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Reserve Officers' Training Corps
ANNUAL RANGER CHALLENGE COMPETITION

Summary. This pamphlet provides command policy and procedural guidance for the standardization and execution of the Annual Ranger Challenge Competition in all Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) programs.

Applicability. This regulation applies to all personnel assigned to all elements of U.S. Army Cadet Command. Department of the Army directives take priority over this regulation.

Supplementation. Do not supplement this regulation without prior approval from

Commander, U. S. Army Cadet Command, ATTN: ATCC-T, Fort Monroe, VA 23651-5000.

Forms. All blank forms in this regulation may be reproduced locally.

Suggested Improvements. Send comments and suggested changes on DA Form 2028 through channels to Commander, U. S. Army Cadet Command, ATTN: ATCC-T, Fort Monroe, VA 23651-5000. Suggested improvements may also be submitted using DA Form 1045 (Army Ideas for Excellence Program (AIEP) Proposal).

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Chapter 1 Introduction

1-1. Purpose.

a. This pamphlet sets policies, assigns responsibilities, and provides guidance for planning, developing curricula and executing the Senior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (SROTC and ROTC) Program. It standardizes the implementation of the Ranger Challenge throughout U.S. Army Cadet Command.

b. The purpose for Ranger Challenge Program is to challenge cadets in tough mental and physical competition, enhance leader development, develop team cohesion, develop healthy competition among the battalions and used as a highly visible and dynamic recruiting and retention vehicle.

1-2. References. See Appendix A.

1-3. Responsibilities.

a. The Commanding General, Cadet Command is responsible for the standardization of the Ranger Challenge Program.

b. The ROTC region commanders have overall responsibility for providing oversight, monitoring and funding the Annual Ranger Challenge Competition within their regions, to include approval

for exception to policy for brigade level competitions.

c. The ROTC brigade commanders have the overall responsibility for managing, monitoring and executing the Annual Ranger Challenge Competition for their brigade, to include approval for exception to policy for battalion level competitions.

d. The ROTC battalion commanders are responsible for promoting Ranger Challenge and training competition teams.

Chapter 2 Ranger Challenge Team Composition

2-1. Team Composition. Teams will be comprised of nine cadets:

a. Must be volunteers.

b. Full-time college students; must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale.

c. Enrolled as an Army ROTC MS I through V cadet. (Neither completion cadets nor students enrolled in ROTC for academic credit only are eligible.)

d. Team may be made of both male and female members.

2-2. Equipment and Uniforms. The prescribed equipment and uniforms are listed on each event. Appendix B provides a detailed listing.

Chapter 3 Ranger Challenge Competition Composition

3-1. Competiton Level. The competition will be held at a minimum at the Brigade level.

3-2. Competition Event Listing. The competition will be comprised of the following events:

- a. Army Physical Fitness Test.
- b. One-rope bridge (2 crossings).
- c. Grenade assault course or grenade throw (depending on course availability).
- d. Patrolling (option to administer written test); if conducted during limited visibility, will be limited to 4 hours in duration.
- e. M16 marksmanship (.22 subcaliber device, .22 caliber rifle or air rifle, if 5.56mm ammunition or ranges are unavailable).
- f. Weapons disassembly and assembly (M60/M249 and M16).
- g. Orienteering.
- h. 10K road march.

3-3. Approval Authority. Region commanders have approval authority for exceptions to policy for brigade level competitions and brigade commanders

have approval authority for exceptions to policy for battalion competitions.

3-4. Ranger Challenge Structure. The Ranger Challenge will be conducted:

- a. On a one-time event, preferably on a weekend to reduce time away from academic classes and reduce cost of TDY funds.
- b. Stations will be run simultaneously requiring cadets to run between sites (METT-T dependent)
- c. Head-to-head competition, if conducted, must be mutually agreed upon.
- d. Uniform for the competition is listed on each event.
- e. The fastest time in the 10K force road march will determine the tiebreaker.

3-5. Calendar and Suspenses.

- a. Regions will provide a consolidated list to HQ Cadet Command Training Division by 30 Sep.
- b. All Brigade level competitions must be completed by 15 Dec; a rank order list, using CC Form 209-R, Ranger Challenge Result Sheet, of teams will be forwarded to region the Monday following the competition. Regions will forward a consolidated rank order list to HQ Cadet Command, ATTN: ATCC-TT, NLT 31 Dec, using CC Form 209-R, Ranger Challenge Result Sheet.

c. Regions will prepare a consolidated After Action Report and forward it to HQ Cadet Command, ATTN: ATCC-TT, NLT 30 days after the final Brigade competition.

Chapter 4 Ceremonies

4-1. Opening Ceremony. An opening ceremony will be conducted at the beginning of the brigade competition. Ceremony will be held in a prominent location.

4-2. Closing Ceremony. A closing ceremony will be held in which the trophies will be awarded.

4-3. Awards.

a. Streamers will be awarded to all teams competing: Gold Streamers - teams achieving 80 percent and above total possible points; Silver Streamers – teams achieving 70 –79 percent total possible points; Bronze Streamers – teams achieving 69 percent and below. (Streamers are 1 3/8 inch by 24 inch with the words “Brigade Ranger Challenge” in black letters 1 inch high on one side.

b. An “Award of Excellence” streamer will also be presented to the first place team of each event.

c. Present Ranger Challenge Tabs to all cadets competing in the competition.

4-4. Publicity. Brigades will use this event as a major publicity event.

a. Civilian, cadet families and military dignitaries will be invited to observe and when possible participate in the closing/awards ceremonies.

b. Reciting the Cadet Creed and using the Cadet Cannonade is strongly encouraged to reinforce the program.

Chapter 5 Safety and Liability

5-1. Safety Responsibilities. Safety is paramount in all training. Commanders at all echelons are responsible to ensure safety standards and practices are employed during the training for and execution of the competition.

5-2. Safety Requirements. The following safety requirements will be incorporated into the training for and execution of the Cadet Ranger Challenge competition:

a. Risk Assessment Methodology into the training and competition.

b. Incorporate cadet buddy teams and the “buddy aid” process into training and competitions.

c. Brief all cadre and cadets thoroughly on the pertinent safety and range regulations prior to the start of competitions.

d. Cadets will not handle pyrotechnics. Only cadre are authorized to handle pyrotechnics.

e. Report any injury/accident IAW Policy Memorandum 2-12, Serious Incident Reporting (SIR).

f. Ensure medical support and medical evaluations are available during the competition.

5-3. Cadet Liability

a. All participating cadets must understand the Cadet Command's medical coverage provisions. Cadet Ranger Challenge team members must meet the conditions set forth in the coverage (i.e. be an enrolled student, training must be on a training schedule and must be supervised).

b. Cadet medical benefits are outlined in AR 145-1, Senior Reserve Officers' Training Corps Program: Organization, Administration and Training.

c. Any non-contract cadet, without a DA approved physical, must have a completed DA Form 3425R, Medical Fitness Statement for Enrollment in Basic Course, Senior ROTC, or medical records from the school which indicate that the cadet is medically qualified for basic course training, prior to participating in any physical training for Ranger Challenge.

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