



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

FROM: OG/DCO

SUBJECT: Spring 2014 Standardization of Face in Marching

1. In light of the recent confusion regarding the movement Face in Marching, the purpose of this memorandum is to standardize said movement at Detachment 040 for the Spring 2014 semester.
2. The AFMAN 36-2203 section 3.18. reads: “**Face in Marching.** The command is **Right (Left) Flank, MARCH.** On the command **MARCH**, the airman executes a 90-degree pivot on the ball of the right (left) foot and, at the same time, steps off with the left (right) foot in the new direction with coordinated arm swing. The pivot and step are executed in one count, and proper dress, cover, interval, and distance are maintained.”
 - a. Unfortunately, the above section contradicts with section 3.9.1 of the AFMAN 36-2203. which reads: “When executed from a halt, all steps and marchings begin with the left foot, except right step and close march.” The AFMAN 36-2203 standardizes drill in this way for simplicity and standardization. Having different foots of pivot, and thus stepping off with both the right and left foot, make this movement much more confusing in concept and more difficult to execute in many circumstances such as the Guidon Bearer actions when switching between line and column in a formation, Flt/CC during an Open Ranks Inspection, etc.
 - b. The above section also is in direct opposition to the traditional standardization of Face in Marching at AFROTC Field Training. Traditionally the movement is standardized to where in either direction the cadet is to step off with the left foot.
3. For these reasons the movement Face in Marching will be conducted in the following manner: On the command **MARCH**, the airman executes a 90-degree pivot on the ball of the right (right) foot and, at the same time, steps off with the left (left) foot in the new direction with coordinated arm swing. The pivot and step are executed in one count, and proper dress, cover, interval, and distance are maintained.

4. 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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