

1. **SITUATION.** The Airborne and Ranger Training Brigade (ARTB) will sponsor the 33rd Annual David E. Grange Jr. Best Ranger Competition from 15-17 April, 2016. The competition is a multi-day event that will test the mental and physical stamina as well as the tactical and technical skills of the participants.

2. **CONCEPT OF THE OPERATION.**

a. Units will assess and select teams to serve as their representatives in the competition. Officers and enlisted personnel may compete as long as they are Ranger qualified. Competitors are required to have a current Ranger Physical on file dated NET 18 APR 15 and have no adverse personnel actions pending.

b. The overall sequence of competition events will remain unknown, but competitors will receive task, condition, and standards prior to the execution of each event.

c. The by-name team list will be determined by the ARTB NLT 27 FEB 16. Any unit attempting to enter a team into the competition must gain ARTB Command Group approval. To do so, competitor teams must submit a Team Competitor Packet to the ARTB. The Team Competitor Packet consists of: Letter of Intent, Competitor Biography Sheet, and current Ranger Physical dated NET 18 APR 15. Team Competitor packets must be submitted NLT 18 FEB 2016 to the ARTB POC through your Division Headquarters (or BDE S3 if it is a separate BDE). Additionally, all Letters of Intent require the Division G3 (or BDE S3 if unit is a separate BDE) signature. The ARTB will not accept team submissions through any other channel. The submission point of contact is the Airborne and Ranger Training Brigade AS3, ATTN: CPT Wright, Michael at michael.a.wright4.mil@mail.mil or 706-545-8515.

d. The Awards Ceremony will be 18 1000 APR 16, Marshall Auditorium, MWH, Fort Benning, Georgia. Teams will receive awards based on their performance and placement at the completion of the competition.

3. **EXECUTION.**

a. The Best Ranger Competition is a professionally conducted military competition. Competitors are expected to adhere to the Ranger Creed and the spirit of the competition. Competitors who intentionally violate the intent of the task, condition, or standards of an event will be disqualified.

b. Land navigation and foot marching events are the most physically demanding and fatiguing events conducted during the competition. The ARTB recommends foot marching and land navigation at varying distances (up to 25 miles) carrying a 65lb rucksack in ACU/OCP, LCE or FLC, M-4 Rifle, and boots (as outlined in section 5).

c. Teams are allowed to billet/mess at 4th Battalion, ARTB, from 10-17 APR 16. To request billeting with 4th RTBN, email a request to the Airborne and Ranger Training Brigade AS3, CPT Wright Michael at michael.a.wright4.mil@mail.mil or 706-545-8515.

d. The ARTB will not store/secure weapons or equipment brought by competitors.

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e. Competitors may NOT conduct preparatory training on the Darby Queen obstacle course after 01 MAR 2016 as outlined in the ALARACT.

f. Competitors must conduct intravenous training and be certified by a medical officer to administer intravenous injections. This training needs to be reflected in the letter of intent to compete (Enclosure 2).

g. The basic competition uniform will consist of either ACUs or OCPs, patrol cap, ACH helmet w/cover, tan boots, Fighting Load Carrier (FLC), weapon, and MOLLE 3 field pack (or service specific field uniform). All components of OCIE ensembles will be of the same camouflage pattern. Competitors will not modify their equipment with the intent of giving them an unfair advantage (i.e. cutting straps, buckles, pockets off of uniforms/equipment to reduce weight).

h. Teams will report NLT 11 1300 APR 2016, in duty uniform with all in- processing documentation (see below) and all packing list equipment, to the Senior Tac office at BLDG 5020A, Camp Rogers, Fort Benning, GA.

i. After 11 1300 APR 2016, all team competitors are locked and will not be changed without approval from the ARTB Command Team.

j. ARTB cadre will control all clothing and equipment exchanges once the competition begins. Receipt of any item from an outside source after the competition starts will result in the team's disqualification from the competition.

k. Competitors must possess the following paperwork to in-process:

(1) Copy of Ranger qualified physical examination dated within last 12 months (NET 18 APR 15).

(2) Copy of orders awarding the Ranger Tab.

(3) Copy of orders awarding Parachutist Badge.

IF ANY IDENTIFIED TEAM PAPERWORK IS MISSING BY TEAM MEMBERS, THE TEAM WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE COMPETITION.

l. Visitors and unit supporters are highly encouraged to attend the Best Ranger Competition. A visitor's center with appropriate event information will be located in vicinity of the 4th Ranger Training Battalion Headquarters, Building 5000, Camp Rogers, during the competition.

m. Coaches/Trainers assisting competitors in training will not have access to competitors during the competition. Coaches/Trainers are not authorized to attend competitor briefings. Coaches will be treated as spectators.

4. MEDICAL.

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a. Competitors may be tested multiple times IAW Army regulations for illegal drugs or steroid use.

b. All over-the-counter medication (Motrin, Aspirin, etc.) is prohibited unless provided by ARTB medical staff. Any medication or nutritional/performance enhancing supplements (to include blood and blood products) is strictly forbidden during the competition. The medical director validates any/all prescription medication during in-processing. Drug surveillance and testing is accomplished prior to, during, and after the competition. Refusal to submit to testing will result in disqualification. There is no appeal process. A positive test for any illegal substance will result in disqualification and will be forwarded to the competitor's unit for potential UCMJ action.

c. The Airborne and Ranger Training Brigade will provide Cera-Sport to all competitors throughout the Best Ranger Competition to aid in re-hydration.

d. Competitors will send their physicals to the Airborne and Ranger Training Brigade PA, CPT Darryl Sandberg, email: darryl.w.sandberg.mil@mail.mil.

5. PACKING LIST.

a. The packing list may be modified before competition report date. It is a competitor's responsibility to ensure he has the most up to date packing list and the correct items. Refer to the official U.S. Army website for the Best Ranger Competition for any updates or changes at <http://www.benning.army.mil/INFANTRY/RTB/BRC.HTML>

b. Competitors may choose to wear either a complete or sterile uniform. All components of OCIE ensembles will be of the same camouflage pattern.

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ID Tags x 2 w/break away chain (long and short)	8465-00-261-6629
ID Card	
Top, ACU/OCP	
Trouser, ACU/OCP	
Belt, Sand/Tan 499	
T-shirt, Sand/Tan 499	
Pair Cushion Sole Socks	
Army Boots, Sand/Tan 499 (see Item 1)	
Patrol Cap, ACU/OCP	

ITEMS IN ALICE PACK

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1-MOLLE Fieldpack, Large	8465-01-524-5285
1-MOLLE Pack Frame	8465-01-524-8368
1-Molded Waistbelt (Frame)	8465-01-524-7232
2-Sustainment Pouch	8465-01-524-7226
2- Top, ACU/OCP	

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- 2-Trouser, ACU/OCP
- 3-Pair Cushion Sole Socks
- 2-T-shirt, Sand/Tan 499
- 1-Poncho, Individual, Camouflaged 8405-01-100-0976
- 1-Patrol Cap, ACU/OCP
- 1-Poncho Liner 8405-00-889-3683
- 1-Below Listed Item (Competitor Selects) Sleeping
Shirt
- Field Jacket Liner
- Poly Pro Top
- 1-Pair White Work Gloves 8415-00-268-7870
- 1- Flashlight (Minimum AA Powered)
- 1-ECWCS Gore-Tex Parka
- 1-2-Quart Canteen (empty) 8465-01-118-8175
- 1-Pencil
- 1-Waterproof Bag
- 1-Pair of Boots (See Item 1)
- 1-Ranger Handbook SH 21-76(FEB 2011)
- 1-Container, Foot Powder
- 1-ACH (w/appropriate cover and night vision mount)
- 1-eye protection (goggles or glasses, must meet NSI 278.1-2003 and CSA Z94.3. and MIL
VO Ballistic impact requirements).
- 1-gloves (black or green, military or RFI issue)

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- Fighting Load Carrier (FLC) 8465-01-525-0577
- 2-Canteen/GP Pouch 8465-01-525-0585
- 2-Hand Grenade Pouch 8465-01-525-0589
- 2-Pocket, Magazine M4, Double 8465-01-525-0606
- 4-Magazines (30 round) 6605-00-151-5337
- 1-Lensatic Compass 8465-01-115-0026
- 2-1 Quart Canteen (empty)
- 1-Whistle
- 1-Knife or multi-tool (Blade Less Than 4 Inches)
- 1-100 oz (Minimum) Camelback

OPTIONAL ITEMS.

- Wristwatch (Watch will not have any type of GPS or digital compass capabilities)
- Boot inserts (any type)
- Insect repellent
- Sunscreen
- Additional Cushion Sole Socks
- Headlamp
- Running Shoes
- Contact Lenses (Must have prescription eyeglasses)

ITEMS NOT AUTHORIZED.

- Any type of water container other than listed above

- Any type of light source other than listed above
- Any type of Global Positioning System
- Any type of internet/e-mail capable device
- Cell Phone (item is authorized for use off-duty, however not during the competition)
- Additional food supplements, powder drinks, vitamins, tobacco, or any other consumable items not issued by the ARTB.

Note 1. Boots worn with the ACU need to be Army combat boots (hot weather or temperate weather) made of Tan rough side out cattle hide leather with a plain toe and tan rubber outsoles. The boots are laced diagonally with tan laces. Metal cleats and side tabs, and sewn-in or laced-in zipper inserts are not authorized. A rubber outsole is the only outsole material that currently meets the need for durability and traction on surfaces. Soldiers may wear commercial boots of a design similar to that of the army combat boot (tan), 8 to 10 inches in height as authorized by the ARTB commander or ARTB CSM. The boots must be made of tan rough side out cattle hide leather, with a plain toe, and have a tan, rubber outsole.

Note 2. Any optional equipment noted during the initial inspection must also be present during the final inspection. MOLLE (Large rucksack with frame) are inventoried at the competition start, during, and finish. No items can be discarded if they become wet or damaged. Loss of any inspected item will result in a penalty that may include elimination from the competition.

Note 3. ARTB will issue additional equipment as required.

6. 2016 BRC EVENT LISTING.

NOTE: Tasks and events listed could be changed and/or modified at any time prior to the event execution.

- a. Orienteering
- b. MC-6 Spot Jump
- c. Obstacle Course
- d. Combat Water Survival Assessment
- e. Small Arms Marksmanship
- f. First Aide
- g. Urban Operations
- h. Ranger Handbook Knowledge Test
- i. Prusik Climb
- j. Rappelling
- k. Demolitions
- l. Mountaineering
- m. Rope Climb
- n. Unknown Distance Swim(s)
- o. Unknown Distance Run(s)
- p. Unknown Distance Foot March(s)
- q. Small Arms Assembly/Disassembly
- r. General Military Knowledge Test
- s. OPORD/TLP test
- t. Unknown distance kayak(s)

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