

Chapter Five:

Glossary

Ascot

The ascot is a white piece of fabric fastened around the neck and worn at Color Guard performances.

Beret

The beret is a cover worn at Color Guard performances. The insignia is worn over the left eye. Color Guard berets are white.

Counter

Movement to face the Color Guard team 180 degrees, in place.

Eight Count About Face

In this maneuver the command is POST. In the execution, the cadet will pivot to the left 180° in eight counts.

Face

Movement to turn members of the Color Guard individually 90 degrees.

Flag

A flag is a piece of cloth, varying in size, shape, color, and design, usually attached at one edge to a staff or cord, and used as the symbol of a nation, state, or organization, as a means of signaling, etc. Our unit utilizes the United States, Air Force, POW, and Nevada flags.

Formation, Column

A column formation is when a Color Guard falls in one in front of the other.

Formation, Line

A line formation is when a Color Guard falls in one next to the other.

Harness

A harness is a device that is worn around the upper body. It has a metal cup where the flag is held.

Pistol

A pistol is a short firearm intended to be held and fired with one hand. Our pistols are non-working and are worn in a holster belted around the waist.

Rifle

A rifle is a shoulder firearm with a long barrel and a rifled bore. Our unit utilizes demilitarized M-1 Garands and M-1 Garand replicas.

Rope

The Color Guard rope is a white rope that is worn on the left shoulder in uniform. A cadet earns this rope during his/her first performance.

Saber

A one-edged sword; usually curved.

Spats

Spats are pieces of cloth worn around the tops of your shoes at Color Guard performances. They are fastened with the buttons on the outsides of your feet. The spats used by Color Guard are white.

Turn

Movement to move the Color Guard team 90 degrees pivoting on a stationary point.

Wheel

Movement to move the Color Guard team 180 degrees pivoting on a stationary point.