EO MX01.01E – HOST A CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY

1. **Performance**: Host a Citizenship Ceremony

2. **Conditions**:

   a. Given:

      (1) Supervision, and

      (2) Assistance as required.

   b. Denied: Nil.

   c. Environmental: Any.

3. **Standard**: As a member of a team, the cadet shall host a citizenship ceremony.

4. **Teaching Points**:

   a. Research the most recent information about hosting citizenship ceremonies at the Citizenship and Immigration Canada website: www.cic.gc.ca > CANADIANS > CELEBRATE BEING CANADIAN > HOSTING CITIZENSHIP CEREMONIES.

   b. Plan and prepare the citizenship ceremony in collaboration with Citizenship and Immigration Canada.

   c. Leading up to the citizenship ceremony, conduct activities with the cadets that will help them develop an appreciation for the significance of the citizenship ceremony. Activities from EO MX01.01D (Participate in the Canadian Citizenship Challenge) and inviting an immigrant to Canada as a guest speaker through *Passages to Canada* as part of EO MX01.01C (Attend a Presentation by a Citizen-of-Interest) would meet this aim.

   d. Host the citizenship ceremony in collaboration with Citizenship and Immigration Canada.

   e. After the citizenship ceremony, have the cadets reflect on what they have learned. Potential activities include:

      (1) Highlights. Have the cadets individually list the three most interesting or surprising things they have learned from the experience. Have the cadets discuss these highlights with a partner or in small groups. If time permits, invite cadets to share highlights with the larger group.

      (2) Reflective Questions. What did you learn about being a good Canadian citizen? What do you do in your daily life to be a good citizen? What are some simple actions you can do in your daily life to be a good citizen?

      (3) Journal. Have the cadets write a journal entry about the experience.

      (4) Visual representation. Have the cadets create a visual representation of their experience.

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5. **Time**: One session (3 periods) = 90 min.

6. **Substantiation**: A practical activity was chosen for this lesson as it is a fun and interactive way to build on the cadets' knowledge of citizenship.

7. **References**: Citizenship and Immigration Canada. (2011). *Host a citizenship ceremony*. Retrieved March 26, 2013, from http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/celebrate/ceremony.asp

8. **Training Aids**: Dependant on the activities chosen.

9. **Learning Aids**: Dependant on the activities chosen.

10. **Test Details**: Nil.

11. **Remarks**:

    a. Hosting a citizenship ceremony could be an excellent leadership project for interested cadets in Phase Five / Master Cadet / Proficiency Level Five, as part of PO 503 (Lead Cadet Activities).

    b. There is no instructional guide for this EO.

    c. Complementary training time may be allotted to this EO to allow for more time to conduct activities and prepare for the citizenship ceremony.

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