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**PART I
COVER SHEET**

CAP 1 SEMESTER 1 WEEK 14

COURSE: Curry Leadership Laboratory, Achievement 1

LESSON TITLE: Drill and Ceremonies – Basic Color Guard (Classroom Instruction)

LENGTH OF LESSON: 50 Minutes

METHOD: Informal Lecture

REFERENCE(S):

1. AFM 36-2203, *Drill and Ceremonies Manual*, Chapter 7
2. US Army Field Manual 22-5, *Drill and Ceremonies Manual*

AUDIO/VISUAL AIDS/HANDOUTS:

1. Overhead projector
2. Transparencies

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: Would you like to be in a parade? Would you like to present the colors during a large meeting? Today, we start learning how to become a color guard.

MOTIVATION: Being a member of the color guard is a distinctive honor placed upon only responsible and highly dedicated cadets.

OVERVIEW: During this period we will learn the basic color guard formation and movements.

TRANSITION: First of all, we will break you into six man teams and start our instruction.

Body

MP 1 (Note: Instructor will divide the flight into equal numbers of teams of six members. Information to be taught has been extracted from drill and ceremonies manuals, AFM 36-2203 and US Army Field Manual 22-5.)

When practical, the color guard consists of two NCOs (the flagbearers) and two experienced airmen (the guards). When selecting a color guard, make every effort to ensure uniformity in height among members.

The carrying of the US and unit flags is an honor bestowed only on responsible NCOs. When possible, flagbearers and guards who have had experience in this function should be selected. If experienced personnel are not available, those selected should be thoroughly trained in the manual of the colors and made fully aware of the honor of their duty.

The flagbearers are unarmed. The guards are armed with rifles or revolvers, but ammunition will not be issued to color guards performing a strictly ceremonial function.

The senior flagbearer carries the US flag, commands the color guard, and gives the necessary commands for movements and rendering honors. The junior flagbearer carries the unit flag. The unit flag is placed on the marching left of the US flag in whatever direction the flags face. When only the US flag is carried, the color guard is composed of one flagbearer and two guards. The unit flag is never carried without the US flag.

With the flagbearers in the center, the color guard is formed and marched in one rank at close interval. The color guard does not execute to the rear march or about face. When the unit to which the color guard is attached executes a facing movement, the color guard, on command of the senior flagbearer, executes a right or left about. To halt the color guard, give the command **Colors, HALT**. When the unit to which the color guard is attached marches to the flank in column, the color guard executes half right (left) about. When the unit moves in a new direction for short distances, the color guard executes the about movement and halts in its proper place. The base or pivot point is the guard on the flank toward which the movement is directed. Each member turns (without pivot) around this point and maintains dress until the new direction is established. The command to change direction by 90 degrees is **Half Right/Left About, MARCH**. To change direction by 180 degrees, the command is **Right/Left About, MARCH**.

TRANSPARENCY DC1.11.1 - Flags at the Order

Position of the Flag at the Order. At the order, the flagbearer rests the ferrule of the staff on the ground on line with and touching the toe of the right shoe. With the right hand, the staff is clasped at a convenient place, keeping the back of the hand to the right and holding the staff in a vertical position.

TRANSPARENCY DC1.11.2 - Flags at the Carry

Positions of the Flag at the Carry. At the carry, the ferrule of the staff rests in the socket of the sling. The flagbearer grasps the staff with the right hand at the height of the shoulder, only using the left hand to steady the staff in a strong wind. The staff is inclined slightly to the front.

TRANSPARENCY DC1.11.3 - Flags at Parade Rest

Position of the Flag at Parade Rest. Parade rest with the flag is similar to parade rest for the individual airman except the flagbearer keeps the staff vertical. The order is resumed on the command **ATTENTION**. The order and parade rest are executed with the color squadron.

MP 2 (Note: Instructor will size teams so that all members are of essentially equal height.)

Conclusion

SUMMARY: During this period, we learned the basic positions of the color guard at Flags at Order, Flags at the Carry, and Flags at Parade Rest.

REMOTIVATION: You have learned some of the ways in which a color guard performs that is different from standard drill. The next several periods of drill will include more instruction on color guard movements and the perfection of these movements.

CLOSURE: FALL OUT!

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**PART III
LESSON REVIEW**

LESSON OBJECTIVE(S): The objective of this lesson is to introduce the color guard movements and show the difference between them and standard drill.

LESSON QUESTIONS: None