

DRILL TEAM INFORMATION

Being a member of the drill team/color guard requires a lot of commitment. As a member of the competition drill team, you will be required to attend 3-5 practices every week, as scheduled. Practices will also be scheduled during breaks. Failure to promptly attend practices could result in being dropped from the team.

Unarmed Drill Team Practice Schedule:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
2:35-3:30	2:35-4:00	No Practice	2:35-3:30	No Practice	11:00-1:30	No Practice

Armed Drill Team Practice Schedule:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
2:35-3:30	2:35-4:00	No Practice	2:35-3:30	No Practice	No Practice	No Practice

Color Guard Practice Schedule:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
No Practice	No Practice	2:35-4:00	No Practice	No Practice	No Practice	No Practice

Note: The first three weeks of practice (Sept. 10-28) will be training weeks for all drill and color guard teams. Training schedule will be as follows:

Unarmed Drill Team Training Schedule:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
No Practice	2:35-4:00	No Practice	2:35-4:00	No Practice	No Practice	No Practice

Armed Drill Team Practice Schedule:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
2:35-4:00	No Practice	2:35-4:00	No Practice	No Practice	No Practice	No Practice

Color Guard Training Schedule:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
2:35-4:00	No Practice	2:35-4:00	No Practice	No Practice	No Practice	No Practice

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Tentative schedule for unarmed drill team practices:

Monday: 2:35-3:30 Regulation Practice
Tuesday: 2:35-3:00 Knowledge: Quiz/Lesson
3:00-4:00 Exhibition Practice
Thursday: 2:35-3:30 Exhibition Practice
Saturday: 11:00-11:15 Tap-Out
11:15-12:00 Regulation Practice
12:00-12:45 Lunch
12:45-1:00 Exhibition Practice

Absence/Tardy Policy

All team members will be required to attend *all* scheduled practices. If a team member has more than two absences before a competition, they will attend but not participate in that competition. This applies to both excused and unexcused absences. More than 4 excused absences could result in being dropped from the team. Any unexcused absences will result in being dropped from the team. Members will be expected to be on time for every practice. 3 unexcused tardies between competitions will mean that the member will attend but cannot participate in the next competition. More than 5 unexcused tardies could result in being dropped from the team.

Drill Team Uniforms

Competition Drill Teams will wear drill uniforms to competitions. These uniforms will be separate from the issued USAFJROTC uniforms and will be paid for by drill team members. The drill team will plan and execute fundraisers to help pay part of the cost, and members will be required to pay the remaining costs. Uniform costs will be as follows:

Unarmed Drill Team: \$63.39
Armed Drill Team: \$78.60
Saber Team: \$48.75
Unarmed 4 Person Team: \$108.95
Color Guard: \$78.60

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INSPECTION CHEAT SHEET

CHAIN OF COMMAND:

COMMANDER IN CHIEF

HONORABLE BARACK OBAMA

VICE PRESIDENT

HONORABLE JOSEPH BIDEN

SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

HONORABLE LEON PANETA

SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE

HONORABLE MICHAEL DONLEY

AIR FORCE CHIEF OF STAFF

GENERAL NORTON SCHWARTZ

CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT OF THE AIR FORCE

CHIEF MSGT JAMES A. ROY

COMMANDER AIR ED. AND TRAINING

GENERAL EDWARD A. RICE JR.

COMMANDER AFOTC

COLONEL JOHN MCCAIN

COMMANDER AFJROC

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GEN. RAYMOND T. ODIERNO

SGT MAJOR OF THE ARMY

RAYMOND F. CHANDLER

SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

RAY MABUS

CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS

ADM. JONATHAN GREENERT

QUESTIONS:

WHEN WAS THE AIR FORCE ESTABLISHED?

SEPTEMBER 18TH, 1947.

WHAT ARE THE 3 AIR FORCE CORE VALUES?

1. INTEGRITY FIRST
2. SERVICE BEFORE SELF
3. EXCELLENCE IN ALL WE DO

WHAT IS THE CADET HONOR CODE?

I WILL NOT LIE, CHEAT, STEAL, NOR TOLERATE THOSE AMONG US WHO DO.

HOW MANY BRANCHES OF THE MILITARY ARE THERE?

3-AIR FORCE, ARMY, NAVY; MARINE CORPS FALLS UNDER NAVY

WHERE IS THE AIR FORCE ACADEMY LOCATED?

EL PASO COUNTY, COLORADO

WHAT IS THE AIR FORCE ACADEMY MASCOT?

THE FALCON

WHAT IS THE POSITION OF ATTENTION?

STAND UP STRAIGHT; CHIN UP, CHEST OUT, SHOULDERS BACK, STOMACH IN, EYES FRONT. ARMS FIXED AT THE SIDE; THUMBS ALIGNED TO SEEM OF PANTS. HEELS TOGETHER, TOES AT 45 DEGREES.

PHONETIC ALPHABET:

A	Alpha
B	Bravo
C	Charlie
D	Delta
E	Echo
F	Foxtrot
G	Golf
H	Hotel
I	India
J	Juliet
K	Kilo
L	Lima
M	Mike
N	November
O	Oscar
P	Papa
Q	Quebec
R	Romeo
S	Sierra
T	Tango
U	Uniform
V	Victor

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W	Whiskey
X	X-ray
Y	Yankee
Z	Zulu

- YOUR RANK AND GRADE
- ALL YOUR RIBBONS - IN ORDER/ THEIR REQUIREMENTS
- ALL UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS
- LAST NAMES OF ALL MEMBERS OF YOUR ELEMENT, COLUMN, AND ELEMENT LEADERS - IN ORDER

OTHER THINGS TO KNOW:

Drill Competitions

Each drill competition has three phases – inspection, regulation, and exhibition. The main teams – teams with nine or more cadets – will take part in all three phases. The four person teams, however, will only take part in the exhibition phase. Color guard will participate in an inspection phase and a regulation phase.

Inspection:

Inspection at drill competitions will proceed much like class inspections. The team commander will first request permission to enter inspection pad, march the team onto the inspection pad, put the team at open ranks, and the inspection would proceed from there. Typically, there will be 3-4 inspectors, including the head inspector. The inspectors will move through the team, and everyone will be inspected. When approached by an inspector, the cadet will *loudly* say, “Good morning sir/ma’am. Cadet ‘rank’, ‘last name’ ready for inspection, sir/ma’am!” (Cadets should practice saying this loudly and clearly before the competition). Inspectors will inspect uniforms, alignment, discipline, bearing, and spirit, as well as ask knowledge questions. To answer a question, the cadet would respond with, “Sir/ma’am, ‘answer’, sir/ma’am!” answering the question in a sentence. For example, “Sir, the Commander in Chief of the armed forces is the Honorable Barrack Obama, sir!” If given a command, the cadet would say “Ay ay sir/ma’am!” and proceed with the command. For example, if the cadet is instructed to turn around, the cadet would say “Ay ay sir!” and execute an about face. The inspection will be done within a set time limit, typically around 10 minutes, and each cadet will be approached and inspected within that time limit. It is important to not that *every* cadet is crucial to the inspection and affects the score of the whole team, so it is important for every cadet to be up to par with the rest of the team. For this reason, the drill team will participate in regular mock inspections to prepare for competition.

Regulation:

In the regulation phase, drill teams will march using a command sequence supplied by the competition coordinators while remaining within the boundaries of the drill pad. The team commander will receive the command sequence well before the date of the competition to begin practicing the sequence with the team. The team will be graded on items such as discipline, bearing, unity, and spirit, among other factors. The team will be graded from the time the first cadet steps onto the drill pad until the last cadet marches off at the end of the sequence. For each slip in bearing, improperly given command, improperly executed command, step out of the boundaries, or any other mistake that the inspector notices while the team is

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marching, the team will receive a demerit that will affect the team's regulation score. The team commander may and should call commands to avoid stepping out of the boundary lines, even if the command was not provided in the drill sequence. Therefore, the cadets should be careful to focus on the commands given by the team commander, not the commands listed in the drill sequence. Again, every cadet affects the whole team's score, so every cadet should practice regularly with the team, always performing as they would and will perform at competition.

Exhibition

The exhibition phase is where creativity and teamwork really come into play. For this phase, teams are given time and boundary restrictions and are required to create an original routine based around these restrictions, which the team will perform. In this phase, the teams may do whatever they want, may it be executing beats, tweaking drill commands, creating their own commands, chanting, etc.... At one competition, a team could even be viewed standing on each other's shoulders and throwing rifles over each other's heads. In this phase, most everything goes, although there are certain rules specific to each competition and each category that must be adhered to. In this phase, teams are graded on spirit, discipline, creativity, and originality, among other factors.