today, we will learn how to open and close ranks. This procedure is used during the conducting of a formal inspection of the unit. A formal inspection looks at not only your ability to drill competently, but at your personal grooming standards while in uniform.

TRANSITION: We will practice this movement and make it perfect, as you have made other movements perfect.

Body

MP 1 The instructor will give instruction on open and close ranks. He, or she, will spend sufficient time during this session to assure that the cadets are thoroughly aware of the responsibility for doing these movements correctly.

Open Ranks: The command is **Open Ranks, MARCH**. It is only given to a formation when in line at normal interval. On the command **MARCH**, the fourth rank stands fast and automatically executes dress right dress at normal interval. Each succeeding rank in front of the fourth rank takes the required numbered of paces, stepping off with the left foot and a coordinated armswing, halts, and automatically executes dress right dress. The third rank takes one pace forward, the second rank takes two paces forward, and the first rank takes three paces forward. Once halted, the distance between ranks will be 64 inches.

(NOTE: The instructor should again refer to Paragraph 4.4.1.4 of AFM 36-2203 for personal instruction on aligning the flight.)

Close Ranks. To close ranks when at open ranks, the command is **Close Ranks, MARCH**. On the command **MARCH**, the first rank stands fast. The second rank takes one pace forward with coordinated arm swing and halts at the position of attention. The third and fourth ranks take two and three paces forward, respectively, and halt at attention. Normal alignment, dress and cover, should be maintained while performing this movement.

MP 2 (NOTE: Instructor after teaching previous movements to his/her satisfaction will have the flight drill on all previous movements integrating current instruction into the drill session.)

Conclusion

SUMMARY: During this period we have learned how to open and close ranks for a formal inspection of the unit.

REMOTIVATION: The purpose of this instruction is to instill in you a desire to be perfect in your uniform wear and present yourself in a professional manner.

CLOSURE: FALL OUT!

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**PART III
LESSON REVIEW**

LESSON OBJECTIVE(S): The objective of this lesson was to learn how to open and close ranks for inspection purpose.

LESSON QUESTIONS: None