

Military Commands

There are two parts to most military commands. The first is preparation command. The second is the command of execution. Always leave a pause between them so that everyone can get ready.

Fall In - To form a formation, fall in at attention

Academy ...Atten ...tion - all other commands/movements are given/done from the position of attention

Dress Right ...Dress - Lift left hand up and look right

Ready ...Front - Position of attention

Right ...Face - 90 degree stationary turn (right heel - ball of left foot)

Prepare For Flag Salute

Ready ... *If Uncovered* --- (No helmet or hat) - Everyone places their right hand over their heart at “Ready” and on “All” everyone drops their hand

If Covered --- On command of “Ready” everyone salutes with their right hand, (Arm 90 degrees from body, parallel to ground, bent at elbow, and hand/palm flat with right forefinger touching brim of helmet.)

Begin ... On command of “***Begin***” everyone starts flag salute together. At the last word on salute “***All,***” the leader will say ***Ready ... Two*** at which time everyone will drop their hand to their side.

Left ... Face - 90 Degree stationary turn (Left heel - Ball of right foot)

Open Ranks ... March - Company 1 takes four steps, company 2 takes three steps, company 3 takes two steps, company 4 takes one step, company 5 stays stationary (If there are 6 companies, increase the number of steps taken by one and company 5 moves)

Cover - Line up directly behind person in front

Close Ranks ... March - Company 1 stays stationary, company 2 takes one step, company 3 takes two steps, company 4 takes three steps, company 5 takes four steps (If there are 6 companies, company 6 takes 5 steps)

About ... Face - 180 degree stationary turn

Half Left ... Face - 45 degree stationary turn (Left heel - ball of tight foot)

Forward ... March - Start with left foot

Column Right ... March - 90 Degree turn at one point while marching, call on right foot

Column Left ... March - 90 Degree turn at one point while marching, call on left foot

Mark Time ... March - Marching in place, call on either foot.

Academy ... Halt - To stop, call on either foot, stop on a count of two

Parade ... Rest - Move left foot - Hands behind back at belt line

At Ease - More relaxed than parade rest.