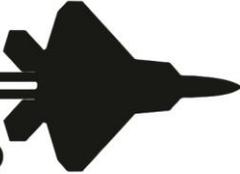




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## *A47.—SPECIAL TEAMS*

General. An important function of the NC-075th AFJROTC Cadet Corps is to provide an Air Force presence at various school and community functions. Many times the cadet corps presence is accomplished by our Color Guard, Drill Team, Awareness Presentation Team, and Kity Hawk Air Society. Members of these four "teams" compete for membership and receive personal observation by the SASI/ASI and are recommended by their squadron commander and/or a group staff officer. To be eligible for selection, and to remain a member of either of these units, a cadet must meet the most rigorous standards of military bearing, behavior, and dress and appearance. They are the most visible members of the cadet corps within the community and, as such, are required to set a high standard of excellence in all of their endeavors.

### **Color Guard**

a. Composition. A color guard is normally made up of two to eleven cadets depending upon the occasion. These cadets are handpicked by the SASI/ASI and Color Guard Commander/NCOIC. Total membership in the color guard will not exceed twenty cadets. Selections are made only after personal observation of the individual cadets and a review of their past performance as a member of the NC-075th AFJROTC Group. The criteria for selection are military bearing and behavior, dress and appearance, personal conduct, attitude, and drill ability.

b. Practice. All members are expected to attend practices. Practice times and dates will be announced in advance and will be posted on the bulletin board in the classroom. Each color guard performance will include a minimum of fifteen minutes practice on the day of the performance unless otherwise directed by the SASI/ASI.

c. Performances. The color guard commander will be notified by the SASI/ASI as soon as possible of any upcoming color guard details. Color Guard members should check the Color Guard Detail Sheet in order to sign up for their fair share of events. Once an event is selected, you should check with your parents, bosses, etc., to make sure that there is no reason you cannot perform on the date and time posted. You then sign your name by the detail selected. Your signature indicates that on your word of honor, you will show up at the time indicated **ALREADY DRESSED IN THE PROPER UNIFORM**, prepared to honor your commitment. After the performance, the AFJROTC classroom will be open for a **MAXIMUM** of fifteen minutes for cadets to change clothes if they desire and to put away equipment. For their time and effort,



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Color Guard members will receive the following awards:

- (1) For every third performance, awarded an Activity Ribbon.
- (2) For every third Activity Ribbon awarded, the cadet will receive a Superior Performance
- (3) For every third Superior Performance Ribbon awarded, the cadet will receive an
- (4) After ten performances, the cadet will be eligible to wear a star on the Color Guard

d. Participation. The SASI/ASI will determine the number of cadets necessary for each performance. The Color Guard Commander will then notify the SASI/ASI of the names of those members who have volunteered. When necessary, the Color Guard Commander will select members to perform using a rotational system so that all members get to participate equally. As stated earlier, once selected you have made a commitment and failure to show up is a serious breach of trust. Failure to perform on any two occasions during a semester will result in your removal from the color guard and raise serious questions about your reliability and character. Only under extreme circumstances will the SASI/ASI waive this requirement.

(1) Prior to each performance, the color guard commander will conduct practice as necessary to ensure a flawless performance at the scheduled event. A personnel inspection will be accomplished by the commander to determine that all participants meet or exceed the standards outlined in below.

(2) As a member of the color guard, you DO NOT have the right to refuse to perform when asked. If you are designated to perform and fail to perform on any two occasions during a semester, you will be removed from the color guard. Only under extreme circumstances will the SASI/ASI waive this requirement.

e. Standards. As mentioned earlier, the color guard is an elite, highly visible unit that is called upon to represent the Group and Tuscola High School at many community and school functions. As such, you must maintain the highest standards of military bearing and behavior, as well as dress and appearance. Your performance must always accurately reflect the fact that NC-075<sup>th</sup> AFJROTC Group is the best of the best. Therefore, the following guidelines will be strictly enforced WITHOUT DISCUSSION.

(1) Any color guard member whose hair does not meet or exceed the standards set forth in the AFI 36-2903, will not be permitted to perform.

(2) All cadets are required to wear the uniform at least one day per week during the school year. Cadets who do not wear it on the designated day cannot make it up. Color guard members who fail for any reason to meet this requirement will be dismissed from the team AFTER THE SECOND OFFENSE. Just as important as wearing the uniform is the



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requirement for wearing it properly and maintaining it in the proper manner. Color guard members who constantly fail in either of these areas, as noted in the weekly inspection of cadets, will be dismissed from the team. **YOU MUST SET THE EXAMPLE.**

(3) Each time a competitive team participates as a unit, they are a direct reflection on the group as a whole. Therefore, conduct of any kind that does not accurately portray the NC-075th AFJROTC Group as the best of the best will not be tolerated. The military term for actions on the part of a cadet that does not meet acceptable standards of behavior is "Conduct Unbecoming of a Cadet".

This includes such things as lying, cheating, stealing, fighting, starting rumors or any other action deemed inappropriate for the occasion. Remember, there is no such thing as cheating a little bit, stealing something of little or no value, or telling a little lie. Either you lie, cheat, and steal, or you don't. **COMPETITIVE TEAM MEMBERS DO NOT.** Conduct unbecoming of a cadet, deemed as such by the SASI/ASI, is cause for immediate dismissal from the team for the remainder of the semester.

**Drill Team.** The NC-075th drill team unit represents our most experienced drill members who participate in competitive drill meets.

a. **Composition.** A drill team is made up of not less than thirteen members plus a commander. Thirteen member teams are required to participate in drill meets. **ALL MEMBERS WILL BE SUBJECT TO ALL RULES AND REGULATIONS CONCERNING THE TEAM.**

b. **Practice.** Practices will be conducted after school. Practice times and dates will be announced in advance and will be posted on the chalkboard in the classroom. During each practice, the drill team commander will have the responsibility to conduct practice in a military manner. Since the sequences will have been pre-approved by the SASI/ASI and will not be changed without their approval, practice time will be devoted to practice, not a discussion or question and answer period. Practice is what is required for a team to win a competition since all scoring is based on the precision of movement demonstrated by the team. Thirteen people must move as one. Therefore, the team will never be any better than its weakest member. By nature then, drill practice must consist of repetition followed by more repetition until each of the thirteen members coordinate their movements to the point of moving as one. You will perform at a meet at the same level at which you perform at practice. Desire, dedication, and discipline coupled with complete **CONCENTRATION** during practice will be rewarded with a trip to the winner's circle at the meet. Like any athletic event, drill meets are won or lost on the practice field. Poor performance on the day of a meet can always be traced back to poor practice habits. The SASI/ASI will not allow poor practice habits or poor attitudes. If you are not prepared to dedicate yourself during practice to giving total effort at all times, your resignation will be gladly



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accepted. If your idea of total effort does not correspond with those of the SASI/ASI...you lose. BE PREPARED TO WORK HARD EVERY DAY!!

c. Participation. You were chosen to be a member of a competitive team not only because you asked to be considered, but also more importantly because of the potential you have displayed. The most important factors considered in determining potential are **DESIRE, DEDICATION, DISCIPLINE, AND CONCENTRATION**. Everything else can be taught. Now is not the time for you to relax and feel as though you "have it made". Rather, now is the time that you must prove yourself on a daily basis. Nothing less than your best effort each and every time you take the field, whether in a meet or practice, will be accepted.

d. Standards. As a member of the drill team, you are expected to represent the group in many highly visible situations. As such, military bearing and behavior, as well as dress and appearance, is of utmost importance. Members of the drill team are expected to exceed the standards set for the other members of the group **AT ALL TIMES**. Therefore, the following guidelines as outlined in this section for the Color Guard applies to the Drill Team and will be strictly enforced.

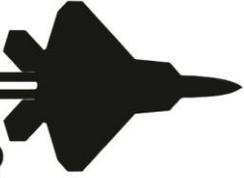
**Awareness Presentation Team.** The Awareness Presentation Team is an academic endeavor designed to provide role models for the elementary and middle school students. Initially implemented in 1990 to deliver an anti-drug message to younger students, it has expanded to cover topics such as peer pressure, conflict resolution, sexual issues, violence, and alcohol awareness.

The team is usually composed of about five (5) cadets selected by the SASI/ASI based on their demeanor, verbal abilities, and professional appearance. Team members are not considered or advertised as experts. They research a subject, then prepare and deliver a presentation. Question and answer sessions are not part of APT presentations. Units with active programs make presentations to hundreds of students annually and team members can qualify to wear the APT badge on their AFJROTC uniform. AFJROTC also supports programs in the local communities such as the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) and the Red Ribbon campaign – a program established in remembrance of federal agent, Enrique Camarena, who was killed in Mexico by drug traffickers. All APT presentations must be cleared and approved by the SASI and the high school principal.

**Kitty Hawk Air Society (KHAS).** KHAS is the academic honor society of AFJROTC. It is an organization dedicated to community service and leadership and is run entirely by the cadets under the supervision of the instructors. Its purpose is to promote high academic standards, school and community service, self-confidence, and initiative. KHAS also develops leadership abilities, recognizes academic excellence, and furthers members' knowledge of the Air Force role in aerospace. KHAS has the flexibility to include objectives of local unit chapters



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under a single umbrella with the advantages of national stature. All active members of KHAS are authorized to wear the distinctive KHAS pin and a cord.

Cadets automatically become members when they meet these criteria:

Earn and maintain a 85 cumulative semester average for all semesters in JROTC and have a current semester GPA of 3.0.

Recite from memory the Air Force Core Values, their definitions, the Cadet Honor Code, preamble to the KHAS Constitution, and KHAS objectives.

Know the mission of the Air Force Association, when it was established, and location of its headquarters.

Complete at least one semester of JROTC.