



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

FROM: OG/DCO

SUBJECT: Spring 2014 Standardization for Marching in Details

1. The purpose of this memo is to standardize the procedures of detail marching at Detachment 040 for the Spring 2014 semester.
2. The definition of a detail is as follows: "A formation of two to four cadets, including the cadet in charge. In formations with three or four cadets, the formation is properly sized and the cadet in the right rear position will lead the formation. When in details of two the detail leader marches on the right." (2013 T-203 FTM p60)
3. The AFMAN 36-2203 Drill and Ceremonies Manual does not give the procedures for marching in a detail. This concept is something that was created for practicality at Field Training using AFMAN26-2203 principles and movements. Being that this is the case, the 2013 Holm Center T-203 *Field Training Manual* is the primary source for information regarding the procedures for marching in a detail. Excerpts from this manual as well as the prior will be compiled into this Memorandum.
 - a. "When in a detail to retrieve a guidon, the cadet on the right will carry it, regardless of their assigned duty for that day." "When the guidon is carried by a detail or a formation too small to be a flight, the guidon is carried by the individual on the front right." (2013 T-203 FTM p60)
 - b. In normal formations, the cadet in charge renders the military courtesies for the formation, but "in detail formations, all will extend military courtesies as appropriate." (2013 T-203 FTM p52) This means that when a detail is outside and passes an officer, all members of the detail must salute and greet at the same time. This may be coordinated by a very soft command from the detail commander.
 - c. "To enter a building while marching as a detail, the cadet in charge will command, "DETAIL HALT," followed by the command of "FALL OUT." The cadets will then enter the building." (2013 T-203 FTM p65)
 - d. When exiting the Dining Facility at Field Training:

(1) “When cadets exit the Dining Facility, they will march in pairs to designated location. The exception to this rule would be if you are the last person to leave. (Details of three or four may not be used.)” (2013 T-203 FTM p73)

(2) “Cadets will march up to the Blue Line and halt just before crossing. When marching as a detail of two, the detail leader will command DETAIL HALT as needed to stop just in front of the Blue Line. While halted at the position of attention, each cadet will quickly recite the Honor Code, consider the Core Values, or think about what it means to be an officer.” (2013 T-203 FTM p73)

(3) “After this short pause (2-3 seconds), cadets will step across the Blue Line and continue forward. Detail leaders will use the command of FORWARD MARCH while individuals step across silently.” (2013 T-203 FTM p74)

4. Often, details are required to march on uneven terrain. In these conditions, the 2013 T-203 *Field Training Manual* indicates that cadets should march at ease. “All cadets will move on sidewalks, parking lots, troop walks, and other improved surfaces. When there are none available, use unimproved surfaces with caution and while marching at ease.” (2013 T-203 FTM p55) However, due to the variance between Field Training encampments, it is important to know both At Ease March and Route Step March.

a. “Route Step March. The command is Route Step, MARCH. On the command MARCH, the airman takes one more 24-inch step and assumes route step. Neither silence nor cadence is required, and movement is permitted as long as dress, cover, interval, and distance are maintained.” (AFMAN 36-2203 Section 3.19.1)

b. “At Ease March. The command is At Ease, MARCH. On the command MARCH, the airman takes one more 24-inch step and assumes at ease. Cadence is not given, and movement is permitted as long as silence, dress, cover, interval, and distance are maintained.

4. Though the following points are not explicitly stated in any of the documentation, they are traditionally standardized in the following ways at Field Training.

a. If a detail executes a flanking movement, the detail commander does not change.

b. When reporting in, the detail should be in its original orientation with the detail commander in the far back/right location.

c. When reporting in, all cadets must salute simultaneously and the detail commander must address the individual to whom they are reporting. A common example of this is when a detail requests permission to fall into a flight. Each cadet in the flight must salute and the detail commander will ask to fall in.

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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