

Customs and Courtesies

| | Civil Air Patrol / United States Air Force | United States Army | United States Marine Corps | United States Navy | United States Coast Guard |
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| Salutes | | | | | |
| When to Salute | When approaching an officer or senior member, or international officer higher in rank than themselves. Also, when in uniform, salute officers upon recognition, regardless of what the officer is wearing. When in doubt salute. | SAME | SAME | SAME | SAME |
| | Indoors | Salute only when formally reporting | SAME | Do not salute when formally reporting | Do not salute when formally reporting |
| | Outdoors | Salute when addressing an officer or senior member higher in rank than themselves | SAME | SAME | SAME |
| | Distance | Salute from a fair distance from the senior person such that the senior has time to return the salute | Salute within 6 paces or at first sight from the senior person such that the senior has time to return the salute | Salute within 6 paces or at first sight from the senior person such that the senior has time to return the salute | Salute within 6 paces or at first sight from the senior person such that the senior has time to return the salute |
| Coming to Attention | | | | | |
| Call Room to Attention | If an officer who is higher ranking than anyone present, the first person to notice calls "room, ATTENTION" All members will stand at attention. | SAME | SAME | SAME | SAME |
| Place of Honor | | | | | |
| Walking | Senior members will walk on the right hand side of a junior member | SAME | SAME | SAME | No Equivalent |
| During Uniform Inspection | Senior members will walk on the left hand side of a junior member | No Equivalent | Senior will walk to the right of junior | No Equivalent | No Equivalent |
| Reporting to an Officer | | | | | |
| In Office | Knock on officers door and wait for permission to enter; Walk towards officer and halt 2 paces in front of them; Salute and reports, "Sir/Ma'am, (Grade) (Name) reporting as ordered."; Hold salute until the officer returns the salute; when the meeting is over, the officer will say, "Dismissed."; Come to attention and take one step backward; salute and wait for officer to return salute; preform an about face and exit the area | SAME | Knock on officers door and wait for permission to enter; Walk towards officer and halt 2 paces in front of them; report, "Sir/Ma'am, (Grade) (Name) reporting as ordered."; when the meeting is over, the officer will say, "Dismissed."; Come to attention and take one step backward; reply 'good morning/afternoon/evening, sir/m'a'm; preform an about face an exit the area | Knock on officers door and wait for permission to enter; Walk towards officer and halt 2 paces in front of them; report, "Sir/Ma'am, (Grade) (Name) reporting as ordered."; when the meeting is over, the officer will say, "Dismissed."; Come to attention and take one step backward; reply 'good morning/afternoon/evening, sir/m'a'm; preform an about face an exit the area | Knock on officers door and wait for permission to enter; Walk towards officer and halt 2 paces in front of them; report, "Sir/Ma'am, (Grade) (Name) reporting as ordered."; when the meeting is over, the officer will say, "Dismissed."; Come to attention and take one step backward; reply 'good morning/afternoon/evening, sir/m'a'm; preform an about face an exit the area |
| In Formation | Report to the officer leading the formation; Walk towards officer and halt 2 paces in front of them; Salute and reports, "Sir/Ma'am, (Grade) (Name) reporting as ordered."; Hold salute until the officer returns the salute; when the formation is over, the officer will say, "Dismissed."; Come to attention, salute, take one step backward; salute and wait for officer to return salute; preform an about face and exit the area | SAME | SAME | SAME | SAME |
| The Pledge of Allegiance | | | | | |
| Action in Military-Style Uniform | Stand at attention and remain silent | SAME | SAME | SAME | SAME |
| Action in Civilian Attire | Stand at attention and salute by placing your right hand over your heart while reciting the pledge | SAME | SAME | SAME | SAME |
| Honors to the Colors | | | | | |
| Indoors - Military-Style Uniform | Face the flag or music and stand at attention | SAME | SAME | SAME | SAME |
| Outdoors - Military-Style Uniform | Face the flag or music and salute | SAME | SAME | SAME | SAME |
| Indoors - Civilian Attire | Face the flag or music, stand at attention, place your right hand over your heart | SAME | SAME | SAME | SAME |
| Outdoors - Civilian Attire | Face the flag or music, stand at attention, place your right hand over your heart | SAME | SAME | SAME | SAME |
| Manners of Address | See 'Rank and Manners of Address Tab' | | | | |