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A35.—Basic Drill Terms

A35. The following list contains the most frequently used drill terms and a definition of each. All cadets must know and be able to explain the following drill terms.

A35.1.1. Base Element: The element on which a movement is planned, regulated, or aligned. The element farthest to the right when in column formation or at the rear of the formation when in line formation.

A35.1.2. Cadence: The uniform step and rhythm in marching - the number of steps marched per minute.

A35.1.3. Cover: The alignment of one element member directly behind the element member in front of them while maintaining proper distance.

A35.1.4. Distance: The prescribed space from the front of one element member to the rear of the element member directly in front of them. The distance between individuals in formation is 40 inches as measured from their chests to the backs of the persons directly in front of them.

A35.1.5. Double Time: Rate of marching 180 steps (30 inches in length) per minute.

A35.1.6. Dress: Alignment of flight members to the individuals on their immediate right or left.

A35.1.7. Element: The basic formation; the smallest drill unit comprised of at least 3 cadets, one of whom is designated the element leader.

A35.1.8. File: A single column of persons placed one behind the other.

A35.1.9. Flank: The extreme right or left (troops' right or left) side of a formation in line or in column.

A35.1.10. Flight: At least two, but not more than four elements.

A35.1.11. In Column: The arrangement of elements side by side with element leaders at the head of the formation.

A35.1.12. Inverted Column: The arrangement of elements side by side with element leaders to the rear of the formation.

A35.1.13. In Line: The arrangement of elements one behind the other with the element leaders to the extreme right flank.

A35.1.14. Inverted Line: The arrangement of elements one behind the other with the element leaders to the extreme left flank.



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A35.1.15. Interval: The space between individuals placed side by side. Normal interval is an arm's length.

A35.1.16. Mark Time: Marching in place at the rate of 100 to 120 steps per minute.

A35.1.17. Pace: A step of 24 inches. This is the length of a full step in quick time.

A35.1.18. Quick Time: The rate of marching at 100 to 120 steps (24, or 12 inches in length) per minute.

A35.1.19. Step: The prescribed distance measured from heel to heel between the feet of a marching person.

A35.1.20. Half-Step: This is a pace of 12 inches.

A35.1.21. Preparatory Command: The drill command which prepares you for the movement to be executed.

A35.1.22. Command of Execution: The drill command which tells you when to execute the drill movement.

A35.1.23. Detail: A Formation of two or less cadets.

A35.1.24. Squadron: A formation consisting of two to four flights.

A35.2. Open Ranks Inspection: Each Wednesday, unless otherwise directed, an open ranks inspection will be conducted. Use the steps listed below to prepare for the inspection.

A35.2.1. Fall-In:

A35.2.2. The Flight Sergeant commands the flight to "FALL-IN;" the flight falls in 3 paces in front of and centered on the Flight Sergeant.

A35.2.2. The Flight Commander takes a position directly behind the behind the last element leader.

A35.2.3. The Flight Sergeant has the Element Leaders report by commanding, "REPORT."

(1) Each Element Leader (beginning with the 1st Element) turn his/her head to face the Flight Sergeant, salutes, and responds, "SIR/MA'AM, (_____)"

(2) ELEMENT ALL PRESENT AND ACCOUNTED FOR," and holds the salute until it is returned by the First Sergeant.



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A35.2.4. After the last Element Leader reports, the First Sergeant executes an About Face as the Flight Commander marches forward and halts 3 paces in front of and facing the Flight Sergeant.

A35.2.5. The Flight Sergeant salutes and states, “SIR / MA’AM, (_____) FLIGHT PRESENT AND ACCOUNTED FOR.” Salutes are exchanged, and the Flight Commander commands the Flight Sergeant to “POST.”

A35.2.6. The Flight Sergeant marches to a position directly to the left of the last person in the last element.

A35.2.7. After the Flight Sergeant is in position; the Flight Commander prepares the flight for inspection.

A35.3. Open Ranks:

A35.3.1. The Flight Commander gives the command “Open Ranks, MARCH.”

(1) Each of the elements take appropriate steps forward as indicated below and executes an automatic Dress Right Dress.

- (a) First Element takes 3 steps forward.
- (b) Second Element takes 2 steps forward.
- (c) Third Element takes 1 step forward.
- (d) Fourth Element stands fast.

(2) As the elements open, the Flight Commander executes a Left Face and marches to a position 2 paces past the formation, pivots right and moves toward the 1st Element Leader, when alongside the 1st Element Leader, the Flight Commander halts, executes a Right Face, and proceeds to align the flight one element at a time.

A35.3.2. After aligning the last element, the Flight Commander marches to a position 3 paces beyond the 1st Element Leader, halts, executes a Left Face, and gives the command “Ready, FRONT,” then “Parade REST.”

A35.3.2. The Flight Commander marches to a position in front of the 1st Element Leader, executes a Right Face, and assumes the position of Parade Rest.

A35.4. Receiving the Inspector for Inspection:

A35.4.1. The Inspector marches toward the Flight Commander. When the Flight Commander sees the Inspector, the Flight Commander:

- (1) Comes to the position of Attention.



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(2) Looks over his/her left shoulder and directs “Flight, ATTENTION.”

A35.4.2. As the Inspector approaches the Flight Commander, the Flight Sergeant does an About Face, marches to a position 2 paces past the 4th Element Leader, pivots left, and marches to a position to the right of the Flight Commander, halts, executes a Left Face, and remains at the position of Attention prepared to take notes.

A35.4.3. When the inspector arrives to his/her position, the Flight Commander salutes and says, “Sir/Ma’am”, (_____) Flight prepared for inspection.”

A35.4.4. The Inspector will proceed to inspect the Flight Commander with the First Sergeant appropriately annotating the inspection sheet.

A35.4.5. When the Inspector is finished inspecting the Flight Commander, he/she will then direct the Flight Commander to “Accompany me on the inspection.”

A35.5. The Inspection:

A35.5.1. The Flight Commander executes a Left Face, takes one step forward, halts, and commands, “2nd, 3rd, 4th Elements, PARADE REST.”

A35.5.2. The Flight Sergeant, Inspector, and Flight Commander all move as follows:

(1) Flight Sergeant executes a Left Face and moves to a position 1 pace in front of the 1st Element (there will be no cadet in front of him/her).

(2) The Inspector marches forward and halts at a position 1 pace in front of the 1st Element Leader.

(3) The Flight Commander executes a Left Face, marches forward, and halts at a position 1 pace in front of the 2nd person in the 1st Element.

A35.5. Each cadet is now inspected. As the Flight Sergeant, Inspector, and Flight Commander move from one cadet to the next, they will do the “Duck Walk” and pivot on the Left and Right foot without any arm swing.

A35.6. Inspecting the Rear of Elements:

A35.6.1. After the last person in each element is inspected; the Flight Commander hesitates while the Inspector and Flight Sergeant proceed around the last person in the element so they can inspect the rear of the elements.

(1) With the exception of the last element, the Flight Sergeant leads, followed by the Inspector and then the Flight Commander. They move to the same position alignment with the next Element Leader, halt, and execute a Right Face. For the last element, the Inspector will lead, followed by the Flight Leader, and then the Flight Sergeant.



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- (2) The back of each cadet is inspected while marching with coordinated arm swing.
- (3) When the Inspector passes the rear of the second person in each element, the Element Leader of the next element to be inspected commands “() Element, ATTENTION.”
- (4) When the Element Leader of the element just inspected sees out of his/her peripheral vision the Inspector is in position at the next element, he/she commands “() Element, Parade REST.”

A35.7. Completing the Inspection:

A35.7.1. After inspecting the rear of the last element the following occurs:

- (1) When the last Element Leader sees the Inspector in his/her peripheral vision, he/she will execute the command, “() Element, PARADE REST.”
- (2) The Inspector, Flight Sergeant, and Flight Commander halt when the Inspector is at a position directly behind the last Element Leader and do the following:
 - (a) The Inspector executes an About Face so as to face the Flight Commander and takes one step forward.
 - (b) At the same time, the Flight Commander executes a Right Face, takes one step forward, and executes an About Face.
 - (c) At the same time, the Flight Sergeant takes one step forward and hands the clipboard to the Flight Commander.

A35.7.2. The Inspector inspects the Flight Sergeant; when done, the Inspector executes the command “POST”; at that time the following happens:

- (1) The Flight Commander hands the clipboard back to the Flight Sergeant.
- (2) The Flight Sergeant takes the clipboard, executes an About Face, and proceeds back to his/her position in the flight.
- (3) The Flight Commander executes a Right Face and proceeds to his/her position three paces past the 1st Element Leader, halts, executes a Left Face, commands “Flight, ATTENTION”, and then commands “Close Ranks, MARCH.”

A35.8. Formation Dismissal:

A35.8.1. The Inspector proceeds to a position 6 paces in front of, centered on, and facing the flight.



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A35.8.2. The Flight Commander proceeds to a position 3 paces in front of and facing the Inspector and receives any comments/feedback the Inspector may have.

A35.8.3. Salutes are exchanged, and the Inspector directs the Flight Commander to “Dismiss Your Flight”, after which, the Inspector departs the area.

A35.8.4. As the Inspector is departing, the Flight Commander does an About Face and executes the command “Dismissed”, after which the flight executes an About Face, and takes one step forward, and then reports to its designated location.



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A35.9. Drill/Color Guard Basic Procedures

A35.9.1. Membership on the Drill and Color Guard Teams is competitive. You must “earn” your way.

A35.9.2. “Zero Hour” class period is 1515 - 1730 TUESDAY AND THURSDAY; unless otherwise stated. You must be in the classroom standing next to a desk at the position of attention precisely at 1515 for roll call. If you are not, you will be marked as “tardy” or “absent” as applicable.

A35.9.3. Cadets who meet the requirements below receive general elective credit for participation.

a. Minimum of 75% class attendance computed as follows:

(1) Present and on time: 100 attendance points

(2) Present but tardy: 50 attendance points (if you are 10 or more minutes late, you will be marked as absent)

(3) Absent: 0 attendance points

A35.9.4. Minimum 75% average score on all knowledge testing for the quarter/semester. Testing will cover the following material (AT A MINIMUM) and can be found in the Cadet Handbook to include:

(1) Cadet Rank Insignia

(2) Cadet Ribbons

(3) Chain of Command

(4) USAF Core Values, Cadet Honor Code, and Cadet Pledge

(5) Drill (Terms, etc.)

(6) Uniform dress and appearance/customs and courtesies

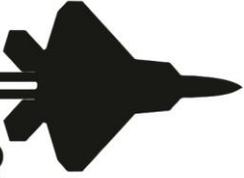
A35.9.5. Cadets who have more than 4 absences per semester will be dropped from the team, unless there is a documented chronic medical condition.

A35.9.6. Attendance will be taken and training gear (Rifles, Sabers, Flags, etc.) will be issued NLT 1520. Training will begin in the designated areas (Gym, Main Parking Lot, etc.) promptly at 1530; periodic breaks for water and restroom will be given on a case-by-case basis.

A35.9.7. If tests are given...Cadets WILL NOT schedule make up tests, tutoring, meetings, etc., during the training.



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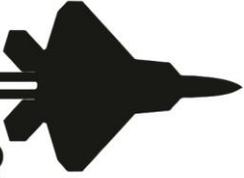


A35.10. 30-COMMAND DRILL SEQUENCE

1. FALL-IN
2. OPEN RANKS, MARCH
3. READY, FRONT
4. CLOSE RANKS, MARCH
5. PRESENT, ARMS
6. ORDER, ARMS
7. PARADE, REST
8. FLIGHT, ATTENTION
9. LEFT, FACE
10. ABOUT, FACE
11. FORWARD, MARCH
12. RIGHT FLANK, MARCH
13. LEFT FLANK, MARCH
14. COLUMN RIGHT, MARCH
15. FORWARD, MARCH
16. TO THE REAR, MARCH
17. TO THE REAR, MARCH
18. COLUMN RIGHT, MARCH
19. FORWARD, MARCH
20. EYES, RIGHT
21. READY, FRONT
22. COLUMN RIGHT, MARCH
23. FORWARD, MARCH
24. CHANGE STEP, MARCH
25. COLUMN RIGHT, MARCH
26. FORWARD, MARCH
27. FLIGHT, HALT
28. LEFT, FACE
29. RIGHT STEP, MARCH
30. FLIGHT HALT



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A35.11. AFJROTC DRILL COMMAND SEQUENCE

Flight Commander will report in to signify ready to perform.

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| 1. Fall in | 16. To the rear march |
| 2. Open ranks march | 17. To the rear march |
| 3. Ready front | 18. Column right march |
| 4. Close ranks march | 19. Forward march |
| 5. Present arms | 20. Eyes right |
| 6. Order arms | 21. Ready front |
| 7. Parade rest | 22. Column right march |
| 8. Attention | 23. Forward march |
| 9. Left face | 24. Change step march |
| 10. About face | 25. Column right march |
| 11. Forward march | 26. Forward march |
| 12. Right flank march | 27. Flight halt |
| 13. Left flank march | 28. Left face |
| 14. Column right march | 29. Right step march |
| 15. Forward march | 30. Flight halt |

The Flight CC will report out to indicate the routine is complete.