

SIGNAL PUNCH CEREMONY

MASTER OF CEREMONIES (MC)

The ritual Signal Punch ceremony is composed of a base ingredient and several components whose true identities will remain secret, but whose colors are significant for what they symbolize. Selected (officers/Soldiers/cadets) will add the punch base and key ingredients which each has brought for the mixing of the Signal Punch.

SECOND SPEAKER

I bring the base ingredient whose color is orange, the branch color of the Signal Regiment and the field color of the organizational flags to which we rally.

THIRD SPEAKER

I bring an ingredient whose color is gold, symbolic of the value added to the Army by the contributions of the Signal Corps. It is the base color of our Regimental insignia.

FOURTH SPEAKER

I bring an ingredient whose color is red, the color of the blood shed for country by Signal soldiers throughout our history. It is symbolic of valor and is one of the *colors* of our Regimental insignia.

FIFTH SPEAKER

I bring an ingredient whose color is white, symbolic of the purity of our purpose and the light of the Signal torch which burns bright. It is one of the colors of our Regimental insignia.

SIXTH SPEAKER

I bring an ingredient whose color is green, the color of the Army and symbolic of the common bond which ties us not only to other branches, but also to soldiers everywhere.

SEVENTH SPEAKER

I bring an ingredient whose color is blue, the color of the field upon which fly the 50 stars for our 50 United States. It is also the color of the early morning sky, and symbolizes the dawn of the information age led by the Signal Corps.

EIGHTH SPEAKER.

I bring an ingredient whose color is tan, the color of the shifting sands of the desert. It symbolizes the latest fields of honor upon which the Army proved itself, and the successes of the Signal Corps in leading the way.

NINTH SPEAKER

I bring a clear ingredient without color. The clear ingredient symbolizes the clarity of vision with which our leaders, past and present, have been blessed, enabling them to foresee the needs of the future and provide for them today. It is symbolic of our ultimate goal to be a true force multiplier which is transparent to all in its battlefield performance.

MASTER OF CEREMONY

(TO RANKING INDIVIDUAL), would you please sample the punch and render a pronouncement of its fitness for consumption?

RANKING INDIVIDUAL

I bring a secret ingredient which has been stored in a number 10 can and buried for the last year underneath Signal Towers. *Adds the secret ingredient and stirs; MC provides the stirrer. When ranking individual is finished stirring, gives stirrer back to MC. MC then pours a sample into the ranking individual's mug. He or she tastes and says:*

It is still not quite right, (name of MC). Please...take off your socks and give them to me. *(MC takes off his/her socks (this can be a surprise or pre-arranged) and gives them to the ranking individual, and he/she throws them into the punch, stirs it again, takes another sample, and then says:*

This *is* (cough) the finest punch in the land, and I encourage all to join me in a cup.

Punch bowl bearers serve punch to everyone. Ranking individual stays by the punch bowl while others present toasts, After the toasts, the ranking soldier will cut a Signal Cake, if one is provided. MC will present the ranking individual with a saber to cut it with. The ranking individual will make one cut down the middle of the cake, and then dinner, etc will begin.