**PSLA @ Fowler NNDCC**

**Cadet Promotion PQS (January 2025)**

**PERSONAL**

**QUALIFICATION**

**STANDARD**



**FOR**

**PSLA’s NNDCC CADETS**

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**INTRODUCTION**

PQS PROGRAM

This PQS program is a qualification system for PSLA’s NNDCC Cadet where certification at a minimum level of competency is required prior to promotion. The PQS is a compilation of the minimum knowledge that an individual must demonstrate to be promoted. The objectives of this PQS are to standardize and provide a solid base of experience by completing this qualification.

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Qualifiers are Cadet Chief Petty Officers and Cadet Officers only.

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This PQS contains knowledge items, for satisfactory understanding of the roles and responsibilities required for promotion.

**100 HOW TO COMPLETE**

100.1 When you feel you have a complete understanding of one fundamental or more, contact a Cadet Chief Petty Officer or a Cadet Officer. If attempting initial qualification, Cadet Chief Petty Officers or a Cadet Officers will expect you to satisfactorily answer each line item listed in the fundamentals prior to signing the fundamental.

**101.0 Cadet Seaman Apprentice**

**Explain Navy Core Values:**

1.Define and explain what Honor means to you.

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2.Define and explain what Courage means to you.

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3.Define and explain what Commitment means to you.

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**Basic Stationary Drill:**

1.How many degrees should a cadet’s feet be at attention? (Ref 1)

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2.What is the command the commander says to prepare cadets to form cadets? (Ref 1)

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3.How many inches should a cadet’s feet be at parade rest? (Ref 1)

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4.What is the dismal command a drill commander uses to dismiss cadets? (Ref 1)

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5.How many counts does a right face take? (Ref 1)

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6.What is the command to order a hand salute to bring down a hand salute? (Ref 1)

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7.Where should thumbs line up to when hands are at attention? (Ref 1)

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8.To create an appropriate alignment, what command is needed? (Ref 1)

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9.How many degrees should a cadet’s head be turned at dress right dress? (Ref 1)

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10.What is the command after a dress right dress to be aligned to the cadet in front? (Ref 1)

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**102.0 Cadet/ Seaman**

**Basic Marching:**

1.When doing a right flank how many degrees do you turn? (Ref 1)

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2.What is the length of a full step in quick time? (Ref 1)

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3.What is it called when you march in place at quick time cadence?

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4.When at double time, how many steps are you supposed to take per minute? (Ref 1)

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5.Define Cadence. (Ref 1)

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6.When marching in a platoon, which squads look right when eyes right is called? (Ref 1)

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7.How many inches is a sidestep? (Ref 1)

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8.What is the purpose of the change step? (Ref 1)

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9.All marching movements from a halt start with the left foot except what? (Ref 1)

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10.When marching to the rear, what is the only movement that can be given? (Ref 1)

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**American Flag:**

1. How many cadets are needed to hoist and lower the American Flag? (Cadet Field Manual, DM-75)

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2.When the American flag is folded why is it started off by being folded the long way? (Cadet Field Manual, DM-76)

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3.When completely folded what shape should the American Flag be in? (Cadet Field Manual, DM-76)

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4.What Color should **not** be shown when a flag is completely folded? (Cadet Field Manual, DM-76)

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5.What is the flag never allowed to touch? (Cadet Field Manual, DM-74)

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6.When is the flag eligible to be destroyed? (Cadet Field Manual, DM-74)

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7.How many steps does it take to fold the flag?

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8.How many people are needed to fold the flag?

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9.What is the American Flag mounted on? (Cadet Field Manual, DM-73)

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10.What does the flag signify? (Cadet Manual, FM-58)

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11.What is the reason that a flag may be flown at half-staff? (Cadet Field Manual 8th edition, 3-3)

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12.At what time of the day should the flag be displayed? (Cadet Field Manual 8th edition, 3-2)

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13.At what time of the day should the flag be taken down? (Cadet Field Manual 8th edition, 3-2)

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14.What is the proper way to dispose of the American Flag? (Cadet Field Manual, 3-2)

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15.What can allow for an American Flag to be flown 24 hours a day? (Ref 1)

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16.In what case should a flag not be displayed and why? (Cadet Field Manual, 3-2)

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17.What does the term “half-staff” mean? (Cadet Field Manual, 3-3)

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18.A folded flag being carried to morning colors, or from evening colors, by a color detail is considered\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_? (Cadet Field Manual, DM-77)

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19.How is the lower corner of the fly end of the flag folded? (Cadet Field Manual, DM-76)

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20.How many halyards does a flagstaff have? (Cadet Field Manual, DM-76)

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**103.0 Cadet/ Petty Officer Third Class**

**Commanding Basic Squad Stationary Drill:**

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1.What are the 4 types of commands? (DM-8)

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2.What is the most important muscle to exercise when commanding? (DM-9)

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3.What is the correct command when you need to cancel a movement or order started but not completed? (DM-10)

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4.What is the pace at which a commander gives commands? (DM-9)

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5.What is the only command appropriate after commanding “parade rest”? (DM-17)

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6.How many paces away from the squad should the commander/ “unit leader” be? (Ref 1)

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7.Where should the unit leader remain during drill while commanding the squad (position wise)? (Ref 1)

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8.If the squad executes a right step, what should the unit leader execute? (DM-99)

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9.How many individuals are needed to form a squad? What is the max number of individuals that can be in a squad? (DM-99)

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10.What is the proper way to command a right face while at a halt while staying in QuickTime cadence? (DM-11)

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**Manual of Arms:**

1.How many counts does it take to get to port arms?

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2.When executing the first count of port arms, your right forearm is at what angle in relation to the deck?

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3.Where should the barrel be positioned while at port arms?

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4.How many counts does a “Right Shoulder, Arms” from Order arms consist of, and on which count do you place your right hand on the butt on the rifle?

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5.While in the third count of “Right Shoulder, Arms” how should your left hand be positioned?

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6.While at left or right shoulder, what degree angle should the rifle be in relation to the deck?

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7.What is the only command to be given from an opened bolt at inspection arms.

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8.Approximately how far should the rifle be from your body while at port arms and present arms?

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9.True or False? To go from present arms to order arms, and vice versa, you must first pass through “Port, Arms” position.

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10.All rifle movements should be at what cadence? Name and number required.

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**Color Guard (all stations)**

**Left Rifle**

1. From carry colors to order colors, on count three, what is the left rifle’s position? (Ref. Cadet Field Manual, DM-81)

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2.From carry colors to present colors, on count three what is the right rifle’s position? (Ref. Cadet Field Manual, DM-82)

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3.From present colors to carry colors, on count two what is the left rifle’s position? (Ref. Cadet Field Manual, DM-83)

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4.From present colors to carry colors, on count one what is the left rifle’s position? (Ref. Cadet Field Manual, DM-83)

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5.From carry colors to order colors, on count one, what is the left rifle’s position? (Ref. Cadet Field Manual, DM-80)

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6.From present colors to carry colors, on count three, what is the right rifle’s position? (Ref. Cadet Field Manual, DM-83)

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7.From carry colors to order colors, on count four, what is the right rifle’s position? (Ref. Cadet Field Manual, DM-81)

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8.Present colors from carry colors, at the command “colors”, what do the riflemen do? (Ref. Cadet Field Manual, DM-91)

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9.From carry colors to order colors, on count three, what is the right rifle’s position? (Ref. Cadet Field Manual, DM-80)

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10.From present colors to carry colors, on count one, what is the right rifle’s position? (Ref. Cadet Field Manual, DM-83)

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**Navy Flag**

1.How is the staff gripped at order colors?

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2.What command is given when you go to “V” grip?

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3.When is the only time “Eyes, Right (Left) is called?

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4.How many movements are in carry colors?

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5.True or False: The American Flag is always on the right side?

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6.What command is given after present colors?

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7.Where should the end of the staff be when at order?

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8.If no music plays, what should a color be doing?

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9.Which hand is used to strip the colors?

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10.If performing an indoor ceremony, how must colors be carried if the ceilings are not high enough?

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**American Flag:**

1.What is the command that is to be called when transitioning from order colors to carry colors? (MCO-P5060.20)

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2.What is the command that is to be called when transitioning from carry colors to order colors? (MCO-P5060.20)

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3.What is the command that is called when the color guard is to move their free hand smartly to their sides? (MCO-P5060.20)

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4.How many degrees should the spearhead of the flag rotate when the flag is being dipped? (MCO-P5060.20)

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5.Which members of the color guard turn their head to the right when the command, “eyes, RIGHT” is called? (MCO-P5060.20)

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6.Which members of the color guard turn their head to the left when the command, “eyes, LEFT” is called? (MCO-P5060.20)

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7.True or False: The National Color Bearer will dip the flag, along with the accompanying flag(s), on the command “present, COLORS”. (MCO-P5060.20)

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8. In which order do the members of a typical, 4-man color guard form up? (MCO-P5060.20)

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9.True or False: In a color guard, some movements are executed on the preparatory command, before the execution command is called. (MCO-P5060.20)

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10.Which command is to be called when the command would like the color guard to rotate 90° to the left? (MCO-P5060.20)

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**105 Cadet Petty Officer Second Class**

**Commanding Squad Marching Drill:**

**Guidon Manual:**

1.According to Navedtra 37116 (Cadet Field Manual) what is the guidon.

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2.What are the three qualities of a proficient guidon bearer?

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3.True or False, the Guidon, when in an armed platoon, MUST too, carry a rifle as he or she is NOT considered under arms.

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4.On which of the three types of commands, does the guidon bearer bring the staff to the “Carry Guidon” position?

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5.To successfully execute present guidon, which hand grip should the bearer have upon the staff prior to execution?

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6.When at order guidon, how should the spearhead of the guidon be positioned?

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7.While at present arms or eyes right(left), which part of the pike does the guidon bearer grab upon the preparatory command of “Order.”

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8.True or false, at the position of order guidon, the lower ferrule should be resting on the deck touching the outside edge of the middle of the bearer’s right foot. If false, explain why?

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9.Name all 6 parts of the guidon.

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10.At what pace does the Guidon bearer complete each count? Name and number required.

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**105 Cadet Petty Officer First Class**

**Commanding Platoon Marching Drill**

1. What does “Alignment” refer to and what command would you use to fix it?

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2.What does “Distance” refer to?

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3.What is the cadence for regular marching drill? Name and Number required.

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4.While marching at quick time, how long should each regular step be?

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5. What is the distance of each step while executing right or left step march?

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6.What command would be used in order to turn the formation 90 degrees left or right while marching?

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7.What command would be used to change the direction of march while maintaining the position of the squad leaders?

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8.What position do cadets fall in at?

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9.Describe the execution of an “Oblique”

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10.What do you do on the command of “Cover?” And what does it fix?

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**Medal of Honor:**

1. What branches of military must you be to receive the Medal of Honor?

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2.How can you earn the Medal of Honor?

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3.Who can award the Medal of Honor?

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4.Can a civilian receive the Medal of Honor?

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5.Can you buy or sell the Medal of Honor?

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6.Name 3 wars that veterans have earned the Medal of Honor.

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7.Do you have to be currently in the military to receive the Medal of Honor?

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8.Do you have to risk your life to receive the Medal of Honor?

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9.If you have the Medal of Honor, are you paid more?

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10.Do you have to be of high rank to receive the Medal of Honor?

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11.Who must sign the card before the Medal of Honor in given?

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12.What privilege do the Medal of Honor recipients receive?

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13.What do the children of Medal of Honor recipients qualify for?

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14.Does the recipient have to be alive to receive the Medal of Honor?

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15.When can a Medal of Honor recipient wear their uniform?

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**106.0 Cadet/ Chief Petty Officer**

**Manual of Swords:**

1.Name the 9 Parts of the Sword and Scabbard?

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2.Explain what you should do when the preparatory command (Draw) of the command “Draw, SWORD.” Is given?

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3.Explain what you should do on the command of execution “SWORD:”?

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4. When is the only time the command “Present, Sword (ARMS).” Is given, and how many counts is it?

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5. The command is “Order, SWORD (ARMS).” is executed in what count?

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6. On “SWORD (ARMS),” for the command “Order, SWORD what should you do?

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7. When is the command is “Eyes, RIGHT (LEFT)” given and it is executed in how many counts?

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8. When is the command “Parade REST.” Given, and it is executed in how many counts.

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9. When the command is “Return, SWORD.” when does the Execution begin?

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10. Demonstrate the following:

1. **DRAW, SWORD**
2. **PRESENT, SWORD**
3. **ORDER, SWORD**
4. **CARRY, SWORD**
5. **EYES, RIGHT (LEFT)**
6. **PARADE REST**
7. **ATTENTION**
8. **AT EASE**
9. **RETURN, SWORD**

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**Commanding Column of Files (as Squad LDR):**

1.How many squad leaders are there in unarmed basic drill for column Files?

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2.What are the squad leaders’ commands going into the single file line?

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3.What are the squad leaders’ commands going back into the platoon?

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4.Is the guide a squad leader?

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5.What direction do the squad leaders turn their head to give the commands?

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6. What foot should the commands be given on?

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**Column of Files (as Platoon CDR):**

1.What are the commands for Column of files?

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2.Do you address the single file line as a squad or platoon when halting?

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3.How many paces away should you be from the platoon?

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4.When other than a drill competition would this command be useful?

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5.When you command you should call halt on what foot?

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**Uniform Inspection:**

1.How should female ribbons be measured in regard to the khaki uniform shirt? (CFM)

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2.How many vertical creases should be ironed into the male khaki uniform shirt? (CFM)

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3.How should the color insignias be measured in regard to the dress blues jackets? (CFM)

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4.How high above the cadet’s eyebrows should the front tip of the garrison cover be? (CFM)

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5.Which way should uniform shoes be laced? (CFM)

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6. Where does the inspecting officer position themselves in front of a platoon at the beginning of an inspection? (Reference: Cadet Field Manual)

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7.What series of movements allows the inspecting officer to proceed from cadet to cadet during an inspection. (Reference: Cadet Field Manual)

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8.Where does the platoon commander position themselves in relevance to the first rank at the conclusion of an inspection. (Reference: Cadet Field Manual)

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9.What are the two aspects that an inspecting officer must keep in mind during an inspection? (Reference: Cadet Field Manual)

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10.Who do platoon commanders align their platoons in correspondence to? (Reference: Marine Corps Drill and Ceremonies Manual)

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