

Color Guard Program - Anoka Composite Squadron - June 2018

The purpose of this program is to:

- Describe the Color Guard program
- Outline how cadets become involved with Color Guard
- Explain how cadets earn the privilege of wearing the Color Guard shoulder cord
- Explain expectations of being part of the Color Guard program

Color Guard Program

The Color Guard Program is loosely structured in CAPP 52-8. A Color Guard team is comprised of six (6) members. When a Color Guard team appears, four (4) members participate in these roles:

- Senior Flag - carries the American Flag
- Junior Flag - carries a secondary flag (example: Squadron Flag, Wing Flag, State Flag)
- Senior Rifle - escorts and honors the American Flag
- Junior Rifle - escorts and honors the secondary flag

There are six (6) members on a team so there are always backups for a Color Guard appearance. Additionally, six (6) members are required for each team in the Civil Air Patrol Cadet Competition program.

We are eligible to field multiple Color Guard teams.

Expectations of Color Guard Participants

Participants are expected to consistently attend team meetings and practices. Color Guard members are expected to develop and maintain excellent drill movements, customs and courtesies and teamwork. They are expected to keep uniforms in excellent condition and exhibit high levels of professionalism at all times.

Team members must be committed to studying CAPP 52-8 and performing at the highest level possible.

Team members must commit to being available and appearing with their fellow team mates when scheduled to present the colors as a Color Guard team.

Color Guard teams are expected to attend Wing Cadet Competition each year.

How to try out for the Color Guard

Twice yearly, Anoka will have a Color Guard Info Session for interested cadets.

Cadets who are interested in being on a Color Guard team should attend the info session to learn more and be placed in an interest group.

Interest groups may form a Color Guard team-in-qualification. They will practice together and develop the skills to qualify as a Color Guard team. As a team, they will decide who will fulfill primary roles, but all team members should train to fill any position at any time.

How to Qualify as a Color Guard Team: Earning the Color Guard Cord

Anoka Squadron has a specific process by which cadets earn the privilege to wear the Color Guard cord.

Cadets must show commitment by attending scheduled practices and events for which they are scheduled.

Cadets must perform and appear in a minimum of (2) Color Guard events to be eligible for evaluation to wear the Color Guard cord.

Once those events have been completed, cadets may submit a request for evaluation to the Senior Color Guard Advisor. The evaluation panel will be comprised of:

- Senior Color Guard Advisor
- Cadet Color Guard Coordinator (or designee) and
- A third party selected by the Senior Color Guard Advisor

Evaluation will include, but not be limited to, drill and ceremonies assessment and uniform inspection.

The panel will deliberate and inform the cadet candidate within 24 hours of their decision.

If the panel decides the cadet has earned the privilege to wear the cord, the cadet will be authorized as of that date. Cadets are responsible for purchasing their own Color Guard cord.

If the panel decides the cadet has not met minimum requirements to wear the cord, feedback and suggested training actions will be provided.

Honor Guard Program - Anoka Composite Squadron - June 2018

The Honor Guard program is loosely governed by CAPP 52-8. This document will outline steps to form an Honor Guard-in-qualification with the goal to be certified as a Minnesota Wing Honor Guard unit.

Typical Honor Guard is comprised of four primary elements:

- Colors Element - Senior Flag, Junior Flag, Senior Rifle, Junior Rifle
- Ceremonial Element - Unit of cadets that perform coordinated drill and ceremonies movements. This element can appear with the Colors Element or on its own in parades or events
- Funeral Element
- Drama Element

A full Honor Guard program should have 12-20 committed cadets in the program.

There may be multiple elements within a Color Guard. Honor Guard members may fulfill roles in multiple elements.

Expectations of the Honor Guard

At the highest level, Honor Guard members are ambassadors of the Civil Air Patrol and the Anoka County Composite Squadron. Cadet members have exceptional customs and courtesies, crisp drill and ceremonial movements and represent Civil Air Patrol in a highly professional manner.

Qualification as a Wing Honor Guard

Honor Guards are certified at the Wing level. Once certified as a Wing Honor Guard, all members of the Honor Guard are eligible to wear the Silver shoulder cord when performing as a member of the Honor Guard.