Academy Grad Week Training: Company parade practice

1. On Thursday, 7 May from 1600 to 1730, the junior, sophomore, and freshmen classes will conduct company parade practice training as a practical exercise of principles learned during their Officer, NCO, and Corporal Academies.

2. The training objective is:
   a. Task: Conduct company parade practice.
   b. Condition: Given the CTM, the How to Train at the Citadel Manual, FM 22-Citadel, and the results from the company’s most recent parade.
   c. Standard: The drillmaster analyzes the parade results (available on the Commandant’s webpage) and recommends to the company commander a 20 minute drill session that focuses on rifle manual weaknesses addressed in those results. The company commander conducts the drill session in the manner identified below:
      i. Company marches to its assigned location with the drillmaster making on-the-spot corrections enroute and cadets making rifle corrections on the cadet in front of them.
      ii. Commander opens the formation with three paces between each rank.
      iii. Sword bearers fall out and position themselves one per rank on the right side of the formation.
      iv. Company commander conducts manual of arms training that addresses previous parade results as follows:
         1. Commander gives a command.
         2. Cadets execute it at normal cadence but while quietly counting the numbers to facilitate synchronization.
         3. Sword bearers walk down the rank giving individual feedback to each cadet.
         4. Once all sword bearers have reached the left side of the rank, the commander gives the next command and the process continues.
   v. At the completion of the rifle drill session, the company commander reforms the company and marches it back to company area along the pass and review route. The drillmaster makes on-the-spot corrections enroute and cadets make rifle corrections on the cadet in front of them.

3. Schedule
   a. 1600-1605. Company formation/accountability
   b. 1605-1625. Drillmaster conducts training on rifle corrections (butt in, out, left, and right) and how to quietly count by-the-numbers rifle manual of arms movements.
   c. 1625-1640. Battalion forms up, and companies march in parade formation to their assigned spot on the parade field, practicing rifle corrections as they march.
   d. 1640-1705. Company conducts a stationary under arms drill session.
   e. 1705-1715. Company reforms and marches back to the company area along the pass and review route.
   f. 1715-1730. Company commander, drillmaster, and TAC facilitate a company AAR.