

## **Middle School Initiative**

### **METHODOLOGY AND SCOPE OF MILITARY DRILL AND CEREMONIES INSTRUCTION**

1. During the next two years there will be very little instruction in military drill and ceremonies. This is due to the fact that most of the instruction has been completed, up through drill of the squadron and little or no activity can be expected of the cadets beyond that point.
2. Instruction for and participation in group and wing parade/review ceremonies will probably only be experienced at an encampment or a parade in the local community. Each cadet officer must review all phases of basic drill; supervise cadets of lower grade giving instruction to members of their respective units; and evaluate the efficiency of cadet officers and NCOs subordinate to them.
3. It is incumbent upon the instructor to assure that cadet officers participate in those drills and ceremonies that are required of their cadet grade. You, as the instructor, must be at least one step in front of the cadets so that any incorrect act committed or statement proffered by a cadet officer is absolutely by the book.
4. Please be reminded that cadets have a tendency to "change the book" to meet their own desires and needs. This does not make their actions correct and it is up to you to assure that they stay on the straight and narrow.
5. As you progress through the various drill periods you will note that cadets need to be selected to lead the class in discussions and practical application. To assure that the class flows smoothly, you must select the appropriate cadet at least two weeks prior to the class so that he or she may be adequately prepared for the presentation.
6. Be assured that you have as much leeway as you desire to provide competent instruction in military drill. Give first consideration to filling the senior staff positions and others as cadets are available to fill them, keeping in mind that every position does not need to be filled. The main purpose is to be correct in the performance of these drills and that each cadet can impart correct information and instruct military drill correctly and proficiently.