



**AIR FORCE ROTC DETACHMENT 040
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MEMORANDUM FOR DETACHMENT 040 CW

FROM: OG/DCO

SUBJECT: Spring 2014 Standardization of Counter March

1. The purpose of this memorandum is to standardize the drill movement Counter March at Detachment 040 for the Spring 2014 semester.
2. As per the AFMAN 36-2203, Section 4.16.1, Counter March is a drill movement that requires four elements. Since Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC) cadets march in flights with three elements, Counter March will be standardized to be executed with three elements. There are two common ways that AFROTC detachments standardize this movement: according to the 3, 1, 4 format, and the 3, 1, 2 format. For Spring 2014, the 3, 1, 2 format will be used. Counter March will be called on the left foot. The command is **Counter, MARCH**.
 - a. The first element leader takes three 24-inch steps forward and executes a 90-degree pivot to the right on the next step (suspending arm swing during the pivot), marches three 24-inch steps across the front of the flight (or just beyond the third element) and on the next step executes another 90-degree pivot to the right (again suspending arm swing). Each succeeding cadet in the element marches to the approximate pivot point established by the person in front of them and conducts their pivot in the same location. The element will continue in 24-inch steps until they have caught up with the second and third elements at which point the first element will take up the half step.
 - b. The second element leader takes one 24-inch step forward and executes a 90-degree pivot to the right on the next step (suspending arm swing during the pivot), marches one 24-inch step, and executes another 90-degree pivot to the right (again suspending arm swing). Each succeeding cadet in the element marches to the approximate pivot point established by the person in front of them and conducts their pivot in the same location. Once the second element leader has passed the location where the preparatory command of **Counter** was called, the second element will take up the half step and maintain proper interval and distance until third element catches up. When the third element catches up to the second element, the second element will then dress off of the third element.
 - c. The third element leader takes two 24-inch steps forward and executes a 90-degree pivot to the left on the next step (suspending arm swing during the pivot), marches three paces (or just past the first element) and executes another 90-degree pivot to the left (again suspending arm

swing). Each succeeding cadet in the element marches to the approximate pivot point established by the person in front of them and conducts their pivot in the same location. The third element will continue in 24-inch steps until they have caught up with the second element, at which point the third element will take up the half step.

d. The guide moves similarly to the third element leader, except instead of taking two steps before pivoting, the guide will execute an immediate 90-degree pivot to the left on the first step. All other instructions for the third element leader apply to the guide.

e. **Forward MARCH** will be given once all airmen have completed the movement and proper dress, cover, interval, and distance have been established. On the command of **Forward, MARCH** all elements will resume full 24-inch steps.

f. When the movement is called from a halt, it is performed in the same manner as if marching, but with the following exceptions: prior to executing the movement, the first element leader takes four paces forward, the second element leader takes two paces forward, third element leader takes three paces forward.

3. If there are any questions I can be reached at (307) 575-9989 or by email at Det040.DCO@gmail.com.

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