

# How to Hold the Guidon

5.13. Order Guidon. Order guidon is the position of attention. The guidon bearer holds the guidon in a vertical position and keeps the ferrule (the bottom tip) on the ground beside the right shoe. The guidon bearer holds the staff in the right hand in the "V" formed by the thumb and by the fingers extended and joined. The right hand and arm are kept behind the staff with the arm bent naturally and the staff resting against the hollow of the shoulder.

5.14. Carry Guidon. Carry guidon is the position in which the ferrule is approximately 6 inches from the ground.

5.14.1. Facings, alignments, and formal marchings require carry guidon. The guidon bearer keeps the staff in a vertical position throughout the movements and brings it to carry guidon on the preparatory command for the movement.

5.14.2. When marching at route step or at ease, the guidon bearer may hold the guidon in either hand at the carry position.

5.14.3. Parade rest is executed by sliding the hand up the staff and inclining the staff of the guidon forward at arms length with the hand at waist level.

5.14.4. At double time, the guidon bearer holds the guidon diagonally across the body. The guidon bearer grasps the staff with the right hand at the position used at the carry, with the right forearm horizontal and the elbow near the body. The staff is grasped with the left hand opposite the left shoulder.

5.14.5. When executing column movements and turns, the guidon bearer executes the movement on the command of execution and then moves at 45-degree angles to a position in front of the base file. (In other words, pivot when you're supposed to, but then autopilot until you're in front of the third element leader like you're supposed to be)

5.14.6. When the squadron is in column with the squadron commander on the flank, the guidon bearers position is five paces in front of and centered on the front rank of the leading flight.