



American Legion Department of Michigan Funeral Field Contest FC-01

1. Videotape “Military Honors with all Military Detail, Part 2” will be the guide for order of movements and commands. Produced for the Department of Michigan Contest Supervision Committee by Lt. Col. Steve Ehart, Deputy Director of Memorial Affairs, Department of Army.
 2. The Committee will provide units with a copy of the videotape and manual of arms for the M-1 Rifle (stack and unstack arms). Video tape is a guide to help units follow the required sequence.
 3. The Committee will provide at the contest area: Two stands, one at the inspection area with casket and American flag and one stand on the grave sight with the chairs for the deceased family representatives.
 4. Eligibility: Only units composed of bonafide members of the American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary or Sons of the American Legion in any combination thereof, over 18 years of age, will be permitted to compete with a minimum of 6 and a maximum of 11 members.
 5. The Burial Detail will consist of the following:
 - One (1) Chaplain, can also act as a Commander for inspecting purposes
 - Firing squad, four (4) member minimum, six (6) member maximum, plus a commanding officer
 - One (1) next of kin
 - One (1) Bugler with a bugle or a tape player
- NOTE: Firing squad will act as pallbearers
- NOTE: It is the option of the unit to use a bugler. If no bugler is used, a tape player for the playing of taps will then be required. In the event the unit options not to use a bugler, the next of kin or Chaplain can operate the tape player.
6. Units must appear in military or American Legion type uniforms as approved by the contest Chairman and participate in the Department parade.
 7. Appropriate Military commands will be given.
 8. Undue delay could be cause for a penalty.

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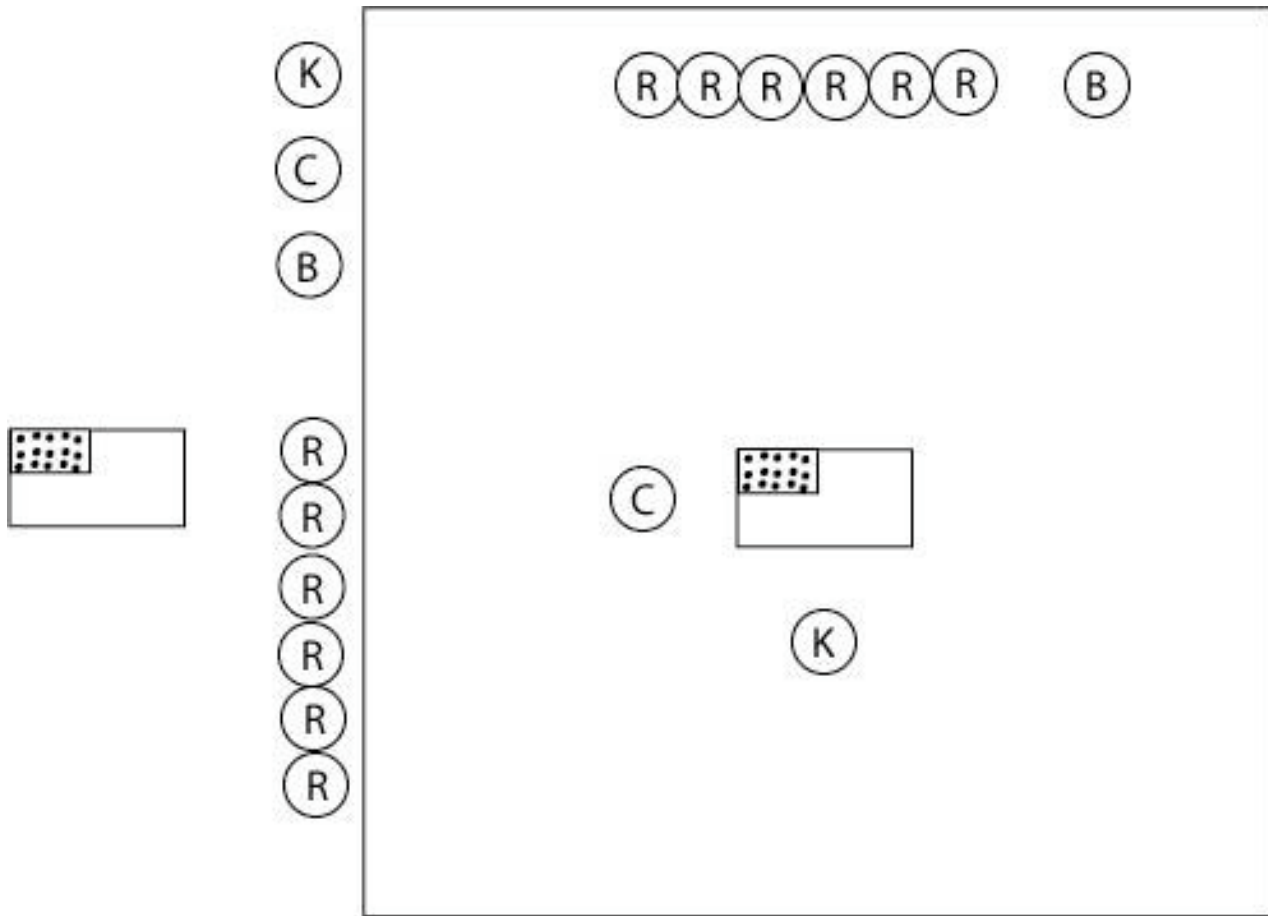
Modified Rites for a Veterans Funeral FC-02

(Firing squad to act as pallbearers)

SEQUENCE

1. Inspection: General overall appearance.
2. Line up for inspection on the starting line, right to left (Commander optional). Firing Squad, Bugler, Chaplain, Deceased Family Representative.
3. Casket position will be on a stand inside the inspection front line corner, feet facing the front line, covered with the American Flag.
4. Firing Squad and Bugler with bugle and/or tape player execute: Right face, Column left. March around gravesite to back of field. Halt, Left face, Stack arms.
5. Squad: march to and form two or three bearers on each side of casket. March with casket, feet first to gravesite, Chaplain to follow behind casket.
6. Next of kin (civilian dress required for contest) slowly walk to and sit on chair to the right of Chaplain facing grave site after casket is placed on stand.
7. Place casket on stand, return to rifle placement and recover weapons and take position of Parade rest.
8. Chaplain: Conduct service. (Words of his own choosing)
9. Firing Squad: Take position and fire three (3) dry volleys.
10. Firing Squad: Execute, Present Arms, Taps is played.
11. At conclusion of Taps, squad will execute: Order arms, Stack arms, and return to casket and fold flag.
12. Present flag to Chaplain with the presenting person saluting.
13. Firing Squad return to and recover weapons and remain in position with Bugler at Present Arms.
14. The Chaplain will then walk over to next of kin and present the flag, make his remarks and they both will exit the field, followed by the Bugler and Firing Squad at Port Arms.

RECORD ERRORS UNDER PENALTIES ONE (1) FULL POINT FOR EACH MOVEMENT DELETED



R - Rifle Squad
B - Bugler
C - Chaplain
K - Next of Kin