CHAPTER 13
MILITARY HONOURS AND GUN SALUTES

SECTION 1
GENERAL

REFERENCES

1. This chapter shall be read with:

   a. Canadian Forces Administrative Orders (CFAO) 61-4 and 61-16;
   b. A-PD-201-000/PT-000 Canadian Forces Manual of Drill and Ceremonial (soon to become A-DH-201-000/PT-000 Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) Manual of Drill and Ceremonial);
   c. Chapter 7 of this manual;
   d. B-LG-381-000/TS-001 chapter 4 section 2; and
   e. Canadian Heritage Honours and Salutes and Table of Precedence for Canada.

DEFINITIONS

2. The following terminology applies to this subject:

   a. Interval – means the time element between rounds of gunfire, which is:
      (1) naval – 5 seconds;
      (2) artillery – 10 to 15 seconds;
      (3) minute guns – 60 seconds; and
      (4) when returning a salute fired by a naval vessel, the interval shall, when practicable, conform to the interval used by the ship which initiated.
   b. Military Honours – Means all or some of the following:
      (1) guard of honour;
      (2) gun salute; and
      (3) musical salute.
   c. Saluting Ship – means a ship with armament suitable for the firing of a salute.
   d. Saluting station – means a location in Canada specifically designated for the firing of a gun salute in accordance with this order.

RESPONSIBILITIES

3. Co-ordinating authorities listed in CFAO 61-4, Annex A, are responsible for co-ordinating the provision of military honours in accordance with this order, using either Regular or Reserve Force resources. Coordinating authorities are also responsible for coordinating the firing and returning of naval personal salutes. The number of guns to be fired in honour of foreign naval officers visiting these stations shall be as prescribed by the commander concerned.
GENERAL

4. Except as prescribed in this chapter, military honours consisting of guns salutes and/or guards of honour shall only be accorded to distinguished personages in the military chain of command as listed at Annex A, or, as a courtesy, to dignitaries or representatives in equivalent foreign military chains of command according to national and international protocol.

5. Gun salutes are not necessarily connected to or related to other military honour ceremonies.

6. Gun salutes may be fired by any artillery main equipment over 20mm. Burst fire may be used by a weapon system designed only for automatic fire and where cyclical rate exceeds 500 rounds per minute; in this case, the sound of a 2-3 round burst is counted as a "round" for salute purposes.
SECTION 2
GUN SALUTES

TYPES OF SALUTES

1. Gun salutes are classified as:
   a. Royal or State Salutes consisting of 21 guns to the reigning Sovereign, members of the Royal Family, foreign sovereigns and members of reigning foreign families, heads of state of foreign countries and the Governor General of Canada;
   b. General Salutes in which the number of rounds fired depends on the occasion or the status of the personage being honoured; and
   c. Funeral Salutes in which the number of rounds fired depends on the status of the deceased.

RESTRICTIONS AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

2. The procedure for firing gun salutes is detailed in the appropriate gun drill manuals.

3. Gun salutes, as a general rule, shall not be fired before sunrise or after sunset. (Within the Royal Canadian Navy, sunrise may be interpreted to be "colours").

4. Gun salutes shall not be fired so as to cause aural discomfort to the receiving dignitary (refer to reference d).

5. Salutes to reigning royal personages of other nations and authorities and dignitaries of other nations are authorized only when their country or the government they represent is formally recognized by the Government of Canada.

6. When guards of honour are mounted in connection with visits of distinguished personages or general officers, gun salutes as prescribed in Annex A are normally fired on the visitors’ arrival and may be fired on departure.

7. Gun salutes shall normally commence at an appropriate time so as to terminate with the receiving dignitary’s arrival in location. If the location is one in which troops have been drawn up for a review or a guard of honour has been mounted, the point of arrival is normally the dais. When gun salutes and arms drill salutes are connected in the same ceremonial event, the event commander can coordinate the two, as well as the musical salute, for best effect. When circumstances prevent adequate warning of the dignitary’s arrival, it may be most effective to render the gun and arms drill salutes together. On these occasions, the gun salute shall normally commence on the final movement of the present arms, and the arms salute shall be concluded in its normal manner and the parade continued regardless of the fact that the gun salute may still be underway.

SALUTING STATIONS

8. The following places are designated as saluting stations:
   St. John’s (Newfoundland and Labrador)
   Charlottetown
   Halifax
   Fredericton
   Québec
   Montréal
   Ottawa
   Toronto
   Winnipeg
   Regina
   Edmonton
   Vancouver
The senior Canadian officer in command of a CAF formation serving abroad may authorize the firing of salutes on the occasions prescribed in this order for saluting stations, provided operational and local conditions permit.

ROYAL AND VICE-REGAL SALUTES

10. Twenty-one gun salutes shall be fired at all saluting stations listed in paragraph 8 on 1 July, Canada Day, at 1200 hours.

11. A Royal Salute shall be fired at the saluting stations located in the national and provincial capital cities (i.e., those listed in paragraph 8, except Montréal and Vancouver) at 1200 hours local time on the official birthday of the Sovereign, which is celebrated in Canada on the first Monday immediately preceding 25 May.

12. A Royal Salute shall be fired at the appropriate saluting station on the following occasions:
   a. on the arrival and departure of the Sovereign, or a member of the Royal Family during official visits to Canada;
   b. for the Governor General of Canada –
      (1) on reading the Royal Commission and taking oath of office;
      (2) on arrival at the Houses of Parliament to open, prorogue, or dissolve Parliament;
      (3) on arrival and departure when officially visiting a saluting station, but not more often at any one place than once in 12 months; and
      (4) on departure from Ottawa at the expiration of the term of office.

13. A Royal Salute will be fired annually at Saint John, New Brunswick on Loyalist Day, 18 May.

14. A 15-gun vice-regal salute shall be fired at the appropriate saluting station on the following occasions:
   a. on the assembling and closing of a provincial legislature; and
   b. on an official visit by a lieutenant governor to a saluting station within the sphere of jurisdiction, but not more often than once in 12 months.

15. When anniversaries or other special occasions are set by Proclamation, National Defence Headquarters (NDHQ) will ascertain the correct date and notify all concerned. NDHQ will give authority for the firing of salutes on these occasions.

REMEMBRANCE DAY MEMORIAL SALUTE

16. A 21-gun Memorial Salute shall be fired following the two minute period of silence commencing at the beginning of the Rouse at 1102 hours local time at all saluting stations on 11 November, Remembrance Day. The interval between rounds shall be 60 seconds. Flags shall be flown at half-mast in accordance with Chapter 9, paragraph 8.

NOTE

A separate “Marker” round may be fired to signal the start of the two minutes of silence; this round is not part of the 21-gun salute. This protocol has been agreed to by the Royal Canadian Legion. The 2 minutes of silence is sacrosanct.

ACTING RANK

17. Military officers temporarily holding any higher command or granted an acting rank are entitled, while holding the appointment, to the gun salute which is prescribed for the higher office. Distinguishing flags are flown in accordance with Chapter 14.
RETURNING SHIP’S SALUTES

18. All salutes to the nation by foreign ships will normally be fired only once during an official visit. Saluting stations at St. John’s, Halifax, Québec, Montréal, Vancouver and Victoria (Esquimalt), when tasked by NDHQ, shall return salutes gun for gun up to a maximum of 21.

19. Gun salutes made to the Sovereign or Governor General in residence at the Citadel in Québec shall not be returned.

20. When a foreign warship is visiting a saluting station and official notification is received that this ship intends to fire a salute in honour of an important occasion in its own country, a salute in reply shall not be given.

21. Normally, personal salutes to CAF flag and general officers will not be returned. If it is the known custom of the nation concerned to return personal salutes, this initiative may be taken by the ship or saluting station. In this case the number of guns fired shall be those for the foreign senior officer afloat as authorized in Annex A. Officers in command of saluting ships below the rank of commodore are entitled to a salute of seven guns as a return salute only. Officers in command need not be physically present at the gun position.

FUNERAL HONOURS

22. When a burial with military honours is authorized for a personage or flag/general officer listed in Annex A, minute guns, not exceeding the number to which the individual was entitled while living, may be fired when the remains are being conveyed to the place of interment. As the remains are deposited in the grave or in the sea, a second gun salute may be fired at normal intervals (see Section 1, paragraph 2).

23. If an individual has died afloat but is being buried at a place on shore where there is an artillery battery, minute guns may be fired during conveyance as follows:
   a. from the ship when the body is being conveyed to the shore; and
   b. by the battery while the funeral procession is moving from the landing place to that of interment.

24. When the remains are to be transported to another location for burial, an additional salute may be fired.

25. Minute guns will only be fired on additional occasions during a funeral when authorized by NDHQ.
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<td>HM The Queen; HRH Prince Philip, The Duke of Edinburgh</td>
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<td>Initial Salute – God Save the Queen (in full). Final Salute – O Canada (in full)</td>
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<td>Serials 1 to 6 inclusive. Colours shall be carried by Colour-bearing formations and units and shall be dipped during the Royal or State Salute. Units and elements possessing a stand of Colours (Queen's and Command/College/Regimental) shall carry both Colours. If the guard is mounted by a formation or unit which does not possess Colours, the National Flag of Canada and the CAF Ensign shall be carried. The latter two shall not take post forward in review order; they shall be let fly during the Royal or State Salute and not be dipped or lowered.</td>
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<td>Other Members of the Royal Family</td>
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<td>Foreign Sovereigns and Members of Reigning Foreign Families; Presidents and Heads of State of Commonwealth and Foreign Countries</td>
<td>Royal (or State)</td>
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<td>Governor General of Canada</td>
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<td>Initial and Final Salutes – Vice Regal Salute (1st six bars of God Save the Queen and 1st and last four bars of O Canada)</td>
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<td>Governors General of Commonwealth Countries</td>
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<td>Lieutenant Governor of a Canadian Province within sphere of jurisdiction</td>
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<td>The Prime Minister of Canada; Prime Ministers (Heads of Government) of Commonwealth and Foreign Countries, the Vice President of the United States; Ambassadors and High Commissioners</td>
<td>General</td>
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<td>Initial Salute – appropriate national anthem (in full). Final Salute – O Canada (in full)</td>
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<td>Serials 7 to 10 inclusive. Formations and units possessing a stand of Colours, or units possessing only a single Colour, shall carry only the Command/College/Regimental (or &quot;second&quot;) Colour. (Royal Canadian Navy, which possesses only a Queen's Colour, shall not carry it for these serials.) If Colours are not available, the National Flag of Canada and the CAF Ensign or a command flag shall be carried for Serials 7 to 9, and may be carried for Serial 10. The Colour or flags shall be let fly during the General Salute; they shall not be dipped or lowered. Flags shall not take post forward in review order</td>
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<td>The Minister and the Associate Minister of National Defence, and the equivalent of Commonwealth and Foreign Countries</td>
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<td>Defence Council, Naval Board, Army Council, or Air Council of Commonwealth countries when acting as a corporate body (two or more members to constitute a quorum)</td>
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<td>Foreign distinguished personages not included in previous serials</td>
<td>Honours as directed by NDHQ. Such honours shall normally be those accorded the distinguished personages when officially visiting an establishment of their own nation except that a gun salute, if prescribed, shall not exceed 19 guns.</td>
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NOTES

1. The musical salutes for a pipe band are listed hereunder and the detail of the music to be played can be found in the CF Pipe Band Manual and Chapter 7:
   a. for a Royal (or State) Salute – "Mallorca";
   b. for a Vice-Regal Salute – the second four bars of "Mallorca" with a dotted eighth note and sixteenth note anacrusis, and the first two bars of "O Canada"; and
   c. for a General Salute –
      (1) CAF bands – the first eight bars of "Loch Leven Castle", and
      (2) cadet bands – the first two and last two bars of "The Maple Leaf Forever".

2. Officers of the rank of colonel and below are not entitled to a personal guard of honour, but may receive compliments from a ceremonial quarter guard; see A-PD-201-000/PT-001, CF Manual of Drill and Ceremonial. (soon to be replaced by A-DH-201-000/PT-001, Canadian Armed Forces Manual of Drill and Ceremonial) The music to be played, at the discretion of the commander/commanding officer is as follows:
   a. "The General Salute"; or
   b. an appropriate excerpt from the official march of the formation or unit being inspected; or
   c. an appropriate excerpt from the official march of the military formation or unit of which the dignitary is a member.

3. Once a guard of honour has been mounted, it will normally salute only the dignitary on whom it is mounted. A guard of honour is mounted at the moment of its initial salute to the honoured dignitary and dismounted at the moment of the final salute. When mounted, it is addressed as "guard of honour." When dismounted, it is addressed simply as "guard" and will render normal salutes like other armed bodies of troops.

4. Full military honours involve mounting a guard of honour, playing a musical salute and firing a gun salute. Each may also be provided independently depending on the circumstances; however, full military honours are normally rendered on official occasions, when practicable, to dignitaries entitled to a Royal (State) Salute (serials 1 to 6 inclusive).