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Gun Salute versus Rifle Salute

This is a common misunderstanding that the two are one in the same. This is not the case. A Gun Salute is performed with Artillery pieces whereas a Rifle Salute is done with a military rifle.

Gun Salutes:

Additionally, there are several different types of Guns Salutes:

- 21 Gun Salutes are reserved for United States Presidents
- 19 Gun Salutes are reserved for High State Officials
- 17 Gun Salutes are reserved for four-star General Officers or equivalent
- 15 Gun Salutes are reserved for three-star General Officers or equivalent
- 13 Gun Salutes are reserved for two-star General Officers or equivalent
- 11 Gun Salutes are reserved for one-star General Officers or equivalent

A Gun Salute is normally performed with three primary and a single standby artillery piece with a dedicated team per artillery emplacement. Additionally, there is a three-person command team.

Rifle Salute:

A rifle salute is conducted with either three, five, or seven (depending on availability of personnel) rifles and one commander.