

Chapter 5

MILITARY CUSTOMS & COURTESIES

Cadets will be held to a higher standard of courtesy, conduct, and military customs. They are expected to observe correct military conduct at all times. Positive behavior reflects credit upon themselves, their family, KY-951, the school district, local community, AFJROTC, and U.S. Air Force. The salute is a friendly military exchange of greeting throughout the world. ***Military personnel consider the salute a courteous and respectful greeting among members, and it is one of the oldest traditions binding military professionals together.***

At Christian County High School, you will salute the SASI. If you meet an active duty officer visiting the campus, you will also render a salute. When outdoors, and in uniform at Christian County High School, saluting will always be required. Salute when you recognize the person and eye contact is made with him/her within a ***“reasonable”*** distance. The salute is rendered indoors only when cadets are reporting to cadet officers or the SASI.

When attempting to enter a classroom or instructor office, cadets should ***“KNOCK ONCE”*** and wait to be told to enter/come in. March directly to the front of the instructor’s desk or to the location of the instructor, stop, and stand two paces in front of the desk or instructor (Classrooms are considered instructor offices prior to ***0750*** and during instructor’s planning period, unless otherwise instructed).

The cadet entering will ***“Salute sharply.”***

Report ***“Sir/Ma’am, Cadet (Rank and Last Name) reports”*** or ***“Sir/Ma’am, Cadet (Rank and Last Name) reports as ordered.”*** All ***“Junior Ranking”*** personnel must hold their salute until the ***“Senior Ranking”*** person has returned your salute.

The cadet will respond to all questions appropriately and with full honesty (no talking around the truth).

When the purpose of the meeting is completed the cadet will ask ***“Sir, will that be all?”*** The instructor will reply with ***“That will be all”*** the cadet will again salute and wait until the salute is returned and then perform an appropriate facing movement and leave by the most direct route.

A ***Salute*** is never given or returned while running. The cadet will instead come to a quick time (a walk) and render the salute. Cadets not in uniform may salute as if they were in uniform.

If a cadet observes the American flag being raised or lowered from any flag staff, he or she will assume the position of attention, render the hand salute (if in uniform) and hold it until the flag has reached the summit or base of the flag staff. If the cadet is in civilian clothes, he or she will assume the position of attention, and place the right hand over their heart.

If a cadet is wearing civilian attire including headgear, he or she will remove the headgear and hold it in his or her left hand, so the right hand will cover the heart.

If the Pledge of Allegiance is recited and a cadet in uniform is in formation, the cadet should stand at attention, face the flag, and remain silent. However, if most of those present are in civilian clothes, (consider the whole school a formation) the cadet should stand at attention and exercise the option of joining with the others in reciting the pledge.

If the Pledge of Allegiance is recited and a cadet is in uniform outdoors, the cadet should stand at attention, remain silent, face the flag, and render a salute.

If the Pledge of Allegiance is recited and a cadet is not in uniform and indoors or outdoors, the cadet should stand at attention, face the flag, and recite the pledge.

The right hand is placed over the heart during the reciting, and cadets will hold hats, if worn, as described above.

If the National Anthem is being played, and a cadet is in uniform and is outdoors, the cadet should stand at attention, face the flag (***if it is visible or turned toward the direction that the music is playing, if the flag is not visible***) and salute.

If the National Anthem is being played, and a cadet is not in uniform and is outdoors, the cadet should stand at attention, face the flag, and place the right hand over the heart (***cadets will also hold the hat in the left hand as described above***).

If in civilian clothes, indoors, the cadet will stand at attention and face the flag, if visible or face towards the sound of music, if the flag is not visible. If a cadet is late for a formation, he or she will approach the cadet or person in charge when the formation is at a halt, the cadet will salute, and then state ***“Cadet (Last Name) requests permission to fall in.”*** Cadet Officers and cadet NCOs should correct saluting errors in a courteous and helpful manner when cadets’ junior to them commit such errors. All cadets are expected to accept such corrections properly.