

CHAPTER 12

SALUTING GUIDANCE

The salute, in its various forms, is a courteous exchange of greetings and is considered the normal military greeting throughout the world. In many countries, as in our own, it is a symbol of respect. Military personnel consider the salute as a courteous and respectful greeting between members, and it is one of the oldest traditions binding military professionals together.

You will be taught the proper manner of saluting and the rules which govern the salute throughout the military services. There are special rules at Stebbins High School governing the salute and saluting areas with which you must become thoroughly familiar.

12-1 SALUTING BASED ON RANK

Cadets in uniform will salute cadet officers of higher rank, officers of the United States armed forces, the SASI (Senior Aerospace Science Instructor) and for training purposes or when reporting to the ASI. The junior ranking person salutes first and holds the salute until the senior person returns it.

12-2 SALUTING THE FLAG

Cadets in uniform will stand at attention and salute when outdoors during the raising and lowering of the U.S. flag on a stationary flag staff. If music is played during the raising or lowering of the flag, but you are not in position to see the flag, face the direction from which the music is coming, stand at attention and salute. During flag detail, all cadets participating will salute while the flag is raised or lowered whether in uniform or not.

When attending an outdoors sporting event or similar function, cadets in uniform will stand at attention, face the flag, and salute during the presentation of the Colors and/or playing of the Nation Anthem.

Hand salutes are NOT rendered indoors except when reporting to a senior officer. The exception to this is that saluting indoors is permissible for training purposes.

Cadet officers and NCOs will correct saluting violations in a helpful manner on the spot. Most such violations will not be intentional, and cadets will not be unnecessarily embarrassed or publicly humiliated, but should be privately and tactfully reminded of their responsibilities as cadets and school leaders.

Cases of disrespect, insolence (rudeness), insubordination or refusal to comply with corrective instructions will be reported to the SASI or ASI immediately.

A salute is never given or returned while running. The cadet will come to quick time (to a walk) and render the salute when approximately three paces from the officer.

Saluting while passing between classes is not required. During JROTC class or activities such as details, parades, community involvement, etc., saluting is required. If **IN DOUBT, SALUTE**—check with your instructors after the fact if you have a question.