

Chapter 8 – JROTC Color Guard

General: The JROTC Color Guard is one of the most important functions of a JROTC unit. It represents JROTC and the U.S. Army to the general public. Instructors will insure that their Color Guard is representative of the best their unit has to offer in keeping with established military traditions and standards.

Purpose: To establish a parish wide standard procedure for selection, training, appearance and performance of Color Guard teams.

Policy: Senior Army Instructors and Color Guard Team Coaches will comply with the procedures contained in this SOP.

References:

- (a.) Chapters 3 and 9, Cadet Command Regulation 145-2, dated 1 February 2012
- (b.) Chapters 12 and 15, and Appendix K, Training Circular 3-21.5, dated January 2012

Mandatory Requirement: JROTC units are required to have a trained and equipped Color Guard having a minimum of two (2) flag bearers and two (2) rifle carrying guards.

Section 1 – Color Guard Members

1-1 It is an honor and a privilege to be on the JROTC Color Guard. Cadets must meet the established criteria in Chapter 3, Paragraph 3-15 and be enrolled and participating in JROTC at their school to be a member. SAI's will screen and select Color Guard cadets meeting the highest standards of appearance and training.

Section 2 – Color Guard Appearance and Training

2-1 The Color Guard team shall consist of cadets who present a neat and sharp military appearance.

2-2 The JROTC cadre will conduct color guard training strictly in accordance with Chapters 12, 15, and Appendix K, Training Circular 3-21.5. At no time will color guards be allowed to use exhibition style drill.

2-3 JROTC units will have at least two (2) trained color guards at all times.

2-4 It is recommended that instructors select color guard members who:

- (a.) Are at least five feet-six inches (5'-6") tall and whose body composition does not detract from a good military appearance while in uniform. See Appendix J of this SOP.
- (b.) Are the same height. Flag bearers may be slightly taller than the rifle carrying guards. See Appendix A for recommended individual heights.

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(c.) Rifle carrying guards must be physically capable of handling and manipulating the approved weapon.

2-5 Training must be conducted with emphasis on the following:

(a.) Color Guard commander must memorize commands.
(b.) All members must memorize the command sequence in order to anticipate the next command given.

(c.) Reporting (in and out).

(d.) Alignment, steps in marching, change in direction and cadence.

(e.) Rifle handling and carrying.

(f.) Uncasing, casing, and carrying the colors.

(g.) Knowledge of the U.S. flag code and etiquette for the national colors. This includes always placing the U.S. flag on the right side; never allowing the national colors to touch the floor; always having the U.S. flag equal to or higher than the state or unit flag.

(h.) Training must always be conducted with the same dignity and honor as performances.

Section 3 – Color Guard Uniforms

3-1. The only authorized uniform for Caddo Parish JROTC Color Guards is the JROTC ASU (Army Service Uniform) Blue 450 Uniform.

(a.) The "**Class A**" ASU Blue 450 uniform with grey beret (required for competitions and DAI tasked functions.)

(b.) The "**Class B**" ASU Blue uniform is optional for other events.

3-2. Items placed on the color guard uniform must conform with provisions of Chapter 6 of the Caddo Parish JROTC SOP and Chapter 11, Cadet Command Regulation 145-2.

3-3. The only authorized headgear is the JROTC grey beret with the distinctive flash or a DAI approved helmet (i.e. chrome or white.) The grey beret will be worn for all competitions and external events tasked by the DAI. Color Guards will always wear headgear indoors or outdoors.

3-4. Color Guard harness and pistol belt will be worn and may be Army issued green or unit purchased black or white. Harness and pistol belt must be clean and not frayed. Large brass buckles are authorized for wear with pistol belts.

3-5. The flagstaff for all color guard flags can be nine feet six inches or eight feet. They must be the same for all flags in the color guard. The flagstaff may be Army issue or purchased from a flag vendor. The finial (spearhead) must be Army issue.

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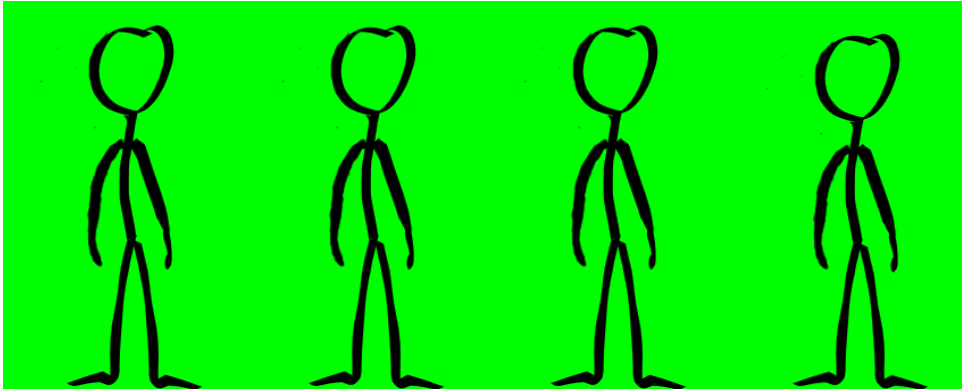
Section 4 – Color Guard Restrictions. JROTC cadre who violate the following requirements may be subject to administrative action:

- 4-1. Civilian attire is never authorized for color guard wear except for practice.
- 4-2. When participating in parades or publicly posting the U.S. and State flags, the Caddo Parish JROTC Color Guards will not have less than four (4) members: two (2) flag bearers and two (2) rifle carrying guards.
- 4-3. The Caddo Parish JROTC Color Guard uniform will not consist of any uniform item/s that is worn by members of the: Active Army, Army Reserves, National Guard, Civilian Organizations and items worn by Foreign Military/Civilian organizations.
- 4-4. Color Guards should always march four abreast except when the facilities/space do not allow. Single file is permitted under some circumstances with the U.S. flag always preceding the state or organizational colors.
- 4-5. Color Guards should never be without headgear.

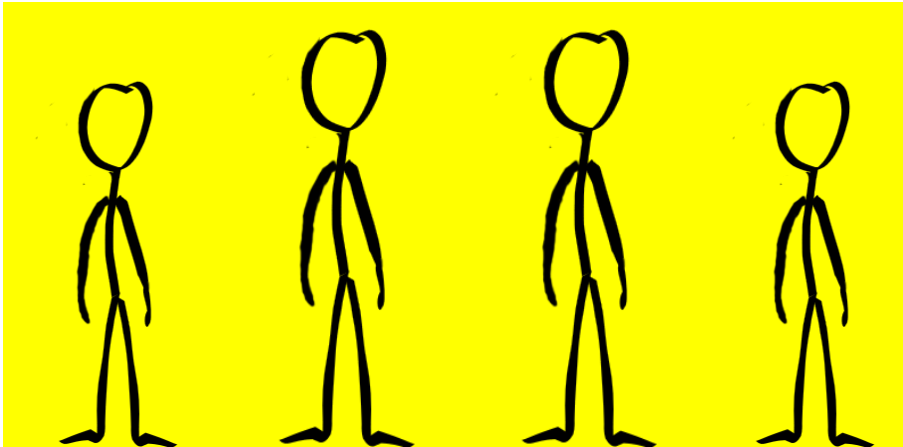
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Height Option #1 (All members approximately the same height and weight):



Height Option #2 (Flag Carriers slightly taller than the rifle bearers):



No Option (Mixmatch of height and weight)

