Top of Texas Color Guard Questions

1) How is the flag put at half-mast, and how is it lowered?

The flag is put to half mast by raised to the top of the mast briskly, and is then lowered to half-mast.

The flag is lowered by raising the flag to the top of the mast quickly and then lowering the flag slowly

2) When the U.S. flag is folded how many folds are in the flag?

13 folds

3) What is the difference between national colors and the national flag?

The national colors are trimmed on 3 sides with golden yellow fringe

4) What do the colors of the national flag represent?

Red- hardiness and valor

White- purity and innocence

Blue- vigilance, perseverance and justice

5) What does the national flag being positioned at half-staff mean?

This is a sign of mourning

6) When the national flag is worn out how is it disposed of?

The star section/union is cut from the flag and then both pieces are burned together

7) When can the flag be flown upside-down?

In times of distress / emergency

8) At what interval does a color guard march?

Close interval

9) Does a color guard ever execute a rear march?

No

10) How many national flags can be flown during a parade, review, or honor guard ceremony?

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11) What are the three terms used in military service for the national flag?

Colors, Standards, Ensign

12) When a president or past president of the U.S. dies, how long is the flag flown at half-staff?

30 days

13) The first stars and stripes flag was created by the Continental Congress in?

Philadelphia

14) In what year was the first stars and stripes flag created?

1777

15) The blue rectangle with white stars is called the?

Union

16) After 1818 what did the 13 stripes of the US flag represent?

The 13 original colonies

17) When should the flag be saluted in uniform, outdoors?

a) At reveille and retreat.

b) Salute six passes before the flag reaches you and hold until 6 passes after you.

c) When the national anthem is played

d) When in formation and directed to do so

18) When not in uniform what is the proper way to show respect to the flag?

You stand at attention, put your right hand over your heart, if a male wearing a hat, then your remove the hat and place it over your heart.

19) Who wrote the star spangled banner?

Francis Scott Key

20) When was the star spangled banner written?

During the War of 1812

21) When the U.S. flag is carried in a line of flags, the national flag should be?

Carried in the front and centered on the line

22) When in a color guard the national flag is on what side?

The right side

23) After folding the U.S. flag at a funeral what should be showing?

The stars

24) How many stars are on the U.S. flag?

50

25) Know the chain of command

26) What does retreat mean?  
 Retirement of the colors after the days’ activities.