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This instruction implements AFPD 36-26, Total Force Development, and establishes the Keesler Blue Knight Drum and Bugle Corps and drill teams and provides for their management, selection, supervision, training and logistical support. This instruction applies to all assigned, attached and/or associate units supported by the 81st Training Wing at Keesler AFB MS; this instruction does not apply to Air Force Reserve or Air National Guard units. Ensure that all records created as a result of processes prescribed in this publication are maintained in accordance with Air Force Manual (AFMAN) 33-363, Management of Records, and disposed of in accordance with Air Force Records Information Management System (AFRIMS) records disposition schedule (RDS). Refer recommended changes and questions about this publication to the office of primary responsibility (OPR) using AF Form 847, Recommendation for Change of Publication; route AF Form 847s from the field through the appropriate functional chain of command. Attachment 1 is a glossary of references and supporting information.

SUMMARY OF CHANGES

This instruction has multiple changes; please review in its entirety. Paragraphs 3.3.2.1.4.1. and 3.3.2.1.4.4. added to authorize seven-member and ten-member teams with related scoring point; 3.3.2.2.2. changed regulation and freestyle drill to ten minutes; 3.3.2.4. added requiring MTO to provide squadron scores within three duty days; 3.4.1.1. changed team size from eight or nine members to seven to ten members; 3.4.1.3. changed uniform authorizations; 3.4.1.4. changed

fielding team restrictions; 3.4.1.5. and subs changed prop use restrictions; 3.4.1.7. changed restricted area to within fifteen feet of the inspection area; 3.4.2. changed disqualification process; 3.5.1. and subs changed grading points; 3.7.1. and 3.7.4. changed uniform restrictions.

1. General.

1.1. Scope. The Keesler Blue Knight Drum and Bugle Corps (BKDBC) and drill teams represent the 81st Training Wing and the United States Air Force at social and civic functions on base and in the surrounding civilian community, providing support for official ceremonies. These organizations promote leadership and teambuilding opportunities, develop esprit de corps and provide an outlet from the academic environment for non-prior service (NPS) Airmen.

1.2. Performance Limitations. Performances are conducted during non-duty hours only (81 TRG/CC may grant exceptions).

1.3. Performance Requests.

1.3.1. Coordinate on-base performances through the 81 TRG/MTO.

1.3.2. Coordinate off-base performances through the Public Affairs Office (81 TRW/PA).

1.4. Transportation.

1.4.1. Coordinate transportation requests through 81 LRS at least 48 hours prior to any performance requiring vehicle support. Use the 81 LRS Transportation Vehicle Worksheet/Request Letter for all requests.

1.4.1.1. Coordinate all off-base performance transportation requests through 81 TRW/PA.

1.4.1.2. 81 TRG/MTO coordinates all on-base performance transportation requests.

1.5. Recruiting. Squadron military training leaders (MTL) recruit Airmen for drill teams and BKDBC.

1.6. Membership.

1.6.1. Airmen volunteers must demonstrate a high degree of self-discipline and pride and meet the following requirements to achieve and maintain membership in the BKDBC and drill teams:

1.6.1.1. Maintain outstanding military standards (dormitory room standards, physical fitness standards and maintain standards in accordance with AFI 36-2903, *Dress and Personal Appearance of Air Force Personnel*).

1.6.1.2. Maintain an 80 percent average academic standard.

1.6.2. Members not meeting the requirements will be suspended or eliminated from the performing organization.

1.6.2.1. Suspensions and eliminations from BKDBC are coordinated with 81 TRG/MTO.

1.7. Duty Schedule. Assign members to "S" shift when possible.

2. Keesler Blue Knight Drum and Bugle Corps (BKDBC).

2.1. General. The BKDBC is comprised of NPS Airmen assigned to the 81 TRG and are supervised by an MTL assigned to the 81 TRG/MTO.

2.2. NCOIC, Blue Knight Drum and Bugle Corps (BKDBC). The 81 TRG/MTO appoints an NCOIC, BKDBC to manage participation of the BKDBC in civic events and military functions.

2.2.1. The NCOIC, BKDBC will:

2.2.1.1. Maintain sufficient organizational manpower to provide quality performances.

2.2.1.2. Ensure the safety of the organization's members during performances.

2.2.1.3. Assist the 81 TRG/CC in formulating the BKDBC budgetary requirements.

2.2.1.4. Publish performance and rehearsal schedules and membership rosters.

2.3. Training Squadrons. Exempt BKDBC members from routine details, appointments, briefings and meetings that conflict with rehearsal and performance times, when possible.

2.4. Leadership Positions. Leadership positions are authorized as follows:

2.4.1. One corps commander.

2.4.2. One deputy corps commander.

2.4.3. One quartermaster.

2.5. Uniforms. Performance uniforms are specified and worn as directed by the 81 TRG/MTO.

3. Drill and Ceremonies.

3.1. NCOIC, Drill and Ceremonies. The 81 TRG/MTO appoints an NCOIC, Drill and Ceremonies, to manage participation of the drill teams in civic events, military functions and drill competitions.

3.1.1. NCOIC, Drill and Ceremonies will:

3.1.1.1. Arrange for reviewing officer, inspectors and a team of judges to be present at each drill down competition and brief personnel on their responsibilities.

3.1.1.2. Submit information on competition results to the base newspaper one duty day following the event.

3.2. Drill Teams.

3.2.1. Each participating training squadron (TRS) will appoint an MTL as TRS Drill Team NCOIC to manage open ranks, regulation and freestyle drill teams.

3.2.1.1. TRS Drill Team NCOIC will establish training and practice procedures.

3.2.2. Drill Team Leadership Positions. Leadership positions are:

3.2.2.1. One drill master (DM) per TRS.

3.2.2.2. One drill instructor per TRS.

3.3. Competition. Conduct competition in accordance with the annual drill down schedule endorsed by 81 TRG/CC.

3.3.1. Each military training flight (MTF) will compete in the open ranks, regulation drill and freestyle drill competitions.

3.3.2. Scoring and Judging.

3.3.2.1. Open ranks will be judged in accordance with AFI 36-2903.

3.3.2.1.1. Maximum score achievable is 30 points.

3.3.2.1.2. Scores will be averaged to determine overall scores.

3.3.2.1.3. Two judges will inspect each team.

3.3.2.1.4. 81 TRG/MTO will announce the UOD for the open ranks inspection.

3.3.2.1.4.1. A seven-member team will lose .2857 points per uniform discrepancy.

3.3.2.1.4.2. An eight-member team will lose .25 points per uniform discrepancy.

3.3.2.1.4.3. A nine-member team will lose .222 points per uniform discrepancy.

3.3.2.1.4.4. A ten-member team will lose .2 points per uniform discrepancy.

3.3.2.1.5. Ties.

3.3.2.1.5.1. In the event of a tie, the head judge's score will determine the winner.

3.3.2.1.5.2. If the team's average score results in a tie, the scorekeeper will compare score sheets of the tied teams starting with the DM.

3.3.2.1.5.2.1. If the DM has a demerit, this will eliminate his/her team from the tiebreaker.

3.3.2.1.5.2.2. If all the DMs have the same number of demerits, the scorekeeper will move to the next person in the formation comparing their demerits.

3.3.2.1.5.2.3. The first member to receive a demerit will eliminate his/her team from the tiebreaker.

3.3.2.1.5.2.4. If this process does not break the tie, i.e., tied teams have a perfect score, the judges will make the final decision.

3.3.2.2. Regulation drill will be judged in accordance with AFMAN 36-2203, *Drill and Ceremonies*.

3.3.2.2.1. Maximum achievable points are 60. Teams will lose .333 points per discrepancy.

3.3.2.2.2. There is no time limit for regulation drill; however, each MTF will have a total of ten minutes to perform both regulation drill and freestyle drill. The

time clock will start when the reviewing officer returns the salute of the individual reporting in for regulation drill and stops when the individual has completed the reporting out statement for freestyle drill.

3.3.2.2.3. Four judges will grade each team.

3.3.2.2.4. Ties.

3.3.2.2.4.1. If two or more teams tie, the head judge's score will be the determining factor.

3.3.2.2.4.2. If the head judge has the teams in question as a tie, the next ranking judge will decide the tiebreaker.

3.3.2.2.4.3. If necessary, this will continue until all four judges have been exhausted.

3.3.2.2.4.4. If all judges have the teams in question as a tie, the tie-breaking decision will revert back to the ranking judge who will consider overall performance as the tiebreaker.

3.3.2.3. Freestyle drill will be judged for professionalism, accuracy, difficulty and showmanship.

3.3.2.3.1. Each area will be rated on a scale of one through five with a maximum achievable score of 20 points from each judge.

3.3.2.3.2. Freestyle drill must last a minimum time of three minutes. For each second under the time requirement, the team will lose .125 points. The time clock is started when the reviewing officer returns the reporting in salute. The time stops when the reporting out statement is completed.

3.3.2.3.3. For each second over the combined regulation and freestyle drill time of ten minutes, the team will lose .125 points.

3.3.2.3.4. Four judges will grade each team.

3.3.2.4. 81 TRG/MTO will provide participating squadrons a copy of that squadron's scoring analysis to the TRS Drill Team NCOIC within three duty-days following the competition.

3.4. Disqualification.

3.4.1. The following infractions will result in a team's disqualification from a particular event:

3.4.1.1. Fielding a team with fewer than seven or more than ten members for regulation drill, open ranks and freestyle drill to include Airmen on the field of competition.

3.4.1.2. Using permanent party and prior-service Airmen as members of MTF drill teams.

3.4.1.3. Deviations from authorized uniform/accessories as defined in paragraph 3.7.3. Uniform items and/or colors not sold at Military Clothing (AAFES) must be approved by the 81 TRG/MTO at least one week prior to the event.

3.4.1.4. Fielding more than one team. A team consists of one entry per category (open ranks, regulation drill and free style drill). The same individuals do not have to participate in each category.

3.4.1.5. Use of props other than rifles, sabers, or guidons.

3.4.1.5.1. A minimum of 50% of participants in the Freestyle competition must use rifles. If the number is a fraction, the number will be rounded up. This means that at least four members of the team will use rifles if the team size is seven or eight, and at least five members of the team will use rifles if the team size is nine or ten.

3.4.1.6. Failure to comply with show times for drill down events.

3.4.1.6.1. Teams that are not in place and prepared for inspection when the open ranks judge steps in front of the first team being inspected.

3.4.1.6.2. Teams that are not in place and prepared to take the drill pad when announced.

3.4.1.7. Commanders, first sergeants, MTLs, instructors, NPS/prior-service Airmen, or any permanent party personnel within fifteen feet of the inspection area once the competition has begun (**EXCEPTION:** 81 TRG/CC/CD/CCC and 81 TRG/MTO staff).

3.4.1.8. Teams exhibiting poor taste, integrity violations or severe disregard for the spirit of competition (81 TRG/CC/CD/CCC discretion). **Note:** 81 TRG/MTO is the approval authority for 3.4.1.3., 3.4.1.4. and 3.4.1.5.. Request will be made at least one week prior to the event.

3.4.2. When a team is disqualified, 81 TRG/MTO will receive final approval for the disqualification from the 81 TRG/CC/CD/CCC prior to the disqualified squadron being notified. If the disqualification is deemed appropriate, the 81 TRG/MTO will brief the drill team's senior squadron representative on the infraction.

3.4.3. Disqualification will result in a team receiving zero points for the respective event. In the case of poor taste, integrity violations or disregard for the competition only the senior group representative may eliminate a team from winning the overall competition.

3.4.4. In cases that warrant negating a disqualification, the 81 TRG/MTO and affected squadron representative will brief the senior group representative on the infraction and final adjudication.

3.5. Determining Team Placement.

3.5.1. Grading. Points are awarded based on how teams place in each of the three categories.

3.5.1.1. Open Ranks. First place receives 35 points; second place receives 33 points; third place receives 31 points, etc.

3.5.1.2. Regulation Drill. First place receives 35 points; second place receives 33 points; third place receives 31 points, etc.

- 3.5.1.3. Freestyle Drill. First place receives 30 points; second place receives 28 points; third place receives 26 points, etc.
- 3.5.1.4. Teams disqualified in any category receive zero points in that category.
- 3.5.2. Points received in all categories will be totaled to determine the overall first, second and third place winners. If two or more teams have the same point total, regulation drill scoring will serve as the tiebreaker.
- 3.6. Competition Judges.
 - 3.6.1. Judges are selected by the 81 TRG/MTO/NCOIC of Drill and Ceremonies.
 - 3.6.2. The highest ranking individual will act as the head judge.
 - 3.6.3. Judges for the competition will normally be chief master sergeants, flight chiefs, first sergeants, academic instructors, NCO Academy and Airman Leadership School instructors.
- 3.7. Uniforms.
 - 3.7.1. Drill teams select accessory colors that are in good taste and do not clash with the uniform. Any color accessory not sold at military clothing (AAFES) must receive prior approval from the 81 TRG/MTO at least one week prior to the event.
 - 3.7.2. Accessories, with the exception of aiguillettes, are authorized only during drill competition or participation in official base or civic activities, not during normal duty hours.
 - 3.7.3. Accessories may consist of berets, metal heel plates and toe plates, ascots, white or black gloves and black aiguillettes.
 - 3.7.3.1. Berets will not conflict with AFSC-specific colors e.g., dark blue berets for security forces or red berets for combat controllers.
 - 3.7.3.2. Conservative color ascots are authorized for wear with the Airman Battle Uniform (ABU). White ascots may be worn with the service uniform.
 - 3.7.3.3. Airmen assigned to drill teams will wear solid black color utility aiguillette when performing drill team duties or activities. Aiguillettes are authorized for wear during and after duty hours on and off base.
 - 3.7.4. Requests to deviate from uniform standards; items not sold by military clothing (AAFES) must be submitted for approval in writing to 81 TRG/MTO at least one week prior to the event. Failure to do so will result in the team being penalized five points from overall all score in that category.
- 3.8. Annual Award. Team placement throughout the year will determine the Drill Team of the Year. Placement will be determined by the following point system:
 - 3.8.1. First Place = 10 points
 - 3.8.2. Second Place = 9 points
 - 3.8.3. Third Place = 8 points
 - 3.8.4. Fourth Place = 7 points

3.8.5. Fifth Place = 6 points

3.8.6. If there is a tie for Drill Team of the Year using the above system, the team with the most first place finishes throughout the year wins the award. If two or more teams have the same number of first place finishes, the team with the most second place finishes throughout the year wins the award. This process will continue to third and fourth place, if necessary, to break the tie.

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Attachment 1

GLOSSARY OF REFERENCES AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

References

AFPD 36-26, *Total Force Development*, 27 September 2011

AFI 36-2903, *Dress and Personal Appearance of Air Force Personnel*, 18 July 2011

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Prescribed Forms

No prescribed forms.

Adopted Forms

AF Form 847, *Recommendation for Change of Publication*, 22 September 2009

Acronyms

ABU—Airman battle uniform

BKDBC—Blue Knight Drum and Bugle Corps

DM—drill master

MTF—military training flight

MTL—military training leader

NPS—non-prior service

TRS—training squadron

AAFES—Army, Air Force Exchange Service

Attachment 2

MAP OF OPEN RANKS COMPETITION GRADING AREA

Figure A2.1. Open ranks grading area.

