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SUBJECT: Inactivation of the 6th Battalion, 56th Artillery (U)

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1. (U) Reference: Message, ATOPS-TP-UA, USCONARC, dated 18 July 1969.
2. ~~(C)~~ An inactivation ceremony to retire the 6th Battalion, 56th Artillery organizational color will be conducted at Memorial Circle, as soon as possible after arrival of subject unit at this installation.
3. (U) The Commanding Officer, 6th Artillery Group (AD) is responsible for the conduct of the ceremony and will insure necessary coordination with supporting commands and agencies. Direct coordination is authorized as appropriate.
4. (U) The Commanding Officer, Special Troops will provide the following:
 - a. National color (4'4" by 5'5").
 - b. Army Flag (4'4" by 5'5").
 - c. Three-star General's boat flag.
 - d. Two-star General's boat flag.
 - e. .Police of Memorial Circle NLT one (1) hour prior to Adjutant's Call.
5. (U) The Adjutant General will provide an officer to read the inactivation order.
6. (U) The ACoFS, C-E, will provide appropriate sound support, as required.

Regraded UNCLASSIFIED upon
closure of last element of
6th Battalion, 56th Artillery.

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62d Army Band (1)

ACofS, G1 (2)

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Visitors Bu (1)

ACofS, G3, ATTN: Historian (1)

IO (1)

ADC (2)

AG-PA, ATTN: Decorations/

Awards (2)

AG-A (1)

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SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

1. Honor Guard is formed 15 minutes prior to the ceremony. Colors will be received at this time.
2. As the vehicle carrying the personage(s) approaches within 50 meters of the reviewing stand, the honor guard commander (COT) will face the troops and command "ATTENTION."
3. After the troops have come to attention the COT faces about. When the reviewing party is in position at the reviewing stand, the COT faces about and commands "PRESENT ARMS." When the honor guard has executed present arms, the COT again faces about and executes present arms. Honors are sounded at this time (three ruffles and flourishes and general's march).
4. Upon completion of honors the COT executes order arms, faces about, commands "ORDER ARMS," and faces about again.
5. The reviewing party, less CSM, moves forward to within three paces of the COT and halts. COT salutes and reports "SIR, THE HONOR GUARD IS PREPARED FOR INSPECTION."
6. When salutes are exchanged the COT executes a right face. The Reviewing Officer (LTG Critz) will take a position on the COT's left. MG Cassidy will take a position to the rear of the COT and the unit commander will position himself to the rear of LTG Critz. The party then proceeds with the inspection (as indicated in diagram).
7. The band will play appropriate music until the inspection is completed. The inspection party will render hand salutes when passing in front of the colors.
8. The COT guides the inspection party to a position six paces to the right front of the band, halts, faces left, salutes and reports "SIR, THIS TERMINATES THE INSPECTION."
9. After exchange of salutes all members of the inspection party will return to their original positions except the COT who will center himself six steps in front of the color guard.
10. When the reviewing party is in position at the reviewing stand the COT commands (given over the right shoulder), "COLORS, FORWARD MARCH."
11. COT halts the color guard ("COLORS HALT") six paces from the reviewing party, salutes and reports "SIR, THE COLORS ARE PRESENT."

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