

Drill Down

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Stationary (Not Marching) Commands:

Call	Action
Drill Team Attention or Atten-hut	One count: slaps to sides, feet together, and eyes forward and do NOT move!
At Ease or Parade Rest	One count: left foot moves out to shoulder width, hands behind back (can only get out of this with "atten-hut")
Hand Salute	Two counts: 1. right hand at right eyebrow, palm down, left hand on hip bone waist palm back; 2. both arms at side
Dress Right Dress (one of the two you can adjust on)	Two counts: 1. hands pressed together at left shoulder; 2. right arm out to right side, left arm down by side, eyes right (adjust alignment)
Dress Center Dress (the other one you can adjust on)	Two counts: 1. hands slap at sides; 2. both arms up to "T" position and hold (adjust spacing)
Ready Front (only one that you can get out on of the dress calls)	Two counts: 1. both arms out in front of body, shoulder height, palms in; 2. both hands down to side
Left Face	Two counts: pivot to the left 90 degrees. Pivot on left heel and right ball of the foot. Feet together on second count. Can delay head if you want.
Right Face	Two counts: pivot to the right 90 degrees. Pivot on right heel and right ball of the foot. Feet together on second count. Can delay head if you want.
About Face	Two counts: dot right foot (toe0 behind left heel and pivot 180 degrees around the right hand side.
Half Face	Two counts: pivot (right or left whichever is called) 45 degrees

Some important information:

- ❖ Only listen for the word *FACE* before moving. You could get caught if the caller says, “*Left pause.*” Even though most stationary commands are two counts, you can not pivot first then pause –you can not even flinch until the full command is completed.
- ❖ Some callers use the word *HACE* for ease of pronunciation.
- ❖ You are not allowed to cross your fingers or make some noticeable cue on one side.

By the Numbers (delayed commands)

- ❖ By the numbers will be called by caller and is not cancelled until caller cancels it.
- ❖ Calls are called first, then executed with the words “one’ or “two.”
- ❖ It is done with the stationary commands ONLY.
- ❖ Caller may call out multiple commands and you must execute them in order.
- ❖ Canceling the inside command
Example: left face, right face, about face
You do not execute the right face, but go on to the about face.
- ❖ Caller may cancel any one series of multiple commands.
- ❖ Remember which are one-count moves and which are two-count moves.

Marching Commands

Call	Action
Mark Time March	Command to start marching in place, odd count on LEFT
Forward March	Must be moving forward, not marching in place, odd counts on LEFT
To the Left Flank March (can be doubled)	The word MARCH is called on the left foot: step forward with the right foot, and pivot 90 degrees to the left
To the Right Flank March (can be doubled)	The word MARCH is called on the right foot: step forward with the left foot, and pivot 90 degrees to the right
To the Rear March (can be doubled)	The word MARCH is called on the right foot: step forward with the left foot, and pivot 180 degrees around the right hand side
To the Left Oblique March (can be doubled)	The word MARCH is called on the left foot: step forward with the right foot and pivot 45 degrees to the left
To the Right Oblique March (can be doubled)	The word MARCH is called on the right foot : step forward with the left foot, and pivot 45 degrees to the right
Company Halt or Squad Halt	Called on the left, two count halt. Example: Company (left foot), Halt (right foot), then step left (count 1) then right (count 2)

- ❖ After Company Halt, do not move, you are still at attention.
- ❖ If Company Halt is called at an oblique, return to the LAST face you came from or some call it from the last fact you pass through. The caller should review this during the practice time. If you must halt to the left, it is a two-count return; if you must halt to the right, it is a three-count return.
- ❖ If Mark Time March or Forward March is called from an oblique angle, START marching to the face you CAME FROM or PASSED.
- ❖ Key word is MARCH. With multiple calls you can not execute until “MARCH” is called. (Some say HARCH)

Information you need from the caller:

- ❖ Some callers require an “as you were” from the caller in response to “as you were Ma’am” before you can continue. For example, if a drill team is standing at Parade Rest and the caller says Right Face, you then say, “As you were Ma’am.” Then the caller will say, “As you were” and you can continue. But, if the caller says another command WITHOUT saying “as you were” and you go-- you would be out.
- ❖ NOT ALL callers require the “As you were” in return, so ask your caller how she calls it.
- ❖ Different teams do things differently. Marching, head flips and pivots can all be executed with slight stylistic differences.
- ❖ Some teams do a delayed head flip and others do not. Ask your caller if they have a preference and will call you out if you do it with your own team’s style.
- ❖ You need to pick up your feet while marching (not just a heel lift). Pants need to be pulled up so that you can see their feet too. Some callers prefer a bigger marching style, so ask your caller about this also.
- ❖ When to ask??? Ask your caller before the drill down begins or in the interim between the practice drilldown and the “real drill down.

The Caller:

- ❖ Make sure the last team performing has had enough time to change costuming so that they can participate in the drill down.
- ❖ If there is a required wrist band or sticker in order to participate.
- ❖ Double check the rules of the state ahead of time and make sure to follow them, such as no jewelry or gum and shoes must be worn.
- ❖ Be aware of the placing for the awards and who is going to present them.
- ❖ Check the microphone and the range with the sound system.

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