From: Commandant of Midshipmen

Subj: COLOR COMPETITION

Ref: (a) COMDTMIDNINST 4730.1C
     (b) COMDTMIDNINST 1020.3B
     (c) Marine Corps Drill and Ceremonies Manual
     (d) COMDTMIDNINST 5060.1

Encl: (1) Color Parade Procedures
      (2) Color Company Competition Calculation Procedures

1. Purpose. To issue the procedures and assign responsibility for the Brigade of Midshipmen Color Company competition.

2. Cancellation. COMDTMIDNINST 3590.2E. This instruction is a complete revision and should be reviewed in its entirety.

3. General Information

   a. The Color Competition is designed to support the mission of the Naval Academy by stimulating the professional, academic, and athletic development of Midshipmen through intra-Brigade competition. This competition is coordinated by the Midshipmen Activities Officer.

   b. The Color Competition results in two Color Companies, one for the fall semester and one for the spring semester. After the conclusion of the first semester of the academic year, the fall Color Company is selected, and the scoring for the spring selection starts anew.

   c. Naval Academy departments will supervise those competitive exercises consistent with their missions and as assigned in this instruction. Supplementary departmental instructions should be issued as required. Departments will provide a copy of their grading procedure to the Midshipmen Activities Officer. Once competition has commenced, the rules governing that competition shall not be altered.

4. Procedures for Selection of the Color Company

   a. The Color Company evaluation consists of three categories: professional, academic, and athletic. The total evaluation is based on a 100-point scale. The professional category accounts for 34 percent of the total points. The academic category accounts for 33 percent of the total points. The athletic category accounts for 33 percent of the total points.

   b. Each of the three categories is divided into multiple variables for consideration.

      (1) Each variable is assigned a specific number of potential points also referred to as a weight. When the potential points for the variables
within a given category are totaled, the sum equals the potential points assigned to that particular category: 34 points for the professional category, 33 points for the academic category, and 33 points for the athletic category.

(2) Each variable is evaluated based on companies’ relative performance in each category. Categories where a higher score is better will be determined by subtracting the lowest company score in that area from each company’s score, dividing it by the range of scores (the max score minus the min score), and multiplying it by the weight. Categories where a low score is better will be determined by subtracting each company’s score from the highest company score in that area, dividing it by the range of scores, and multiplying it by the weight for that area.

(3) Because of the semester dependence of some of the variables, the potential points assigned to variables may differ between the fall and spring semesters.

c. Incentive system final data compilation and subsequent calculation shall commence following the submission of semester grades to MIDS.

d. The results of the incentive system calculations shall be promulgated during the reform period following the fall semester or during Commissioning Week following the spring semester.

5. Incentives System Component Specifics

a. The table below indicates the categories, variables, scoring systems, and weights for fall and spring semester:

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b. Professional Category Variables

(1) Drill

(a) The Drill Staff scores the companies according to their performance in formal drill events.

(b) The fall semester ranking is assigned based on graded formal parades and home football game march-ons.

(c) The spring semester ranking is assigned based on graded formal parades held during the spring semester prior to the May intercessional period.

(d) If any drill events are cancelled during a grading period (e.g., due to inclement weather), all companies are given full points.

(e) The Brigade Drill Officer shall provide company drill rankings to the Brigade Operations Officer.

(2) 4/C Professional Knowledge Quizzes

(a) The Brigade Training Staff develops and grades the standardized professional knowledge quizzes taken by all 4/C Midshipmen in the Brigade.

(b) The Brigade Training Officer computes each company’s average quiz score.

(c) The average quiz score for each company on a 100-point scale is used in the incentives system calculation.

(d) The Brigade Training Officer shall provide company PQS averages to the Brigade Operations Officer.

(3) Midshipmen Qualification Standards (MQS). The percentage completed at the end of the fall semester will be used to calculate the points for each company. They will be ranked with most points for highest percentage completed. The Brigade Training Officer shall provide company MQS percentages to the Brigade Operations Officer.

(4) Professional Competency Review (PCR) Average Grade. PCR is given on an annual basis during the spring semester. All Midshipmen are required to participate in and pass their respective class PCR. A grade of 80% is considered “passing/meeting standard.” The highest points will be given to the company with the highest average. The Brigade Training Officer shall provide company PCR percentages to the Brigade Operations Officer.

(5) Zone Inspection

(a) The Brigade First Lieutenant administers the inspection and compiles the results.

(b) The First Lieutenant ranks the companies based on their inspection performance in accordance with reference (a).

(c) The rank assigned to each company is used in the incentive system calculation.
(d) The Brigade First Lieutenant shall provide zone inspection ranking for each company to the Brigade Operations Officer.

(6) Conduct Offenses

(a) The number of Adjutant Midshipmen in a given company who have committed an honor offense or one or more major conduct offense(s) is determined for the semester under consideration. (Following the Administrative Conduct System revision, the number of Midshipmen found to have committed one or more 6000-level offense(s) will be used.)

(b) That number is divided by the total number of Midshipmen in the company.

(c) The quotient is then used in the incentive system calculation.

(d) The Brigade Honor Advisor and Brigade Conduct Officer shall provide number honor and major conduct offenses per company to the Brigade Operations Officer.

(7) Yard Patrol Craft (YP) Competition

(a) The YP Competition is the responsibility of the Director, Division of Professional Development.

(b) Final ranking of the companies are reported directly following the completion of each semester’s competition.

(c) The score is used in the incentives system calculation.

(d) The Brigade Operations Officer shall obtain YP Color Competition results from the Professional Development Department.

c. Academic Category Variables

(1) Average Semester Quality Point Rating (SQPR). The average SQPR of all the Midshipmen in a company on a 4.0-scale is used in the incentive system calculation. The Brigade Academics Officer shall provide the average SQPR for each company to the Brigade Operations Officer.

(2) Average SQPR in Professional Courses.

(a) Professional courses include any course with a designation of NE, NL, NN, NP, or NS regardless of whether they are elective or required courses.

(b) The professional course SQPRs on a 4.0-scale for all Midshipmen in a company are averaged.

(c) The average is used in the incentive system calculation.

(d) The Aptitude Officer shall provide the average professional SQPR for each company to the Brigade Operations Officer.

(3) Percent Change of Average SQPR

(a) The percent change is calculated by subtracting the previous semester’s average SQPR from the current semester’s average SQPR then
dividing by the previous semester's average SQPR, i.e., for a fall semester, (fall-spring)/spring; for a spring semester, (spring-fall)/fall.

(b) The percentage change is used in the incentive system calculation.

(4) Fewest UAs/Tardies

(a) The number of absences unauthorized absences and tardies are totaled for each company. This number is then divided by the number of Midshipmen in the company.

(b) This score is used in the incentive system calculation.

(c) The Brigade Academics Officer shall provide this information to the Brigade Operations Officer.

d. Athletic Category Variables

(1) Intramural Standing

(a) Intramural standing is based on total intramural points for a semester.

(b) Fall semester ranking is based on total intramural points for the fall intramural season.

(c) Spring semester ranking is based on total intramural points for the winter and spring intramural seasons combined. The point values can be calculated by subtracting the fall season point values from the point totals at the end of the academic year.

(d) The total intramural points are used in the incentive system calculation.

(e) The Brigade Intramurals Officer shall provide this information to the Brigade Operations Officer.

(2) Average Physical Education (PE) grade. The average semester PE grade of all the Midshipmen in a company on a 100-point scale is used in the incentive system calculation. PE grade is determined by combining scores in semester PE classes with semester PRT scores. The Aptitude Officer shall provide the semester PE grade average for each company to the Brigade Operations Officer.

(3) PRT Average Grade

(a) The PRT Average Grade adds all the grades for every PRT (including multiple efforts) run by a Midshipman in the company for a combined point value. The company’s combined points will be divided by the number of Midshipmen that participated in a PRT. If a Midshipman takes the PRT multiple times, each time will count as an additional Midshipman taking the PRT.

(b) Midshipmen that fail the PRT will receive a point value of 0 that is used to calculate the company’s average.

(c) The company with the highest PRT average grade will receive full points in the incentive system calculation.
(d) This procedure for PRT Average Grade does not penalize a company for Midshipmen who are PRT incomplete or ineligible; it only penalizes for PRT failure.

(e) The Brigade PMO shall provide this information to the Brigade Operations Officer.

4. Spirit Competitions

(a) Spirit competitions are designated as such by approval of the Commandant of Midshipmen.

(b) Spirit competitions will be scored by the Brigade Support Activities Officer.

(c) Each competition is equally weighted within the spirit competition variable.

(d) The score from individual spirit competitions are combined to determine an overall spirit competition score.

(e) The companies that remain unranked in any of the individual competitions receive the lowest rank. If no spirit competitions are held during a given semester, all companies receive the lowest rank.

(f) The ranking is used in the incentive system calculation.

(g) The Brigade Operations Officer shall obtain this information from the Brigade Special Activities Coordinator.

6. Color Company Incentives

a. The members of the fall Color Company shall be granted the following privileges:

(1) They will be authorized to have one company picnic during the spring semester in which they are declared Color Company. Food and beverages will be provided by the Midshipmen Welfare Fund (MWF).

(2) The upperclass Midshipmen will be authorized one additional weekend in the following semester.

(3) The First Class Midshipmen will have their choice of reserved spaces in authorized parking areas during the following semester.

(4) Color Company members are authorized to wear an “E” on their uniforms in accordance with reference (b).

b. The members of the spring Color Company shall be granted the following privileges:

(1) They will not be assigned any Main Office/Regiment Office watches during the Commissioning Week in which they are declared Color Company.

(2) They will be authorized to have one company picnic during the Commissioning Week in which they are declared Color Company. Food and beverages will be provided by MWF.
(3) They will be granted one hour of extra liberty each night during Commissioning Week in which they are declared Color Company.

(4) The First Class Midshipmen will have their choice of reserved spaces in authorized parking areas during the following semester.

(5) The upperclass Midshipmen will be authorized one additional weekend in the following semester.

(6) Color Company members are authorized to wear an “E” on their uniforms in accordance with reference (b).

7. Color Company Awards

   a. The company that scores the highest percentages under the “Color Company Incentives Program” for the fall semester will be honored at reform dinner in January and their guide-on will be decorated with a 2-1/2 inch blue border for the spring drill season.

   b. The company that scores the highest percentages under the “Color Company Incentives Program” for the spring semester will be honored at the reform dinner in August.

   c. The Commissioning Week Color Parade will honor both the fall and spring Color Company winners under the “Color Company Incentives Program.” For further explanation of the Color Parade, refer to enclosure (1).

(1) The fall semester Color Company Commander will receive the Forrestal Award, an engraved silver tray, on the Worden parade deck. The fall semester Color Company Commander maintains possession of the Forrestal Tray.

(2) The spring semester Color Company Commander will have the opportunity to pick the “Color Honoree,” and will accept the Stewart Wright Hannah Memorial Trophy on the Worden parade deck. The Stewart Wright Hannah Memorial Trophy will be presented to the spring semester Color Company at the Color Parade each year and will be retained and prominently displayed in Smoke Hall during the following year. It will be engraved with the number of the Color Company and the name of the Midshipman Company Commander from that semester. That Company Commander will also receive a framed company guide-on with blue border to keep.

(3) The fall semester Color Company will exchange their Color Company guide-on for the standard guide-on and the Spring Color Company’s guide-on will be decorated with a 2-1/2 inch blue border.

(4) Both Company Commanders will receive swords, either USN or USMC, as appropriate to their service assignment after graduation. These will be presented by the Naval Academy Alumni Association.

(5) The spring Color Company Commander will select the Color Honoree. The Color Honoree can be anyone, including, but not limited to: family; close friends, including romantic interests; members of the community who have supported the Midshipman leading up to and/or through his/her four years at USNA; or a personal hero or inspiration. If this honor is bestowed posthumously, living members of the family may be invited to attend and participate in the Color Parade.
8. **Color Company Status Board.** The Color Company Status Board is located outside Main Office. The board shall be updated after 6-week exams and 12-week exams, to include any completed categories and standings as a result of grades at each point, and then at the conclusion of the semester by the Brigade Operations Officer to reflect the current Color Company standings.

9. **Review Responsibility.** The Commandant Operations Officer is responsible for the annual review of this instruction.

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COLOR PARADE PROCEDURES

1. Background. These sequences of events come directly from procedures outlined in references (c) and (d). The only differences are those that separate the Color Parade from other formal parades.

2. Color Parade Specifics
   a. Both the fall and spring Color Companies are recognized at the Color Parade.
   b. The spring Color Company Commander selects the Color Honoree.
   c. The fall Color Company Commander accepts the Forrestal Award Serving Tray on behalf of his/her company.
   d. The spring Color Company Commander accepts the Stewart Wright Hannah Memorial Trophy which will be displayed in Mitscher Hall throughout the following year on behalf of his/her company.

3. Sequence of Events for Color Parade for Outdoor Ceremony

   ASSEMBLY/FORMATION
   a. Brigade Staff will assemble in T-Court. 1st Regiment will assemble in T-Court. 2nd Regiment will assemble between Bancroft Hall and Ward Hall. Subordinate Unit commanders will have formed and mustered their units. Once the units have been formed, the Unit Commander will command “staff draw swords” and place the unit at parade rest. Reports will be received from all levels of command through the Brigade. Upon receiving all reports, the Regiment will be placed at parade rest. The Color Guard will assemble in the Rotunda. The Drum and Bugle Corps will assemble along Buchanan Road.
   b. The Commander of Troops is defined as the Brigade Commander during the Academic year.

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<td>1st Regiment echoes Brigade Commander then commands the Brigade Adjutant to receive the report.</td>
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   MARCH-OVER
   STAFF
   BRIGADE...  Brigade Commander: Staff, Forward March.
   FORWARD    Brigade Commander: Regiment Commander will echo the preparatory commands.
               1st Regiment Commander will follow the USNA Band.
               Color Guard will follow 1st Regiment.

   BATTALION...
   RIGHT SHOULDER
   ARMS
   COLUMN OF
   COMPANIES,
   RT/LT COMPANY
   RT/LT TURN
   Battalion Commanders will bring their Battalions to right shoulder arms.
   Battalion and Company Commanders command at the proper interval.
MARCH ONTO WORDEN FIELD

RIGHT/LEFT TURN, MARCH

Unit Commanders command at their proper intervals.

BRIGADE STAFF:
Will march along the backside of Worden Field, execute a left turn at midfield, and march up to their position in front of the reviewing stand and face the line of troops.

BRIGADE COMMANDER:
Commands “COUNTER MARCH, MARCH” at the fourth marker and halts the staff on the second marker.

BRIGADE ADJUTANT:
Marches out to the first block.

BRIGADE COMMANDER:
Commands staff “STAFF ORDER SWORDS”

REGIMENT AND BATTALION STAFFS:
Will march along the back side of Worden Field, execute a left turn at their turn blocks. The Adjutants will step off and proceed to their position facing down the line and marking the line of troops for their units. The staffs will march to their blocks and execute order swords.

COMPANY... LEFT TURN MARCH

Company Commander: Two to three paces past their blocks along the back side of Worden Field.

GUIDE OF THE RIGHT PLATOON ON LINE

The right most Platoon guide will execute port arms and double time to the companies block, execute order arms, and right face to face the Brigade Adjutant.

COMPANY HALT

COMPANY... MARK TIME MARCH

Company Commander will come abreast of the guide from the right Platoon.

STAFF HALT

Company Commander then executes an about face and commands “COMPANY HALT.”

COMPANY... HALT

Company Commander will then execute an about face

ORDER ARMS

Company Commander commands after halting the Company. All Platoon Commanders will remain at carry sword.
DRESS RIGHT

AT CLOSE
Brigade Adjutant will command once all Company Commanders have
INTERVAL,
DRESS RIGHT
faced to the front (general command).
DRESS

REGIMENT...
Regiment Commanders will carry sword, face their units and
AT CLOSE
command in sequence. On the command “DRESS,” the right
INTERVAL, DRESS
most Platoon Commander of the company steps off and ceremonially
RIGHT DRESS
dresses the 3rd, 6th, and 9th ranks. They then return to their
position within the Company and align themselves.

READY,
Regiment Commanders: After each Platoon Commander has returned
FRONT,
COVER
to their positions, all Platoon Commanders will then execute
“ORDER SWORDS” on the command of execution. The Regiment
Commanders will execute an about face and order swords.

GUIDES POST

GUIDES POST
Brigade Adjutant commands. Running guides execute a left face.
Regiment and Battalion Adjutants step off to their positions
within their staffs.

MARCH ON THE COLORS

MARCH ON
Brigade Adjutant commands (general command).
THE COLORS

COLOR GUARD EXECUTES

PRESENT ARMS (NATIONAL ANTHEM)

PRESENT
Brigade Adjutant commands (general command).
ARMS
Regiment Commanders execute carry sword and about face.

REGIMENT...
Regiment Commanders will command in sequence.
PRESENT
Once the Regiment has executed, the Regiment Commander will
ARMS
execute an about face.

STAFF...
Regiment Commanders.
PRESENT
SWORDS

BRIGADE STAFF
Brigade Commander: After 2nd Regiment Staff has executed present
SWORDS
Swords.

PRESENT
Color Guard will execute with the Brigade Staff.
SWORDS

ORDER ARMS

STAFF...
Brigade Commander commands.
ORDER SWORDS

ORDER ARMS
Brigade Adjutant commands (general command).
STAFF...
Regiment Commanders command then execute an about face.
ORDER SWORDS

Regiment Commanders will command in sequence upon execution of the Regiment, the Commander will execute an about face and then order swords.

POST THE COLORS

Brigade Adjutant commands. Color Guard executes.

PARADE REST

Brigade Adjutant commands. Color Guard executes.

COLOR GUARD EXECUTES PARADE REST

Brigade Adjutant commands and executes order swords.

Naval Academy Band performs sound off.

BRIGADE... ATTENTION

Brigade Adjutant executes carry swords and commands (general command). Regiment Commanders command their staffs to attention.

COLOR GUARD COMES TO ATTENTION

Regiment Commanders will command in sequence. Upon execution of the Regiment, the Commander will execute an about face and order swords.

PRESENT ARMS

Regiment Commanders will command in sequence. Upon execution of the Regiment, the Commander will execute an about face and command staff, "PRESENT SWORDS."

SIR, THE PARADE IS FORMED

Brigade Adjutant (after 2nd Regiment Staff has executed present arms) reports to the Brigade Commander. Execute present swords.

TAKE YOUR POST SIR

Brigade Commander orders the Brigade Adjutant. After acknowledgment from the Brigade Commander, the Brigade Adjutant will execute carry sword and return to his/her post within the staff and execute order swords.

MANUAL OF ARMS

Brigade Commander commands.

Regiment Commanders echo the preparatory commands.
ORDER... Brigade Commander commands, Regiment Commanders echo the preparatory commands the command of execution, everyone executes.

PORT... Brigade Commander commands, Regiment Commanders echo the preparatory commands. Command of execution, all sword bearers execute carry sword

THE SAME SEQUENCE OF COMMANDS AND ECHOES ARE FOLLOWED FOR THE REMAINING MOVEMENTS (RIGHT SHOULDER ARMS, PORT ARMS, LEFT SHOULDER ARMS, PORT ARMS, AND ORDER ARMS), ON THE COMMAND OF EXECUTION FOR ORDER ARMS, EVERYONE EXECUTES.

RECEIVE THE REPORT SIR Brigade Commander directs the Brigade Adjutant.

REPORT Brigade Adjutant marches to his/her position.

__REGIMENT__... Regiment Commanders will report in sequence. They will execute present swords, turn their heads towards the Brigade Adjutant and report. Upon return of salute, the Regiment Commanders will terminate and assume order sword

SIR/MA’AM Brigade Adjutant reports to the Brigade Commander.

20XX PRESENT Brigade Adjutant acknowledges the report, executes carry sword.

PUBLISH THE ATTENTION TO ORDERS Brigade Commander executes carry sword, about faces, and publishes the order. Upon completion, the Adjutant will take his position back within the staff.

FORM FOR PRESENTATION

BRIGADE COMMANDER: “COLOR COMPANIES AND ALL COLORS FRONT AND CENTER.”

COMPANY COMMANDER: “RIGHT SHOULDER, ARMS. COLUMN HALF RIGHT, MARCH. COLUMN HALF-LEFT, MARCH.” Color Company marches into position 12 paces from the 1st block. “MARK TIME, MARCH. COMPANY, HALT. ORDER, ARMS.”

CUE: Superintendent moves to first block with Color Honoree.

BRIGADE PRESENT ARMS

STAFF: Countermarches and halts

CUE: Staff present arms, color guards executes with staff (new color guard, flag bearers will execute a hand salute).

BRIGADE COMMANDER: “SIR THE COLOR COMPANIES AND ALL COLORS ARE FORMED FOR THE PRESENTATION!”

SUPERINTENDENT: Returns salute and orders “PROCEED WITH EXCHANGE OF COLORS!”

BRIGADE COMMANDER: “STAFF, CARRY SWORDS!”
BRIGADE COMMANDER: "BRIGADE, ORDER ARMS!"

BRIGADE XO: Moves the staff to area near the awards table.

BRIGADE COMMANDER: "PARADE REST" to the Brigade

CUE: Brigade executes parade rest, Brigade Staff executes parade rest and the Color Companies and Color Guard remain at the position of attention.

BRIGADE COMMANDER: Returns sword and joins the Superintendent and Color Honoree.

CUE: Superintendent leaves the Color Honoree with the Brigade Commander and returns to seat.

COLOR CEREMONY

CUE: The Brigade Commander and Color Honoree move in front of the fall Color Company. (Drill staff member will assist by bringing the Forrestal Award)

BRIGADE COMMANDER AND COLOR HONOREE: Move in front of the fall Color Company.

CUE: Brigade Commander and Color Honoree will replace Color Company Guide-on with Regiment Guide-on. Brigade Commander presents the Forrestal Award to the fall Company Commander.

BRIGADE COMMANDER AND COLOR HONOREE: Move in front of the spring Color Company.

CUE: Brigade Commander and Color Honoree will replace Regiment Guide-on with Color Company Guide-on. Brigade Commander presents the Stewart Wright Hannah Award to the spring Company Commander.

CUE: Brigade Commander and Color Honoree return to the Superintendent’s Block. Fall Company Commander moves to Superintendent’s Block

COLOR HONOREE 3 CHEERS

FALL COMPANY COMMANDER: Commands "COLOR COMPANIES, THREE CHEERS FOR THE COLOR HONOREE, HIP, HIP, HOORAY."

CUE: After the Color Companies’ three cheers.

COLOR HONOREE: Move back to seat under canopy.

FALL COMPANY COMMANDER: Returns to front of company.

BRIGADE Marches back to position and about face toward canopy.
COMMANDER:

CUE: Brigade XO leads the Brigade Staff back into position with the Brigade Commander.

BRIGADE COMMANDER/COMPANY COMMANDER/COMPANY XO:

**BRIGADE 3 CHEERS**

BRIGADE Commander: Commands “BRIGADE, ATTENTION... THREE CHEERS FOR THE COLOR COMPANY, HIP, HIP, HOORAY.”

CUE: After the Brigade’s three cheers.

COMPANY Commander: Commands officers, “CARRY, SWORDS,” “RIGHT SHOULDER, ARMS,” “TO THE REAR, MARCH (repeat),” “MARK TIME, MARCH,” “COMPANY, HALT,” “ORDER, ARMS,” “ABOUT FACE.” (Company moves back into position.)

**POST THE COLORS**

COLOR GUARD: Marches forward and executes a left turn to the line of troops.

CUE: Color guard countermarches and halts on the line of troops.

**HONORS**

BRIGADE... Brigade Commander faces the brigade and commands “BRIGADE.”

REGIMENT... Regiment Commanders command “REGIMENT.”

PRESENT ARMS Brigade Commander commands. No echo of “PRESENT” from the Regiment Commanders. The Brigade will execute.

STAFF, PRESENT SWORDS Brigade Staff will execute a countermarch and then the Brigade Commander will command.

COLOR GUARD WILL DIP WHEN BRIGADE STAFF EXECUTES PRESENT SWORDS. THE BAND AND SALUTING BATTERY RENDER HONORS.
SIR/MA'AM, THE BRIGADE OF MIDSHIPMEN

Brigade Commander: Once the Reviewing Officer/Official has taken his/her reviewing position and the saluting honors are complete, the Brigade Commander will report.

STAFF, ORDER SWORDS, CARRY SWORDS COUNTERMARCH, MARCH

Brigade Commander commands once the reviewing officer/official says, “PASS THE BRIGADE IN REVIEW!”

STAFF, HALT

Brigade Commander halts the staff when he/she reaches the 2nd block.

BRIGADE

Brigade Commander commands.

REGIMENT...

Regiment Commanders command.

ORDER ARMS

Brigade Commander commands. Regiment Commanders echo.

PASS IN REVIEW

Brigade Commander commands.

DRUM AND BUGLE CORPS WILL STEP OFF AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME.

BATTALION, RIGHT SHOULDER ARMS

Battalion Commander commands when Regiment staff marches in front of 1st Regiment. Once the Brigade Staff has marched in front of the Regiment Staff, all sword bearers will execute carry sword. Guide-On bearers will execute carry Guide-On.

COLUMN OF COMPANIES, RIGHT COMPANY, RIGHT TURN

Battalion Commander commands when Drum and Bugle Corps is clear.

COMPANY COMMANDERS WILL COMMAND “RIGHT TURN MARCH” TO MAINTAIN THE APPROPRIATE DISTANCE FROM THE UNIT IN FRONT OF THEM.

COMPANIES WILL EXECUTE A RIGHT TURN APPROX THREE PACES IN FRONT OF THE BOUNDARY FLAGS, WHICH ARE ON THE FAR RIGHT-HAND SIDE OF WORDEN FIELD.

BATTALION STAFFS WILL NOT MARCH ON LINE OF TROOPS; HOWEVER, WILL EXECUTE A RIGHT TURN AND CONTINUE MARCHING UNTIL THEY ARE ON THE LINE OF MARCH WITH THE UNIT THAT PRECEDES THEM.

COLOR GUARD PASSES IN REVIEW BEHIND 15TH COMPANY AND IN FRONT OF 4TH BATTALION STAFF.

ALL UNITS WILL MARCH PAST THE EXIT TURN MARKER BEFORE THEY TURN TO EXIT THE FIELD.
4. Sequence of Events for Color Parade for Indoor Ceremony

BRIGADE COMMANDER: “BRIGADE ATTENTION.”

BRIGADE ADJUTANT: “AT CLOSE INTERVAL, DRESS RIGHT, DRESS.”

1ST PLATOON COMMANDERS: Execute the dress right dress sequence.

CUE: All Platoon Commanders have returned to original positions

BRIGADE ADJUTANT: “READY, FRONT, COVER.” All sword bearers will execute order sword.

CUE: Dress right completed.

BRIGADE ADJUTANT: March on the colors. Adjutant moves back into the staff.

BRIGADE COMMANDER: “BRIGADE, PRESENT, ARMS.”

BRIGADE COMMANDER: Staff, present, swords. Color guard will present colors on command from the Brigade Commander.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

BRIGADE COMMANDER: “BRIGADE, ORDER, ARMS.”

POST THE COLORS

BRIGADE ADJUTANT: “BRIGADE, PARADE, REST.”

BRIGADE ADJUTANT: “SOUND OFF.”

BAND: Sounds off in place.

BRIGADE ADJUTANT: “BRIGADE, ATTENTION.”

BRIGADE ADJUTANT: “PRESENT, ARMS.”

BRIGADE ADJUTANT: The parade is formed.

BRIGADE COMMANDER: “TAKE YOUR POST.”
MANUAL OF ARMS (OPRPLPO)

BRIGADE COMMANDER WILL GIVE THE FOLLOWING COMMANDS:

BRIGADE COMMANDER: Once all companies are at order arms, the Brigade Commander will then direct the Adjutant to “RECEIVE THE REPORT.”

BRIGADE COMMANDER: Report.

COMPANY COMMANDERS: Will report in sequential order (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th) “___ COMPANY, ALL PRESENT.”

BRIGADE COMMANDER: Will execute an about face and gives the report to Brigade Commander, “20XX, PRESENT.”

BRIGADE COMMANDER: “COLORS, FORM FOR PRESENTATION.”

BRIGADE COMMANDER: “TAKE YOUR POST SIR.”

CUE: Staff countermarches and halts.

SUPERINTENDENT: Moves to mark with Color Honoree.

BRIGADE COMMANDER: “BRIGADE, PRESENT, ARMS.”

BRIGADE COMMANDER: “STAFF, PRESENT, SWORDS.” Color Guard executes with staff.

BRIGADE COMMANDER: “SIR, THE COLORS ARE FORMED FOR THE PRESENTATION.”

SUPERINTENDENT: Returns salute and orders “PROCEED WITH THE CHANGE OF COLORS.”

BRIGADE COMMANDER: “STAFF, CARRY, SWORDS.”

BRIGADE COMMANDER: “BRIGADE, ORDER, ARMS.”

BRIGADE XO: Moves the staff to the right and halts and executes left face.

BRIGADE COMMANDER: “BRIGADE, PARADE, REST.” Brigade staff executes. Color Companies and Color Guards remain at attention.

BRIGADE COMMANDER: Returns sword and joins the Superintendent and Color Honoree.

CUE: Superintendent leaves the Color Honoree with the Brigade Commander and returns to seat.
**COLOR CEREMONY**

**CUE:** The Brigade Commander and Color Honoree move in front of the fall Color Company. (Drill staff member will assist by bringing the Forrestal Award).

**BRIGADE COMMANDER AND COLOR HONOREE:**

Move in front of the fall Color Company.

**CUE:** Brigade Commander and Color Honoree will replace Color Company Guide-on with Regiment Guide-on. Brigade Commander presents the Forrestal Award to the fall Company Commander.

**BRIGADE COMMANDER AND COLOR HONOREE:**

Move in front of the spring Color Company.

**CUE:** Brigade Commander and Color Honoree will replace Regiment Guide-on with Color Company Guide-on. Brigade Commander presents the Stewart Wright Hannah Award to the spring Company Commander.

**CUE:** Brigade Commander and Color Honoree return to the Superintendent’s Block. Fall Company Commander moves to Superintendent’s Block.

**COLOR HONOREE 3 CHEERS**

**FALL COMPANY COMMANDER:** Commands “COLOR COMPANIES, THREE CHEERS FOR THE COLOR HONOREE, HIP, HIP, HOORAY!”

**CUE:** After the Color Companies’ three cheers.

**COLOR HONOREE:** Move back to seat under canopy.

**FALL COMPANY COMMANDER:** Returns to front of company.

**BRIGADE COMMANDER:** Marches back to position and about face toward canopy.

**CUE:** Brigade XO leads the Brigade Staff back into position with the Brigade Commander.

**BRIGADE COMMANDER/COMPANY COMMANDER/COMPANY XO:**

Draw swords on Brigade Commander’s command.

**BRIGADE 3 CHEERS**

**BRIGADE COMMANDER:** Commands “BRIGADE, ATTENTION... THREE CHEERS FOR THE COLOR COMPANY, HIP, HIP, HOORAY!”

**CUE:** After the Brigade’s three cheers.

**CUE:** Brigade Commander has drawn sword and Brigade staff are back in position.
BRIGADE COMMANDER:  "POST THE COLORS."

COLOR GUARD:  Marches forward and executes a left turn and takes position on the line of troops.

SUPERINTENDENT/COMMANDANT:  Move to their mark.

BRIGADE COMMANDER:  "BRIGADE, PRESENT, ARMS."

CUE:  After the Brigade presents arms.

BRIGADE COMMANDER:  "SIR, THE BRIGADE OF MIDSHIPMEN" (after the last note of Admiral’s March).

SUPERINTENDENT:  Returns the salute and orders; "TAKE CHARGE OF THE BRIGADE."

BRIGADE COMMANDER:  "AYE, AYE, SIR."

STAFF:  Counter march

BRIGADE COMMANDER:  "BRIGADE, ORDER, ARMS."

CUE:  After order arms.

ANNOUNCER:  "LADIES AND GENTLEMEN PLEASE BE SEATED."

SUPERINTENDENT/COMMANDANT:  Return to seats.

BRIGADE COMMANDER:  "COMPANY COMMANDERS, TAKE CHARGE OF YOUR COMPANIES AND CARRY OUT THE PLAN OF THE DAY."

COMPANY COMMANDERS:  Return salute.

CUE:  After Brigade Commander has terminated his salute.

COMPANY COMMANDERS:  Command in sequential order (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th) "___ COMPANY, PARADE, REST".
Outdoor Ceremony Physical Layout A

BLEACHERS

REVIEWING TENT

AWARDS TABLE

BLEACHERS

BRIGADE STAFF

17TH CO
16TH CO
FALL COLOR (XTH) CO
COLOR GUARD
SPRING COLOR (YTH) CO
15TH CO
14TH CO
Outdoor Ceremony Physical Layout B

BLEACHERS

REVIEWING TENT

SUPE CH(Spring)

AWARDS TABLE

BRIGADE STAFF

FALL COLOR CO

COLOR GUARD

SPRING COLOR CO

17TH CO 16TH CO

15TH CO 14TH CO
Indoor Position of Units
Dahlgren Hall

X<sup>th</sup> Company

Fall Color Company

Announcer Podium

Position 1

Color Guard

Position 2

Brigade Staff

Y<sup>th</sup> Company

Spring Color Company

200 Chairs
(Supt’s guests
P&A donors)

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Table
COLOR COMPANY COMPETITION CALCULATION PROCEDURES

1. The Aptitude Officer shall:
   a. Conduct an ad hoc query to determine the number of Midshipmen in each company.
   b. Conduct an ad hoc query to determine the Professional SQPR for each company (averaging grades from NE, NL, NN, NP, and NS classes)
   c. Conduct an ad hoc query to provide PE grade averages for each company.
   d. All data mentioned above will be provided to the Brigade Operations Officer to be inserted into the Color Company Calculation spreadsheet into the “Data Entry” tab.

2. The Brigade Drill Officer shall:
   a. Provide Brigade Drill results, ranking companies 1 through 30 to the Brigade Operations Officer.
   b. The Brigade Operations Officer will input company rankings 1 through 30 into the “Data Entry” tab for “Drill” (Column I).

3. The Brigade Training Officer shall:
   a. Provide Brigade Professional Knowledge averages per company as well as MQS/PCR averages to the Brigade Operations Officer.
   b. The Brigade Operations Officer will input each company’s professional knowledge average and MQS/PCR average into the “Data Entry” tab of the Color Company Calculation Spreadsheet for “Professional Knowledge” (Column K) and “MQS/PCR” (Column L).

4. The Brigade First Lieutenant shall:
   a. Provide rankings of the Brigade’s performance in the Alpha inspection to the Brigade Operations Officer.
   b. The Brigade Operations Officer will input each company’s rank into the “Data Entry” tab of the Color Company Calculation Spreadsheet for “Alpha rank” (Column M).

5. The YP Color Competition Coordinator shall:
   a. Provide rankings of the Brigade YP Competition to the Brigade Operations Officer. Companies that do not participate will be assigned last place (30).
   b. The Brigade Operations Officer will input each company’s rank into “Data Entry” tab of the Color Company Calculation Spreadsheet for “YP rank” (Column Q).
6. The Brigade Conduct Officer shall:
   a. Provide number of major conduct offenses for each company to the Brigade Operations Officer.
   b. The Brigade Operations officer will add this number up with the number of honor offenses and put this total number into the “Data Entry” tab of the Color Company Calculation Spreadsheet into column “AX.” This will automatically populate the data in Column “S,” labeled as “Major Conduct and Honor Offenses.”

7. The Brigade Honor Advisor shall:
   a. Provide number of honor offenses for each company to the Brigade Operations Officer.
   b. The Brigade Operations Officer will add this number up with the number of major conduct offenses and put this total number into the Color Company Calculation Sheet under the “Data Entry” tab into column “AX.” This will populate the data in Column “S,” labeled as “Major Conduct and Honor Offenses.”

8. The Brigade Academics Officer shall:
   a. Provide end of semester grade report and absences report to the Brigade Operations Officer.
   b. The Brigade Operations Officer will insert each company’s average SQPR into the “Data Entry” tab of the Color Company Calculation Spreadsheet (Column W).
   c. The Brigade Operations Officer will take the average SQPRs from the previous semester and insert that into the “Data Entry” tab (Column AT) in order to automatically calculate the percentage of change in SQPR (Column AA).
   d. The Brigade Operations Officer will take the number of absences (UAs and tardies) from this report, divide by the number of Midshipmen in each individual company, and add this data to the “Data Entry” tab of the Color Company Calculation Spreadsheet (Column AC).

9. The Brigade Intramurals Officer shall:
   a. Provide Brigade Intramural scores by company, to the Brigade Operations Officer.
   b. The Brigade Operations Officer will enter these scores into the “Data Entry” tab in the Color Company Spreadsheet (Column AE).

10. The Brigade Physical Missions Officer shall:
    a. Provide the Brigade Operations Officer with each company’s Brigade PRT average.
    b. The Brigade Operations Officer will enter each company’s PRT average into the “Data Entry” tab of the Color Company spreadsheet (column AI).
11. The Brigade Operations Officer shall:
   
a. Provide the spirit score for each company.
   
b. Enter these scores into the “Data Entry” tab of the Color Company Spreadsheet (Column AO).

12. Once all data has been inserted into the spreadsheet, the Brigade Operations Officer will route the spreadsheet to the Commandant via the Midshipmen Activities Officer, the Aptitude Officer, and the Operations Officer.
## Color Competition Standings Sample

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