

**AMVETS – Department of
California**

**5th Annual JROTC
Invitational Color Guard
Competition**

**MARCHING THROUGH HISTORY
Event Summary and
Standard Operating Procedures (SOP)**

TO BE HELD AT:

Prado Regional Park
16700 S. Euclid Ave.
Chino, CA. 91710

TO BE HELD ON:

3 October 2009

Entry Deadline: 30 Sept 2009

Competition Coordinator & POC:

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STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES
COLOR GUARD COMPETITION
3 OCTOBER 2009**

I. Authority

- A. Army Units: FM 3-21.5 Chapter 15 section 15-6
- B. Naval Units: MC Drill and Ceremonies Manual
- C. Air Force Units: AFM 50-14
With Arms, AFCM 50-5

NOTE: For case and uncase refer to Army Manual

II. Eligibility: High School programs with Military style Color Guards

NOTE: Female and co-ed teams will compete in same category as males.

III. Responsibilities: Each team (school advisor is responsible for their teams' actions the entire time the team (school) is at the Color Guard Competition as well as the special event that day.

IV. Recognition:

A. Awards Given:

1. Inspection- Teams will receive awards for inspection phase
2. Regulation- Teams will receive awards for marching, regulation phase
3. Commander's award- Commanders awards will be given for total commander's score.
4. Overall Team- Teams will receive awards for overall score.

NOTE: Trophies/awards will be given according to the number of teams entered. If needed we will have more than one pad, with awards for each pad. Lots of awards. It's for the cadets so have fun.

V. General:

May enter more than one Color Guard (4 member) from each school.

Outside assistance during the competition is prohibited and is grounds for disqualification.

Uncase Colors: Refer to Army FM 3-21.5 chapter 15, 15-6. **The Color Guard Commander will give the commands for all movements. You will only use four (4) cadets, no SMG. If you go on line and type in FM 3-21.5 you can find the manual.**

Weapons: To be eligible for this competition, the Color Guard must use a weapon. Weapons used should be the M1, M14, M1903, or saber (unless requested to use something different, and received approval)

Sequence: Each team will execute the sequence of movements specified. These are the only movements allowed. The entire sequence is conducted on the field. Teams must use the equivalent commands specified in their respective drill manuals.

The Color Guard commander will bring the team onto the Special Events Drill Field when signaled by the Head Judge. The commander will then uncase the colors. All teams must enter the drill field as prescribed in the attached Color Guard diagram sequence below. **Pad will be made as large as possible.**

Timing

1. Maximum time limit of 15 minutes
2. A 2-point penalty for each second over the time limit will be assessed
3. Timing will begin when the first team member crosses the Special Events Drill Field boundary line
4. Timing will end when the commander gives the command to dismiss the Color Guard

A ten-point penalty will be assessed for each dropped weapon and a five-point penalty for each uniform item. If the US Colors are dropped or touch the ground, the competing Color Guard team will be disqualified.

Three judges will do the judging. One judge will be designated as Head Judge; the other two are field judges. All three judges will circulate about the field. Timekeeper will note the time and report any violation to the Head Judge.

Commander's Call: Commander's Call will be held at 0800 hours on 11 OCT 2008 The purpose of this briefing is to make necessary announcements, answer any questions regarding the SOP or any other procedures, and introduce the judges. **MAJOR CHANGES IN THE STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE CANNOT BE MADE AT THIS TIME.** If you have comments, special requirements or complaints about the basic method in which the meet will be run, you must contact us **NO LATER THAN 7 OCT 2008.** This amount of time is required to

consider your proposed changes, to schedule these changes and foremost, to inform all the other teams of these changes. Commander's Call is **OPTIONAL** for all commanders. Team advisors are also encouraged to attend Commander's Call.

If, due to extenuating circumstances, it is **IMPOSSIBLE** for the team commander to attend Commander's Call, alternate arrangements must be made with the Meet Coordinator.

NOTE: ONLY the team commander and one advisor may attend the Commander's Call. Uniforms are not required at this briefing.

We are looking forward to a fun and enjoyable day. Please help us by being on time.

NOTE: Read sequence and note- No casing of Colors at the end

IMPORTANT INFO FOR ALL SCHOOLS

Sorry for the short notice but you should have time to respond with entry. This event is for you to get a look at your Color Guards for this upcoming year. Just a day of fun and learning for cadets as they can go through the Marching Through History events that day.

For info go to marchingthruhistory.com

NOTE: Heads up for upcoming events. Poly JROTC Drill Meet will be held 31 JAN 2009 at Long Beach Polytechnic High School. Looks like we will have a new drill deck by then – all dirt now.

More info to follow.

IT REALLY HELPS WHEN YOU REPLY TO PUT YOUR SCHOOL NAME SO WE CAN MATCH WITH YOUR E-MAIL

Thanks

Original Signed

**John Byrum
1SG (Retired)**

Listed below is the sequence of commands/movements, which will be used during the COLOR GUARD performance. The Color Guard will form outside the boundary and move forward to Station 1 when told to do so. The numbers in parenthesis indicate the appropriate paragraph number in FM 22-5, dtd DEC 86. The following sequences will be used. **After step 28 the Color Guard Commander will report out to Head Judge.**

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| 1. Uncase, Colors (9-47) | 10. Color Guard, Attention (At this time the Head Judge will inspect the Color Guard). | 20. Eyes, Right (-45d) |
| 2. Forward, March | 11. Carry, Colors (9-55) | 21. Ready, Front (9-45d) |
| 3. Left Wheel, March (9-45c) | 12. Colors Reverse, March (9-45c) | 22. Left Wheel, March (9-45c) |
| 4. Forward, March | 13. Forward, March | 23. Forward, March |
| 5. Color Guard, Halt | 14. Left Wheel, March (9-45c) | 24. Right Wheel, March (9-45c) |
| 6. Colors Salute (NOTE: at this point the Color Guard Commander reports to the Head Judge). (9-45f) | 15. Forward, March | 25. Forward, March |
| 7. Carry, Colors (9-45f) | 16. Left Wheel, March (9-45c) | 26. Color Guard, Halt |
| 8. Order, Colors | 17. Forward, March (9-45c) | 27. Colors Reverse, March (9-51) |
| 9. Parade, Rest (9-56) | 18. Left Wheel, March (9-45c) | 28. Color Guard, Halt |
| | 19. Forward, March | |

NOTE: If the Head Judge is not in front when you report or when you do eyes right, you will execute the movement on the Head Judge cone.

PERFORMANCE LOCATIONS:

Station 1: Halt, and uncase the Colors

Station 2: Execute Left, Wheel & Forward, March Movements 3 & 4

Station 3: Execute movements 5-13

Station 2: Execute movements 14-15

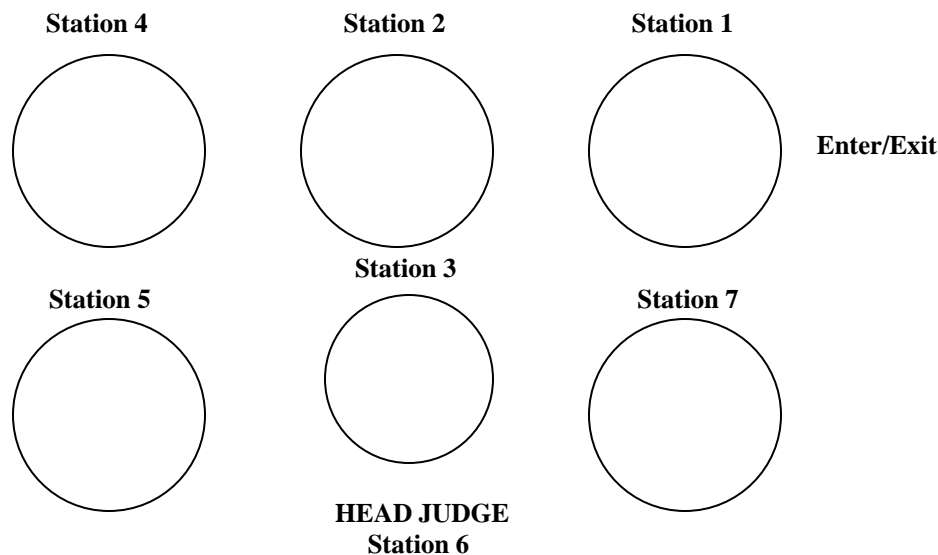
Station 4: Execute movements 16-17

Station 5: Execute movements 18-19

Station 6: Execute movements 20-21

Station 7: Execute movements 22-23

Station 1: Execute movements 24-28



ENTRY FORM
AMVETS- DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA
4th ANNUAL MARCHING THROUGH HISTORY
COLOR GUARD COMPETITION

School: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Instructor: _____ Phone: _____

Fax: _____ E-Mail: _____

Number Cadets: Male _____ Female _____ Adults _____

Color Guard _____ x \$30.00 _____

Make check payable to: L. B. Poly JROTC

Mail check and entry form to: Long Beach Polytechnic High School
JROTC (Attn: 1SG Byrum)
1600 Atlantic Ave.
Long Beach, Ca. 90813

Entry Deadline: COB 7 October 2008

