

## Section VII

### REVEILLE

#### 10-25. General

Reveille was not originally intended as honors to the flag. In 1812, it was a drum call to signify that soldiers should rise for day duty and sentries should leave off night challenging. As time passed, reveille came to denote when the flag was raised in the morning and honors paid to it.

#### 10-26. Meaning

Reveille is a ceremony in which a unit honors the US flag as it is raised in the morning. This ceremony is conducted at the direction of the commander. The Commandant of Cadets sets the time for sounding reveille.

#### 10-27. Sequence of Events

- a. The unit is formed facing the flag five minutes (if possible) before the sounding of reveille.
- b. Four minutes before the sounding of reveille, the adjutant or other appointed officer (normally the duty officer) takes his position centered on the line of troops, commands the unit to **ATTENTION**, and commands **REPORT**.
- c. All subunits (companies, batteries, or troops) report in succession from right to left, "*Sir, \_\_\_\_\_ company all present or accounted for,*" or "*Sir, \_\_\_\_\_ company, \_\_\_\_\_ men absent.*" Salutes are exchanged with each report.
- d. The adjutant commands **Parade, REST** and then assumes parade rest himself. If a band is present, about 30 seconds before reveille, the adjutant commands **ATTENTION**, directs **SOUND REVEILLE**, commands **Present, ARMS**, and then faces about. The adjutant's salute is the signal for the band to sound reveille and to fire the morning gun. When reveille is sounded by a recording, the call **ATTENTION** is sounded about 30 seconds before reveille. This ensures that the adjutant has sufficient time to command the units to **Present, ARMS** before the first note of "Reveille."
- e. After the last note of "Reveille" has sounded, the adjutant terminates his salute, faces about, commands **Order, ARMS**, and then directs **TAKE CHARGE OF YOUR UNITS**. The adjutant returns all salutes with one salute. This terminates the ceremony.

**NOTE:** When a unit conducts the reveille ceremony not as a member of a major command, battalion, or company, the sequence of events remains the same except the unit commander gives all commands.