

Hip Pocket Lesson

GUARD DUTY

- I. What are the two types and composition of military guards?
1. Interior Guard - An interior guard is detailed by commanders of military installations to protect property and enforce specific military regulations. The elements of an interior guard include the main guard and special guards.
 - a. The main guard consists of a combination of roving patrols and fixed posts.
 - b. Special guards are used to protect vehicle parks, motor pools, trains, boats, aircraft, and for any other special purposes.
 2. Exterior Guard - Exterior guard is not as formal and restricted as interior guard. Exterior guards are lookouts, listening posts, outposts, and other guards in field training areas and outside the limits of a military installation.
- II. What are the two classes of Orders for Guards and Sentries and their composition?
1. General Orders - General orders outline the fundamental responsibilities of any military guard or sentry. They should be memorized by all military personnel who are or will be assigned to guard duties. They are as follows:
 - a. General Order Number 1: *I will guard everything within the limits of my post and quit my post only when properly relieved.*
 - b. General Order Number 2: *I will obey my special orders and perform all of my duties in a military manner.*
 - c. General Order Number 3: *I will report violations of my special orders, emergencies, and anything not covered in my instructions, to the commander of the relief.*

2. **Special Orders** - Special orders supplement General Orders, and are realistic, detailed, and mission-oriented orders that are carefully and specifically tailored for the specific guard post and situation, from the viewpoint of security.
 - a. The special orders for each post must be reviewed frequently to insure that they do not become obsolete.
 - b. They should be stated in plain language that can be clearly understood by the guard on post.
 - c. Copies of special orders for all posts should be conspicuously posted in the guardhouse for reference, and the guard may be required to carry a copy of the special orders with him/her while on duty.
 - d. Special orders for each post should explain or diagram the post location, boundaries, and any particular orders for that post, including any conditions under which force will be used.

III. What are the composition, strength, arms and equipment, coverage methods, and duties of Interior Main Guard?

1. **Composition**: as described before in I., 1., a..
2. **Strength**: The Main Guard consists of one officer of the day; one or more commanders of the guard; one or more sergeants of the guard; a relief commander for each relief; and the necessary number of guards. When necessary to have increased supervision and control of a relief, an assistant commander and assistant sergeant of the guard may be detailed.
3. **Equipment**: Guards are equipped as authorized according to their particular duty.
4. **Method of coverage**: Guards cover their post on foot, in motor vehicles, or by other types of transportation, as prescribed by the commander.
5. **Duties of personnel**: Detailed descriptions of specific duties for all Interior Main Guard personnel are outlined in FM #22-6, GUARD DUTY.

IV. What are the composition, strength, arms and equipment, coverage methods, and duties of Exterior Guards?

1. **Composition**: as described hereinbefore in I.,2., but generally guards outside of a military installation. Exterior guard composition is in no way related to interior guards, and no commanders are detailed for that specific duty. Exterior guards are appointed or selected from units and function under their normal chain of command. Their primary purpose is to prevent any surprise attacks w/o warning. Their **arms & equipment, coverage methods** and **individual duties** are as prescribed by unit leaders, unit SOPs, orders; etc. Providing perimeter security in the field is an example of a VDF exterior guard.

[NOTE: SEE **FM #22-6 Guard Duty**, for more specific details]