

**442D SIGNAL BATTALION
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
DIVISION**



**United States Army Signal Center
& Fort Gordon, Georgia**

Regimental Induction Ceremony

ANNEX G (REGIMENTAL INDUCTION CEREMONY) TO TAC OFFICER GUIDE

1. PURPOSE: To standardize procedures for conducting the Regimental Induction Ceremony.

2. SCOPE: This guidance is for use by TAC Officers and SOBC/SOBQ students while preparing/rehearsing for the ceremony.

GENERAL:

a. TAC Officers will ensure that their sections rehearse the ceremony several times. It is important for the graduating class to understand the significance of this occasion.

b. The TAC Officer will coordinate with the Office, Chief of Signal, for the Chief of Signal (or his representative) to conduct the ceremony, a minimum of 30 days in advance.

c. This ceremony is designed to be conducted in either the lobby of Alexander Hall or in Conrad Hall, prior to graduation. It is adaptable to other locations.

4. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS:

a. The ceremony will begin as the Chief of Signal (COS) or Representative enters the room and the *Class Leader calls the class to attention.*

b. *Class Leader reports and presents the section roster to the Chief of Signal:*

-SIR, THE MEMBERS OF SIGNAL OFFICER BRANCH QUALIFICATION COURSE,

CLASS 001-05 -- HAVING ACHIEVED THE LEADERSHIP, TACTICAL, AND

TECHNICAL STANDARDS REQUIRED OF SIGNAL CORPS OFFICERS --

REQUEST ACCEPTANCE INTO THE SIGNAL CORPS REGIMENT.

c. *Chief of Signal or Representative accepts roster from the Class Leader, examines it, and places it on the table behind him. He may then make short remarks and accept the class into the Regiment.*

d. *Chief of Signal calls the class to attention, if necessary.*

e. *Chief of Signal receives the Regimental Colors and says,*

“YOU ARE HEREBY GRANTED ACCEPTANCE.

TO SEAL YOUR COVENANT WITH THE REGIMENT, I WILL NOW PASS THE
REGIMENTAL COLORS AMONG YOU. MAY YOU BRING GLORY AND HONOR UPON
THESE COLORS AND ALL THEY REPRESENT. LET THE PASSING OF THE COLORS
GUIDE YOU IN YOUR QUEST FOR EXCELLENCE IN THE SERVICE TO AND FOR
THE SIGNAL CORPS, OUR ARMY, AND OUR COUNTRY.

f. Chief of Signal passes the colors to the Class Leader and says,

“THE SIGNAL CORPS....GLORY AND HONOR TO THE REGIMENT.”

*q. Class Leader and section members will repeat these words and pass the colors in
turn until the colors are returned to the Chief of Signal.*

*h. Chief of Signal returns the colors to the Color Guard and makes appropriate
remarks:*

YOU ARE NOW MEMBERS OF THE REGIMENT
YOUR ROSTER WILL BECOME A PERMANENT RECORD IN
THE LIEUTENANTS' REGISTER OF THE REGIMENT.
YOU ARE NOW AUTHORIZED TO WEAR THE DISTINCTIVE
INSIGNIA OF THE SIGNAL CORPS."

*i. Chief of Signal pins the Regimental Distinctive Insignia (RDI) on the Class Leader's
uniform.*

j. Class Leader faces about and gives the command:

ODD RANKS. ABOUT FACE."

(This is the cue for class members to assist the person facing them in pinning on the RDI.
First, odd ranks pin RDI on even ranks, then even ranks pin RDI on odd ranks.)

k. Narrator will describe the Regimental Distinctive Insignia simultaneously with class members pinning each other.

"THE GOLD EAGLE HOLDS IN HIS TALONS A GOLDEN BATON FROM WHICH DESCENDS A SIGNAL FLAG. THE DESIGN ORIGINATED IN 1865 FROM A MEETING OF SIGNAL CORPS OFFICERS, LED BY MAJOR ALBERT MYER, THE CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER, IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

THE BADGE WAS A SYMBOL OF FAITHFUL SERVICE AND GOOD FELLOWSHIP FOR THOSE WHO SERVED TOGETHER IN WAR AND WAS CALLED THE "ORDER OF THE SIGNAL CORPS".

THE MOTTO, "PRO PATRIA VIGILANS", WAS ADOPTED FROM THE SIGNAL SCHOOL INSIGNIA, AND SYMBOLIZES THE COHESIVENESS OF SIGNAL SOLDIERS AND THEIR AFFILIATION WITH THEIR REGIMENTAL HOME. THE GOLD LAUREL WREATH DEPICTS THE MYRIAD ACHIEVEMENTS THROUGH STRENGTH MADE BY THE CORPS SINCE ITS INCEPTION.

THE BATTLE STAR CENTERED ON THE WREATH REPRESENTS FORMAL RECOGNITION FOR PARTICIPATION IN COMBAT:

IT ADORNED A SIGNAL FLAG AND WAS FIRST AWARDED TO SIGNAL CORPS SOLDIERS IN 1862. THE BATTLE STAR SYMBOLIZES THE CLOSE OPERATIONAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE COMBINED ARMS AND THE SIGNAL CORPS."

(When both the pinning and the narration are complete).

Class Leader gives the command.

ODD RANKS.....ABOUT FACE.

m. Narrator *recognizes spouses, saying:*

(1) "AT THIS TIME WE WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE THE SPOUSES
OF OUR NEW INDUCTEES TO THE SIGNAL REGIMENT."

(2) To the *spouses:*

"WOULD THE SPOUSES PLEASE COME FORWARD IN A LINE?"

(3) To the *sponsors:*

"SPONSORS, JOIN YOUR SPOUSES".

(When on line, sponsors will pin miniature RDI on their spouses)

(4) *Remarks:*

AS THE MISSION OF THE U.S. ARMY CONTINUES
TO EVOLVE IN OUR CHANGING WORLD, SO DOES THE MILITARY FAMILY.
WE RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF SOLDIERS' FAMILIES, AND THE
NEED FOR FAMILIES TO WORK AS A TEAM IN ACCOMPLISHING ANY
MISSION. IN APPRECIATION OF THE DEDICATION AND SUPPORT YOU
HAVE SHOWN YOUR SIGNAL OFFICER, WE PRESENT THIS SMALL TOKEN.
BY WEARING THE MINIATURE REGIMENTAL DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA, YOU
ARE AFFILIATED WITH THE REGIMENT YOU WILL HELP TO BUILD.
YOUR ROLE HAS PROVEN TO BE, AND WILL CONTINUE TO PROVE AN
ESSENTIAL PART OF YOUR SPONSOR'S SUCCESS.-

(5). To the *sponsors:* SPONSORS, RECOVER.

(6) *Sponsors resume their positions in formation.*

n. *Class Leader will then present the class/section gift to the Chief of Signal and says,*
"IN COMMEMORATION OF OUR ACCEPTANCE INTO THE SIGNAL REGIMENT,
WE PRESENT THIS GIFT AS A MEMENTO OF THIS OCCASION".

o. *Chief of Signal accepts the gift and SAYS:*

"ON BEHALF OF THE REGIMENT, I ACCEPT THIS GRACIOUS GIFT.

IT WILL BE APPROPRIATELY DISPLAYED AND WILL BECOME A PART OF OUR
LIVING TRADITION. ON BEHALF OF THE REGIMENT. I THANK YOU.

p. *Class Leader and Chief of Signal exchange salutes and Chief of Signal departs.*

q. *Narrator states,*

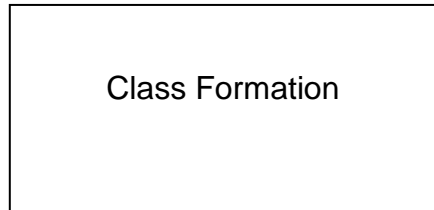
THIS CONCLUDES THE CEREMONY.

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR INDUCTION INTO THE SIGNAL CORPS REGIMENT."

5. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS FOR ALEXANDER HALL LOBBY: If held at Alexander Hall. The Regimental Induction Ceremony will begin one half hour prior to graduation. The entire class will form in the lobby. The Class Leader will be in charge of the formation. The sequence of events and narrative for the ceremony will remain the same. A diagram is included at paragraph 6.

6. ROOM DIAGRAM FOR ALEXANDER HALL

Alexander Hall



Class Leader
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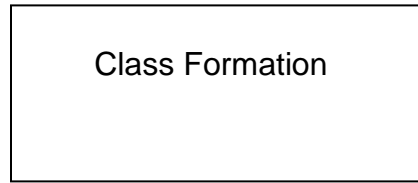
Chief of Signal

Olmstead Hall

Regimental Colors

7. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS FOR CONRAD HALL: Same as for Alexander Hall lobby.

8. ROOM DIAGRAM FOR CONRAD HALL.



Class Leader



Chief of Signal

Regimental Colors

ENTRANCE