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SUMMARY OF CHANGES

This publication supersedes AFMAN 36-2203_KEESLERAFBSUP, *Drill and Ceremonies*, 2 April 2019. Most of the changes were grammatical errors as well as rank structure on parades. AKIMA replaced Vectrus throughout DAFPAM 34-1203_KEESLERAFBSUP. **Attachment 1 References** were updated.

7.4.1.1. **(Added)** Wing parades are conducted when approved by the 81st Training Wing Commander (81 TRW/CC). Scheduled parades will be placed on the 81 TRW "Base Events Calendar" to avoid conflicts with other Keesler functions.

7.4.1.2. **(Added)** Wing Adjutant's call time, schedule of events and sequence of marching units are identified in the wing parade notice. The Military Training Operations (81 TRG/MTO) distributes this notice no later than 15 working days prior to date of ceremony to all organizations participating in and supporting the parade. Subsequent changes are announced at parade briefings/practices. Immediately prior to the parade, Military Training Leaders (MTL) and first sergeants will inspect their personnel ensuring dress and personal appearance standards are met.

7.4.1.3. **(Added)** On the date of the ceremony, the post times are as follows:

7.4.1.3.1. **(Added)** The American flags must be in place surrounding the parade field no later than 35 minutes prior to Wing Adjutant's Call.

7.4.1.3.2. **(Added)** All participating units will be on the ready line no earlier than 25 minutes and no later than 15 minutes prior to Wing Adjutant's Call. Except for the colors, color escort mass and the state flag mass, commanders will not march their troops in front of the ready line when positioning on the parade field. Colors and escort mass will take position on the east side of the parade field. The state flag mass will position on the final line.

7.4.1.3.3. **(Added)** The Commander of Troops (COT), group commanders and their staffs will position on their markers 10 minutes prior to Wing Adjutant's Call.

7.4.2.1. **(Added)** Each mass consists of a six-element front and is eight ranks deep. Smaller units, e.g., the Marine Corps and Navy masses, may participate with a formation reduced to a front of three and any depth down to six. Adjust staff positions accordingly.

7.4.2.2. **(Added)** Four groups will participate with four squadrons each, for a total of 16 squadrons.

7.4.4.1. **(Added)** 81 TRG/CC or designee appoints the COT, alternate COT, group commanders and their respective staffs. The 81 TRG/MTO will notify alternates if the primary COT, or any of his/her staff, cannot perform their duties.

7.4.4.2. **(Added)** Each parade, depending upon the type (standard, all enlisted or student), may consist of the following:

(Added) Table 7.1. Standard Parade.

<i>Position</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Number</i>
Commander of Troops	O-5/O-6	1
Staff Officer	O-4/O-5	1
Wing Adjutant's	E-5/E-7	1
Group Commander	O-4/O-5	4
Group Staff Officer	O-1/O-3	4
Group Adjutant	E-5/E-6	4
Mass Commander	O-1/O-4	17
Flight Commander	O-1/O-3	32
Guidon Bearer	E-2/E-6 Perm Party	17
Flight Guide	Enlisted	32
First Sergeant	E-7/E-9	16
Flight Sergeant	Enlisted	32
Color Guard	Enlisted	As required

(Added) Table 7.2. All Enlisted Parade.

<i>Position</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Number</i>
Commander of Troops	E-9	1
Staff Officer	E-4/E-8	1
Wing Adjutant's	E-1/E-5	1
Group Commander	E-8/E-9	4
Group Staff Officer	E-4/E-8	4
Group Adjutant	E-1/E-5	4
Mass Commander	E-7/E-9	17
Flight Commander	E-5/E-7	32
Guidon Bearer	E-2/E-6	17
Flight Guide	E-1/E-4	32
First Sergeant*	E-7/E-9	16
Flight Sergeant	E-5/E-7	32
Color Guard	E-1/E-7	As required

*Personnel selected for this position may be any permanent party senior NCO.

(Added) Table 7.3. Student Parade.

<i>Position</i>	<i>Aiguillette Color</i>	<i>Number</i>
Commander of Troops	Red	1
Staff Officer	Yellow/Green	1
Wing Adjutant's	Green	1
Group Commander	Red	4
Group Staff Officer	Yellow/Green	4
Group Adjutant	Green	4
Mass Commander	Yellow/Green	17
Flight Commander	Green	32
Guidon Bearer	Black	17
Flight Guide*	Not Required	32
First Sergeant	Not Required	16
Flight Sergeant*	Not Required	32
Color Guard	Not Required	As required

*Personnel selected for this position do not need to be Airman Leaders.

7.4.4.3. **(Added)** Participation in a parade is not considered a detail. Those personnel normally excused from details are considered eligible for participation.

7.4.7.1. **(Added)** 81 TRG/MTO will conduct briefings/practices for guidon bearers and flight commanders prior to parade practices. Also, conduct a combined briefing for COT, group commanders and mass commanders. Specify date, time and place of briefing/practices in wing parade notice.

7.4.7.2. **(Added)** Conduct parade practices prior to the ceremony. Specify date, time and place of practice and required attendees in the wing parade notice. All participating units must provide a six- or eight-person front and an eight-person right flank for shadow mass practices, except for the state flag mass. Smaller masses should provide fronts and right flanks of appropriate size.

7.4.8.1. **(Added)** Uniform requirements are listed in the wing parade notice.

7.4.10. **(Added) Responsibilities.**

7.4.10.1. **(Added) Wing Protocol (81 TRW/CCP) will:**

7.4.10.1.1. **(Added)** Prepare a guest list and take action to invite and notify guests.

7.4.10.1.2. **(Added)** Invite honorary commanders and ensure they are seated with their assigned squadron commander when feasible.

7.4.10.1.3. **(Added)** Determine if any awards/retirements are pending that would be appropriate for presentation. Notify 81 TRG/MTO five working days prior to ceremony of any presentations.

7.4.10.1.4. **(Added)** Establish the seating diagram for the reviewing stand. It must indicate reserved positions for the staff and invited guests and unreserved seats for other spectators.

7.4.10.1.5. **(Added)** Brief and supervise ushers.

7.4.10.1.6. **(Added)** Promptly notify invited guests and award/retirement personnel of cancellations.

7.4.10.1.7. **(Added)** Deliver reviewing party flag(s) to 81 TRG/MTO one (1) day prior to the ceremony.

7.4.10.2. **(Added) Military Training Operations (81 TRG/MTO)** will:

7.4.10.2.1. **(Added)** Provide a qualified permanent party parade supervisor to coordinate parade personnel training, ceremony scripts and other logistic operations.

7.4.10.2.2. **(Added)** Provide a qualified permanent party narrator to make appropriate announcements and read applicable citations presented during ceremonies.

7.4.10.2.3. **(Added)** Secure an alternate indoor location, when applicable.

7.4.10.2.4. **(Added)** Notify Emergency Services POC for ambulance support no less than 10 duty days prior to the event.

7.4.10.3. **(Added) 81st Force Support Squadron (81 FSS/FSVF)** will ensure enough dining facilities are open to feed parade participants no later than 2½ hours prior to the Wing Adjutant's Call on the date of the parade.

7.4.10.4. **(Added) 81st Force Support Squadron (81 FSS/DPMPE)** will ensure appropriate award elements and/or citations are provided to Protocol (81 TRW/CCP) four (4) days prior to parade date, advance notification permitting.

7.4.10.5. **(Added) Keesler Civil Engineer (AKIMA/CE)** will:

7.4.10.5.1. **(Added)** Maintain review stands used in parades and ceremonies in serviceable condition.

7.4.10.5.2. **(Added)** Maintain primary review stand as required.

7.4.10.5.3. **(Added)** Maintain parade grounds to include mowing no more than 24 hours prior to Wing Adjutant's Call on the parade date.

7.4.10.5.4. **(Added)** Ensure parade grounds have been sprayed for pests (ants, mosquitoes, gnats).

7.4.10.5.5. **(Added)** Maintain parade grounds lighting.

7.4.10.5.6. **(Added)** Ensure parade grounds sprinklers are turned off and construction work paused on or near the parade area for the duration of event.

7.4.10.6. **(Added) 81st Medical Group (81 MDOS/SGOE)** will:

7.4.10.6.1. **(Added)** Maintain one ambulance on scene with additional medics. Back-up ambulance/team will remain at medical group until requested by primary. Ambulance must be in place 30 minutes prior to Wing Adjutant's Call.

7.4.10.6.2. **(Added)** Ensure individuals who fall out of formation are appropriately treated and identified. Non-prior service (NPS) Airmen treated on site will be turned over to a detailed MTL for return to the individual's squadron area after parade troops have cleared the field. Give names and squadrons of NPS Airmen treated in the Emergency Room to the appropriate MTL.

7.4.10.7. **(Added) Public Affairs (81 TRW/PA)** will:

7.4.10.7.1. **(Added)** Coordinate with local news media on items having possible community interest.

- 7.4.10.7.2. **(Added)** Coordinate with Command Information for coverage no less than five (5) working days prior to the ceremony.
- 7.4.10.7.3. **(Added)** Publicize event on Keesler AFB social media, Keesler Base App, Wing Events Calendar and Commander's Access Channel, when possible.
- 7.4.10.8. **(Added)** **The Wing Commander's Executive Officer (81 TRW/CCE)** will notify 81 TRG/MTO when the 81st Training Wing Commander cancels a parade.
- 7.4.10.9. **(Added)** **Keesler Weather Operations (AKIMA/WSO).**
- 7.4.10.9.1. **(Added)** Perform a meteorological watch (METWATCH) for weather conditions that may impact the parade. Contact 81 TRG/MTO directly with pertinent updates.
- 7.4.10.9.2. **(Added)** Provide forecast weather conditions for the parade at the request of the 81 TRW/CC or the 81 TRG/CC prior to the parade during normal duty hours. 26 OWS will provide non-duty hour forecasts, as requested.
- 7.4.10.9.3. **(Added)** Upon receipt of a call from the Command Post, provide a weather forecast to Command Post and 81 TRG/MTO of conditions expected during the parade. Relay changes or amendments of the forecast directly to 81 TRG/MTO.
- 7.4.10.10. **(Added)** **81st Mission Support Group (81 MSG/ID)** will ensure trash collection trucks do not operate on or near the parade area one (1) hour prior through one (1) hour after Wing Adjutant's Call on the date of the parade.
- 7.25.1.1. **(Added)** The tasked Military Training Flight is responsible for raising the flag at the Levitow (Bldg. 7310) every duty day. Three Airmen from the tasked organization will raise the flag.
- 7.26.4. **(Added)** A retreat ceremony is conducted every training day at the Levitow flagpole. The 81 TRG/MTO designates the scheduled 81st Training Group participants by letter.
- 7.26.4.1. **(Added)** In the event of inclement weather, 81 TRG/MTO will determine if troop participation should be cancelled no later than 1600 and will notify all participants.
- 7.26.4.2. **(Added)** The scheduled squadron will provide one MTL and four Airmen for the flag security detail to lower the flag.
- 7.26.4.2.1. **(Added)** Participating squadrons will provide an adequate number of road/sidewalk guards to block the retreat area during the ceremony, and to block intersections while troops march in and out of the area. Road guards will face the flag and salute during the National Anthem or *To the Colors*.
- 7.26.4.3. **(Added)** Units desiring a formal retreat ceremony in the Triangle for retirements, awards or other special occasions must request this no less than 15 days prior to the event with 81 TRG/MTO.

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Attachment 1

GLOSSARY OF REFERENCES AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

References

AFI 33-322, *Records Management and Information Governance Program*, 23 March 2020

AFI 33-332, *Air Force Privacy and Civil Liberties Program*, 10 March 2020

DAFMAN 90-161, *Publishing Processes and Procedures*, 18 October 2023

DAFPAM 34-1203, *Drill and Ceremonies*, 13 September 2022

Prescribed Forms

None

Adopted Forms

None

Abbreviations and Acronyms

COT – Commander of Troops

NPS – Non-Prior Service

TSF – Training Support Facility

MTL – Military Training Leader

MTO – Military Training Operations