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MCJROTC POLICY LETTER 9-16

From: Director, Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (MCJROTC)
To: Distribution

Subj: COLOR GUARD AND DRILL TEAM GUIDANCE

Ref: (a) MCO P5060.20 w/Chg 1
(b) MCO P10520.3B
(c) Manual of Arms for the Springfield Rifle dtd June 2010
(d) MCO P1020.34G w/Chg 1-5

1. MCJROTC Color Guards and Drill Teams support many community activities and by virtue of their visibility, must execute their performances in compliance with the references. Accordingly, this policy addresses Color Guard, Regulation and Exhibition Drill.

a. Color Guard. All Color Guards will be executed in strict compliance with reference (a) specifically Chapter 7. The 9 ½ foot wooden staff will be used. The light weight (aluminum) or shortened poles are not authorized. The National color or standard will be in compliance with reference (b) section (e) which authorizes the Marine Corps JROTC organizational flag.

b. Regulation Drill. Regulation drill will be executed in accordance with reference (a) specifically Chapter 1 Intro to Drill, Chapter 3 Manual of Arms with the M16 Rifle, Chapter 8 Squad Drill, and Chapter 9 Platoon Drill, accordingly. Inspection arms with the Daisy Drill Rifle (DDR) will be modified and executed in accordance with reference (c).

c. Exhibition Drill. Reference (a) does not address execution of exhibition drill although of high interest to cadets and a significant recruiting tool for the MCJROTC Program. Exhibition drill should be executed in such a manner as to be respectful and bring dignity to the United States Marine Corps and MCJROTC unit and cadets. Additionally, exhibition drill will be executed in a safe manner. Instructors should perform an operational risk assessment prior to cadets performing any non-standard movement or routine. Cadet welfare and safety will always be a primary concern. High risk or unconventional movements, such as but not limited to stepping on or throwing of rifles in a haphazard manner should be avoided. Any movement that could destroy government issued property is prohibited. Additionally, the twirling and throwing of swords is strictly prohibited.

2.. This policy requires strict adherence with regard to all color guard and drill team competitions, failure to do so may result in disqualification.

3. Only those uniform articles authorized by reference (d) and listed on the current authorized MCJROTC uniform list will be worn.

4. The point of contact for this Policy Letter is Carmen Cole, Operations Manager at (703) 784-0417 or carmen.cole@usmc.mil.


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