



# OPEN RANKS INSPECTION PROCEDURES

1 **POSITION:** -- Six paces in front of and centered on flight

2. **FLIGHT, FALL-IN** -- (Size the flight):

- **RIGHT, FACE**

If you are taller than the person in front of you, tap them on the shoulder and move forward.

- **RIGHT, FACE**

If you are taller than the person in front of you, tap them on the shoulder and move forward.

- **LEFT, FACE**

If you are taller than the person in front of you, tap them on the shoulder and move forward.

- **LEFT, FACE**

3. **COUNT OFF**

- ▼ All eyes except for element leaders turn to right on preparatory command **COUNT**, at command of execution **OFF** eyes snap forward and cadets shout position number.

4. **OPEN RANKS:**

- ▼ Give the command <Open Ranks March>. Proper distance is 60 inches between ranks. The flight automatically executes <Dress Right Dress> and remains so until the flight has been aligned.

5. **ALIGN THE FLIGHT:**

- ▼ This is a formality. Go quickly. Do proper facing movements. After aligning elements, march three paces past the flight and execute a <Left Face>.

## 6. READY FRONT:

▼ Give the command <Ready Front>. Take one pace, execute a <Right Face>, salute, and report to the inspector as appropriate. For example: “(Sir/Ma’am), Alpha Flight is prepared for inspection.” You will then be inspected and then asked to accompany him/her during the inspection.

## 7. PREPARE THE FLIGHT:

▼ After you are inspected, execute a <Left Face> and give the command (Second/Third/Fourth Elements) <Parade Rest>. Now execute a <Half-Left Face> as in marching and halt one pace to the right and one pace behind the instructor.

## 8. INSPECTION:

▼ The flight commander must follow the inspector through the ranks. The flight commander must step off with the left foot and execute an in-place halt as the inspector moves from cadet to cadet and record all discrepancies. Element leaders must call their elements to <Attention> and give their elements <Parade Rest> at the proper times. Element leaders must assume the position of <Attention> prior to calling their respective elements to <Attention>.

## 9. POST INSPECTION:

▼ While the inspector is inspecting the back portion of the last element, the flight Commander marches to a position one pace to the right and three paces past the flight, executes a <Left Face> and calls the flight to <Attention>. The flight sergeant then takes one pace forwards and executes a <Right Face>. The flight sergeant will receive comments from the inspector and salute the inspector upon departure.

## 10. CLOSE RANKS:

▼ Immediately after the inspector departs, the flight sergeant executes a <Left Face> and gives the command <Close Ranks March>. The flight commander then marches by the most direct route to a position three paces in front of, centered on, and facing the flight. The flight commander will give feedback concerning the inspection to the flight and let the flight know what is next on the agenda.