



ELEMENT STANDARD DRILL

- a) Only drill movements contained in the CAP Drill and Ceremonies Manual will be used for Standard Drill. Drill movements must be completed at a minimum of two and a half minutes. The team commander will be given a card containing the required commands to be evaluated. Each movement must be done in order listed on the card, but may be intermixed with transitional commands and movements, at the discretion of the team commander, to fully use the presentation area and to perform the required movements properly. No attempt should be made to memorize the commands on the card and no penalty will be assessed for left hand and head movements necessary to read the card during the drill. Since this is a standardized drill program, teams will use no music, vocalizations ("singing calls"), or noise making devices to maintain cadence during the performance. Hand clapping, arm waving, or any other movements that detract from military bearing are also prohibited.
- b) When called by the EM, the drill team will form up in line formation at the designated starting point with the team commander three paces to the front and facing the team. Once the team is properly aligned, the team commander will face about and wait to be directed to enter the presentation area.
- c) When directed by the EM, the team commander will turn to face the team and command, "Right, FACE," executing a left face at the same time. The team commander will march the drill team in to the presentation area, giving whatever commands are necessary so the first rank of the team is halted 12 paces from, and centered on, the Chief Judge. The team commander will command, "Left, FACE," executing a right face at the same time. The drill team commander will execute an about face, step forward three paces, and halt.
- d) The drill team commander will salute and report, "Sir/Ma'am, the [Region Name] Drill Team reports for Element Standard Drill." The Chief Judge will return the salute and produce a card containing the required commands. The drill team commander will approach the Chief Judge, get the card, and return to his/her normal position three paces in front of the drill team, turning to face the judges. The drill team commander may review the card for up to 30 seconds before executing an about face. The drill team commander will command "Present, ARMS," face about again, and salute the Chief Judge who will return the salute (**The clock starts**)
- e) The drill team commander will face about, command, "Order, ARMS," and proceed with the standard drill movements listed on the card. The drill team commander will direct the team through all the standard movements listed on the card. The drill team commander will direct the team through all the movements in the sequence shown on the card, giving commands for each movement the team performs. All movements are made to the standard of 24-inch steps and cadence of 100 to 120 steps per minute, with distance and interval established to ensure movements are executed with order and precision.
- f) When the last movement on the card has been completed, the drill team commander will maneuver the team to a halt in a position such that the first rank is 12 paces in front, and centered on the Chief Judge while taking his/her place three paces from the first rank of the team, facing forward. The team commander will command, "Left, FACE," executing a right face at the same time. The drill team commander will execute an about face, step forward three



paces, and halt. The team commander will salute the Chief Judge and report "Sir/Ma'am, the [Region Name] Drill Team has concluded Element Standard Drill" (**The clock stops**). When the Chief Judge returns the salute, the team is dismissed. The drill team commander will face about, return to his/her position in front of the team, command "Right, FACE," executing a left face at the same time, and march the drill team off the presentation area to the Chief Judge's left

g) Judging criteria will include:

- 1) Precision of Execution: Dress, cover, alignment, and sequence
- 2) Cadence: Timing and snap
- 3) Command Voice: Timing, snap, clarity
- 4) Professionalism: Military bearing, esprit de corps, and poise
- 5) Proper Report/Dismissal Procedures

h) Timing

- 1) The timekeeper will time the drill team commander's review of the command card from the moment the review starts until the team commander reports, "Sir/Ma'am the [Region Name] Drill team has concluded Element Standard Drill".
- 2) The timekeeper will start the clock when the Chief Judge returns the team's salute after the 30-second review. The timekeeper will stop the clock when the team commander salutes the Chief Judge at the report out. Each team will have a minimum of two and a half minutes for the Element Standard Drill event, there is no maximum time.