

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

1. At 1455 hours, 6 July 1969, the Commander of Troops (COT), Honor Guard Colors, Navy Signalmen and Band are in position at parade rest.
2. At 1500 hours, 6 July 1969, the reviewing party moves from the front porch to the flight deck.
3. As the reviewing party approaches its position, the COT brings the entire complement to attention.
4. When the reviewing party is in position, the COT faces about and gives "Present Arms"; faces about and salutes.
5. The band plays "Ruffles and Flourishes" and the "General's March."
6. At the completion of honors, the COT faces about and gives "Order Arms"; faces about, salutes, and says "Sir, the command is formed."
7. The reviewing officer returns the salute and says "Proceed with the ceremony."
8. The COT faces about and gives, "Persons and colors to be decorated, Center, March."
9. At the command "March", the COT moves to within three paces of the colors and faces about. The COT commands "Forward March." At the command "March" the COT and colors advance to within three paces of the reviewing officer, halting on the command of the COT.
10. The CO, 2nd Brigade and COMRIVFLOT-1 take positions between the COT and the colors facing the reviewing party.
11. When the persons to be decorated (PD) are in position, the COT salutes the reviewing officer and reports, "Sir, the persons and colors to be decorated are present."
12. The reviewing officer returns the salute and directs, "Present the Command."
13. The COT passes around the right flank of the PD and colors and proceeds to his original post, facing the Honor Guard. He commands, "Present Arms", does an about face, and salutes.
14. The Band plays the RVN and US National Anthems. The PD salutes at first note of music and terminates salute at the last note.
15. On completion of the music, the COT does an about face; gives "Order Arms, Parade Rest"; does an about face and comes to parade rest. The PD and Colors remain at attention.

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16. The reviewing officer (DEPCOMUSMACV) moves to a position one pace in front of the Army PD. CG, II FFORCEV moves to a position three paces in front of the Brigade Colors. COMNAVFORV moves to a position one pace in front of the Navy Signalman. Each is accompanied by an enlisted aide.

17. Orders awarding Army PUC are read. DEPCOMUSMACV pins PUC on Army PD. CG, II FFORCEV attaches PUC streamer to staff of Brigade Colors.

18. Following award of PUC to the Army, orders awarding PUC to the Navy are read. DEPCOMUSMACV pins PUC on Navy PD. COMNAVFORV attaches PUC pennant to the halyard and Navy Signalmen hoist the pennant.

(Photographers riding halo should leave ceremony)

19. Following the award of the PUC, DEPCOMUSMACV returns to his position in the reviewing line. COMNAVFORV moves to a position one pace in front of the Army PD. CG, II FFORCEV moves to a position one pace in front of the Navy PD.

20. Orders awarding the Navy Commendation Medal to the Army PD are read. COMNAVFORV pins NCM on Army PD.

21. Following the award of the NCM to the Army PD, orders awarding the Army Commendation Medal to the Navy PD are read. CG, II FFORCEV pins the ACM on the Navy PD.

22. The reviewing party returns to its original position. DEPCOMUSMACV makes comments.

23. Upon completion of comments, COT brings the formation to attention and gives "Detachment, Post, March." PD move to positions in the reviewing party. The colors return to their post. The COT moves to his right to permit colors to pass, then resumes his position.

24. When the colors are in position the COT commands "Pass in Review." The reviewing party faces about.

25. Through prearranged radio signals, the ships of the MTF sail past the Benewah in a predetermined sequence. As the bow of each ship attains a position opposite the stern (bow) of the Benewah, Army formations on the flight decks and Navy personnel manning the rail of the ships come to present arms. Order arms is given as the stern of each ship clears the bow (stern) of the Benewah. The band plays the service medley and other appropriate music.

26. Upon completion of the pass in review, the reviewing party faces about. The COT brings the Honor Guard to Present arms, salutes, and states: "Sir, this concludes the ceremony."

27. The reviewing officer returns the salute, and the reviewing party departs the flight deck.

28. The COT gives "Order Arms, Parade Rest." The band plays suitable music until the guests have cleared the flight deck.

29. When guests and reviewing party are gone, the COT dismisses the formation.