

DRILL PROCEDURES (30 COMMAND DRILL EVALUATION)

1. All basic cadets will be evaluated in control of a flight by means of military drill using the AFJROTC 30 commands. Cadets will be able to practice several times during the week with the flight, however, little time is given to learn the commands during CLC. It is imperative that all cadets be able to march the flight in the 30 commands prior to arriving at CLC.
2. Cadets will march in a 3 by 3 formation using a 65 foot by 65 foot drill area. Cadets are evaluated in their command voice, cadence, military bearing, and the proper sequence and correct performance of the commands. Note evaluation form for area scores.
3. Cadets will maintain a position on the flight as to always be in a direct line of sight of the head evaluator located at the head of the drill area. This drill maneuver is commonly known as the crossover. (You will report in to the head evaluator).

30 Commands–Expanded Instructions. The flight size for the 30 command evaluation at CLC consist of 9 cadets and 1 commander. Cadets are sized according to height prior to the evaluation. The evaluation area measures 65 x 65 feet. Commands must be given and executed with minimum time between commands to remain in the evaluation area. Any cadet crossing the boundary during a command will score a zero (0) for that command and any other commands given while any member of the flight is out- of-bounds. Flights which go into a mark-time step to prevent crossing a boundary without the commander giving the command mark time will incur a zero for that command. Remember you are being graded on your ability to control a flight.

Note: The commander must maintain a position in front of/inside of the flight formation at all times to ensure the head evaluator (stationed at the front of the drill pad) has direct line of sight of the commander. The commander will use the maneuver commonly referred to as a “crossover”.

Commands:

1. Flight, fall-in. The first element leader will fall-in 3 paces in front and center on the commander. The first element leader will execute an automatic dress right dress. The second, and third, element leaders fall in behind the first element leader, execute an automatic dress right dress, visually establish a 40-inch distance, and align themselves directly behind the individual in front of them. The remaining airmen fall into any open position to the left of the element leaders and execute an automatic dress right dress to establish dress and cover.
2. Open ranks, MARCH. The command is Open Ranks, MARCH. On the command MARCH, the third rank stands fast and automatically executes dress right dress at normal interval. The second rank takes one step, halts and automatically executes dress right dress. The first rank takes two paces forward, and automatically executes a dress right dress. Once halted, the distance between ranks will be 70 inches.

On the command, March, the flight commander moves by the most direct manner to the position on the right flank of the flight, one pace from and in-line of the front rank, and does a right face to face down the line. From this position, the flight commander verifies the alignment of the front rank. If necessary, individuals are called to move forward or backward by name or number. Military bearing is maintained and, instead of weaving from side to side, short sidesteps are taken to verify alignment. (Only the first rank is aligned during this evaluation). The flight commander then faces to the right in marching, moves three paces beyond the front rank, faces to the left, and commands, ready front.

3. Ready, FRONT. On this command, the cadet whose arms are up will lower their arms with snap to their sides (without slapping their sides) and re-cup their hands when their arm is at approximately waist level. As the arm is lowered, the cadets whose heads are turned will return their heads to the front with snap. The body is now back to the position of attention. The flight commander then takes the normal position by the most direct route in front of the flight and does a left face to face the flight.

4. Close Ranks, MARCH. On the command MARCH, the first rank stands fast. The second rank takes one pace forward with coordinating arm swing and halts at the position of attention. The third ranks take two paces forward, and halt at attention. Each person covers on the person directly in front.

5. Present ARMS. The commander will give the command to present arms. The commander will then do an about face and face the evaluator and say, "Cadet _____ reporting for drill evaluation, sir/ma'am." The evaluator will return the salute. The commander will order arms then do an about face to face the flight.

6. Order ARMS. The commander will then give the flight order arms. The flight will order arms and remain at attention.

7. Parade REST. The commander will give the command parade rest while standing at attention. The commander will remain at attention during this command. The flight will perform the command, parade rest.

8. Flight, ATTENTION. The commander will give the flight, attention. The flight will snap to attention.

9. Left FACE. The commander will give the flight, left face. The flight will perform left face. The commander will remain at attention.

10. About FACE. The commander will give the command about face. The flight will perform about face. The commander will remain at attention.

11. Forward, MARCH. The commander will do a left face and give the command forward march. All cadets will begin marching stepping off with the left foot.

12. Right flank, MARCH. The commander will give the command right flank with the command of execution given as the right foot hits the ground. The flight and flight commander will do a right flank and continue marching.

13. Left flank, MARCH. The commander will give the command left flank with the command of execution given as the left foot hits the ground. The flight and flight commander will do a left flank and continue marching.

14. Column right, MARCH. The commander will give the command, column right, with the command of execution given as the right foot hits the ground. The flight and flight commander will execute a column right. The flight will go into a half step as they complete the command. The flight commander will perform the "crossover" to maintain a position on the right flank of the flight formation to ensure the head evaluator has direct line of sight of the commander.

15. Forward, MARCH. The commander will give the command forward march as the left foot hit the ground. Upon the command MARCH, the flight will take one more 12-inch step with the right foot, then step off with a full 24-inch step with the left foot.

16. To the rear, MARCH. The commander will give the command to the rear march as the heel of the right foot strikes the ground. At the command of execution MARCH, the cadet will take a 12-inch step with the left foot placing it in front of and in line with the right foot and distribute the weight of the body on the balls of both feet. The cadet will then pivot 180 degrees to the right on the balls of both feet, and take a 12-inch step with the left foot in the new direction with coordinated arm swing, before taking a full 24-inch step with the right foot. While pivoting, do not force the body up or lean forward. The pivot takes a full count and the arm swing is suspended to the sides as the weight of the body comes forward while executing the pivot, as if at the position of attention.

17. To the rear, MARCH. The commander and flight will do another to the rear march and continue marching.

18. Column right, MARCH. The commander and flight will do a column right as explained in command 14. The commander will continue to remain on the right flank of the flight.

19. Forward, MARCH. The commander will give the command forward march as explained in command 15.

20. Eyes RIGHT. The preparatory command and command of execution are given on the right foot. On the command RIGHT, all persons, except those on the right flank, turn their heads and eyes smartly 45 degrees to the right. The commander will render the salute.

21. Ready FRONT. The command, Ready, FRONT is given as the left foot strikes the ground. On the command FRONT, heads and eyes are turned smartly back to the front. The commander drops the salute.

22. Column right, MARCH. The commander and flight will do a column right as explained in command 14. The commander will continue to remain on the right flank of the flight.

23. Forward, MARCH. The commander will give the command forward march as explained in command 15.

24. Change step, MARCH. The commander will give the command Change Step, MARCH, as the right foot strikes the ground, the cadets will take one more 24-inch step with the left foot. Then, in one count, places the ball of the right foot alongside the heel of the left foot, suspends arm swing, shifts the weight of the body to the right foot, then steps off with the left foot in a 24-inch step, resuming coordinated arm swing. The upper portion of the body remains at the position of attention throughout. Cadets will not click or touch heels together and will not stomp with the right foot. .

25. Column right, MARCH. The commander and flight will do a column right as explained in command 14. The flight commander will perform the "crossover" to maintain a position on the left flank of the flight formation to ensure the head evaluator has direct line of sight of the commander.

26. Forward, MARCH. The commander will give the command forward march as explained in command 15.

27. Flight, HALT. The command, Flight, HALT, is given as either foot strikes the ground. On the command HALT, the cadet will take one more 24-inch step. Next, the trailing foot will be brought smartly alongside the front foot. The heels will be together, on line, and form a 45-degree angle.

28. Left FACE. The commander will give the flight, left face. The flight will perform left face. The commander will perform a right face so that he will face the flight.

29. Right step, MARCH. On the command MARCH, the cadet raises the right leg from the hip just high enough to clear the ground. The leg will be kept straight, but not stiff, throughout the movement. The cadet places the right foot 12 inches, as measured from the inside of the heels, to the right of the left foot. Transfer the weight of the body to the right foot, then bring the left foot (without scraping the ground) smartly to a position alongside the right foot as in the position of attention. This movement is continued in quick time; the upper portion of the body remains at attention and arms remain at the sides throughout. Cadence may be counted during this movement. Counts one and three are given as the right foot strikes the ground. Counts two and four are given as the heels come together.

30. Flight, HALT. To halt from the right step, the preparatory command and command of execution are given as the heels come together. The halt from the right step is executed in two counts. On the command HALT, one more step is taken with the right foot and the left foot is placed smartly alongside the right foot as in the position of attention.

The commander will position the flight on the final halt within one pace of the Flight Halt Position (marked by an orange cone).

The commander will perform an About, Face and report out to the evaluator by saluting the evaluator and reporting, "This completes my drill evaluation, Sir/Ma'am."