

## RULES FOR THE IALOH IN-LINE, OPEN-RANKS, INSPECTION

**SCOPE:** The open-ranks inspection will provide an opportunity for those members who are unable to compete in the **Drill and Color Guard Competition** to actively represent their unit in the annual IALOH Competition. *(These rules are not intended to preclude a LOH Unit from representing its Shrine for public relations purposes).*

**Points of Inspection:** (All LOH UNITS start with 100 points.)

1. **TARGET:** The target number of LOH members to be inspected is seven (7), including the Team Commander. Units not meeting the target number of Nobles will accept a 1-point penalty for each man less than seven (i.e., with 6 members present, a penalty of 1 point will be assessed). A minimum of at least four (4) members must be present to compete. Units with more than seven members standing inspection will receive a credit of ½ point for each member over seven.
2. **UNIFORM:**
  - A. **FEZ:** The fez will be of single, double, or triple-jewel design. The fez will have an appropriate LOH strip, and may have a unit-officer designation. The length of the tassel is not important but there will be no more than two tassel clips (one sewn and one clutch pin). No other adornment is permitted. A slight amount of fraying of the tassel tips may be overlooked. Extreme fraying, ragged, or long untrimmed pieces will be cause for a gig. The fez will be worn so that it is centered above the bridge of the member's nose and not tilted to either side.
  - B. **MEDALLION:** The Team Commander will wear a Legion of Honor medallion. For the purpose of continuity in this inspection, any individual will wear only one medallion. At the Unit's discretion, either all (or no) members will wear the LOH medallion. However, it should be noted that whenever a Noble of the Legion of Honor wears a FEZ, the medallion should also be worn.
  - C. **SCARVES:** If scarves are worn, they shall be neat and not overly bloused to reveal the under collar or neck.
  - D. **SASHES:** If sashes are worn, they shall be clean and uniform in appearance and placement.
  - E. **SHIRTS:** Shirts will be clean and uniform for all members. Slight fading of colors is acceptable due to age, but excessive fraying or stain, etc., will be cause for loss of points.
  - F. **INSIGNIA:** Rank insignia, ribbons, and badges will be worn in the appropriate positions. Ribbons and badges will be centered and squared. Collar rank may vary in size but should be worn uniformly (i.e., all in style of Army/Air Force, or Navy/Marine).
  - G. **BELTS:** Belts will be uniform in color as well as buckle and tip. The buckle shall be worn so as to present a vertical "Gig Line" between the shirt and fly of the pants.
  - H. **PANTS:** Pants will be uniform in style and color, and worn in a military manner (i.e., no "high water" or dragging cuffs).
  - I. **SOCKS:** Socks should be uniform, but unseen when standing at attention.
  - J. **SHOES:** Shoes will be uniform, laces will be unbroken, and heels will not be severely rounded.
  - K. **GENERAL APPEARANCE:** While recognizing that we are no longer as young or fit as we used to be, we should still strive to present as sharp a military bearing as possible. Length of hair—head or facial—shall be neatly trimmed. Pockets with buttons will be buttoned. Shirts will not be overly bloused, loose or so tight as to strain the buttons. Pockets will not be stuffed as to show contents other than billfold pocket of pants. (Billfold will not be visible above pocket.) The inspector will not judge personal items (i.e., watches, rings, etc.) however no earrings are permitted.