



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
**C COMPANY, 2<sup>ND</sup> BATTALION 29<sup>TH</sup> INFANTRY REGIMENT**  
**197<sup>TH</sup> INFANTRY BRIGADE**  
**BUILDING 4883, HARMONY CHURCH**  
**FORT BENNING, GEORGIA 31905-4420**



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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Twelfth Annual U.S. Army International Sniper Competition

1. The United States Army Sniper School (USASS) cordially invites your organization to participate in the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual United States Army International Sniper Competition and Symposium. This year the event is scheduled to take place from 02-07 November 2012, at Fort Benning, GA (FBGA).

2. The sniper symposium is scheduled for 06 November 2012, at the USASS Compound (Building 4887) and is mandatory for all participating teams. The purpose of the symposium is to foster an environment that allows snipers to exchange ideas and techniques to better the sniper community. Teams are expected to prepare a short presentation (ten minutes) focused on lessons learned and sniper training from their units and deployment experience.

3. Specific information regarding competitors and the rules of the competition is listed below:

a. The purpose of the competition is to test and expand the sniper skills of all competitors. The art and science of the military sniper is an integral part of offensive and defensive tactics and strategies on the modern battlefield. This year's competition is designed to test a variety of mental and physical skills. A general overview of these skills is located in Enclosure 1 to this memorandum. At the conclusion of the competition, the Army Sniper Association is hosting an awards banquet to award the teams that demonstrate the highest levels of proficiency and skill.

b. Teams must consist of a two man sniper team. Each member of the team must provide the USASS with documented proof that they attended sniper training. Examples of proof consist of an Enlisted Record Brief (ERB) showing the B4 ASI or a certificate of training from a recognized sniper school. Federal Law Enforcement Personnel must show a certification from Federal Law Enforcement Sniper Training or a pre-existing military training certificate. The USASS has the final decision on the relevance of presented documentation. English is the official language of the competition. Neither the USASS nor the Maneuver Center of Excellence (MCoE) is responsible for providing translators.

c. There are 36 slots for this year's competition. The break down for those slots is listed below:

(1) 11 Slots for Active Duty Divisions (1 ID, 2 ID Korea, 7 ID (JBLM), 3 ID, 4 ID, 10 MTN DIV, 25 ID, 82 ABN DIV, 101 ID, 1 AD, 1 CD)

(2) Four slots for Separate Brigades (3 SCR, 504 BfSB, 525 BfSB, 201 BfSB),

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- (4) Two slots for the USMC
- (5) One slot for the USN
- (6) One Slot for the USAF
- (7) Two Slots for the SFSC
- (8) One slot for the Special Forces Regiment
- (9) One slot for the 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment
- (10) One slot for the USASOC (CAG)
- (11) One Slot for the USCG
- (12) Five Slots for international/allied militaries
- (13) Three slots for law enforcement
- (14) Two slots for the Army National Guard and Reserves

d. Pre-registration for the competition is now open and closes on 01 October 2012. After 01 October 2012 any unfilled reserved slots will be filled by the Order of Merit (OML) list. All teams must pre-register for the competition. Pre-registration occurs via email or fax to the USASS. To finalize a team's registration, they must arrive and register with the USASS (Building 4883) which located on Harmony Church, FBGA. The registration window is from 0800-1700 hours on 01 November 2012, and at 0600 hours on 02 November 2012. There are no exceptions to this policy. There are no registration or administrative fees for participating in this year's competition. Pre-registration information is listed below:

- (1) Competitors full name
- (2) Competitors rank
- (3) Competitors military occupational specialty (MOS)
- (4) Competitors social security number (not required for international competitors)
- (5) Sniper training certifications and training date
- (6) Competitors Unit
- (7) Competitors email address
- (8) Competitors telephone number

e. This year's competitors can compete in one of two classes in order to identify the best snipers based upon a unit's authorized TDA/TO&E equipment. The two classes are the service

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class and open class. Regardless of class, all weapons and equipment are subject to inspection before, during, and after the competition.

(1) Service class limits sniper teams to compete utilizing only their unit's assigned sniper equipment according to their TDA/TO&E. Any team that is found to have an excess of custom equipment will be moved to the open class. The USASS has the final say in all equipment matters.

(2) The open class is open to all competitors and is for teams that choose not to use weapons that are not part of a unit's TDA/TO&E limited to .338 Lapua, 250 grain.

f. Information regarding authorized equipment, uniforms, weapons, and ammunition is listed below. A packing list is located in Enclosure 3 to this memorandum.

(1) All teams are required to bring a primary sniper rifle (bolt or gas) and a spotter rifle (gas only). The USASS maintains a standard secure arms room with alarm system for the storage of competition weapons. Weapons that require storage need turned in to the USASS arms room no later than 1200 on 01 November 2012. Teams requiring their weapons can coordinate with the USASS to sign-in/out their weapons from 0600-2359 starting on 02 November 2012. Weapons stored in the USASS arms room must have a hard case with a double lock and be clearly marked with the competitor's information. Teams are required to provide their own cleaning supplies and spare parts. Questions concerning the eligibility of weapons are directed to the USASS for additional guidance and information.

(2) All teams are required to bring their own ammunition for the event. The USASS ammunition supply point is the storage location for competitor ammunition in accordance with Fort Benning's ammunition storage regulations. The USASS will inspect ammunition prior to storage. The USASS recommends that competitors place their ammunition in locked ammo can that is clearly marked with the competitors information. The USASS recommends that international and OCONUS teams coordinate to ship their ammunition directly to the USASS. The only approved shipping methods are FEDEX, UPS, or DHL. Contact the USASS prior to shipping any ammunition or equipment. Ammunition will be issued daily by the USASS prior to the start of any event. The only allowable projectile is ball. No armor piercing, tracer, or incendiary rounds are permitted. Teams are required to provide 250 rounds for their sniper and an additional 250 rounds for their spotter.

(3) Teams are expected to provide their own organic sniper team equipment to include communications equipment such as two-way radios. Additional authorized items include observation devices, shooting mats, shooting support, eye protection, ear protection, and seasonal field gear. Teams can tailor their equipment according to their individual needs.

(4) The authorized uniform for competitors is either ACUs or the duty uniform for sister service, international, and law enforcement teams. Teams are required to provide their own Ghillie suits. Competitors are required to wear a complete military uniform when visiting the main post and cantonment area of Fort Benning.

(5) Civilian shooting jackets and laser range finders are not authorized for use during the competition. Any questions regarding authorized and prohibited equipment are directed to the USASS.

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g. The USASS maintains limited barracks space for competitors. Barracks are available on a first come, first serve basis and are for competitor use only. The USASS strongly encourages competitors to make their own lodging arrangements. Lodging is available on-post at Olsen Hall. Reservations for on-post lodging can be made by contacting the main office at (706)-689-0067, ext. 2800 or 2538. The lodging office website is <http://www.benningmwr.com/lodging31905.htm>.

h. Competitors are responsible for providing their own meals and coordinating for their own temporary duty (TDY) orders. The USASS recommends that competitors bring hot and cold food along with beverage containers.

i. Competitors are responsible for making their own travel arrangements to Fort Benning. The USASS recommends that competitors fly into the Atlanta Hartsfield International Airport. Fort Benning is located approximately 100 miles South of the airport. Competitors may rent a car in the baggage claim area. If competitors choose not to rent a car, they can utilize GROOME Transportation. GROOME provides round trip transportation from the Atlanta Airport to Fort Benning. GROOME Transportation is located in the ground transportation area of the airport. GROOME Transportation can be reached via phone at 1-800-584-6735. Directions to the USASS are located in Enclosure 4 to this memorandum.

j. Transportation from the USASS barracks to competition sites is provided by the USASS. Team coaches are responsible for their own transportation to and from competition sites.

k. Competitors that arrive early to the Columbus and Fort Benning area are encouraged to contact the USASS to facilitate a swift in-processing. Early arrivals are not authorized to use the USASS ranges. Sniper ranges are off limits to competitors between 01 October 2012 and 02 November 2012.

l. The company commander of C/2-29 IN is the Officer-in-Charge (OIC) of this year's competition. The non-commissioned officer-in-charge (NCOIC) of the USASS is this year's match director. The OIC and match director can be reached by contacting the USASS.

m. The Army Sniper Association (ASA) is hosting a banquet/social for the competitors on the evening of 07 November 2012. Competitor participation in this event is mandatory. The dress code for this event is casual (slacks and collared shirt). There is no cost for participating in the ASA event. Awards and gifts are provided through private companies through the ASA for this event. Competitors that receive prizes during this event will be issued their prize/award on 08 November 2012. Therefore, the USASS recommends that competitors make departure arrangements for after 1200 hours on 08 November 2012.

n. Professional associates of the competitors and members of a team's chain of command are welcomed to attend the competition. All visitors must register with the USASS prior to attending an event. Guests are not to interfere with or assist competitors in any way. Coaches are authorized to assist teams with lost, broken, or misplaced equipment during the competition. Coaches are not authorized on the firing line or to pass information onto competitors during events. Units are requested to notify the USASS immediately if any General Officers from their unit/installation plan to attend any portion of the competition.

o. Various members of the post, local, and national media are expected during the competition. Media personnel must be vetted through the MCoE Public Affairs Office (PAO)

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prior to the event. Competitors that elect not to be interviewed, filmed, or have their photo taken should notify the USASS prior to the start of the competition.

p. Information found in this memorandum is subject to change and it is the responsibility of competitors to check the ASA website (<http://www.armysniper.org/>) on the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month for updates. The final version of instructions will be posted NLT 01OCT12.

q. For additional information and points of contact the USASS and ASA can be reached through the following means:

(1) Telephone: (706) 544-6505/6006

(2) Email:

(a) SFC Tomas Eggers: [tomas.n.eggers.mil@mail.mil](mailto:tomas.n.eggers.mil@mail.mil)

(b) SFC Rodney Medley: [rodney.medley@mail.mil](mailto:rodney.medley@mail.mil)

(c) SSG Dustin Campbell : [dustin.c.campbell1.mil@mail.mil](mailto:dustin.c.campbell1.mil@mail.mil)

(d) SGT Johnel Pipkin : [johnel.pipkin@us.army.mil](mailto:johnel.pipkin@us.army.mil)

(2) Fax: (706) 544-6405

(3) Postal Service:

SFC Rodney Medley  
US Army Sniper School  
Building 4883, Harmony Church  
10440 Backstrom Rd.  
Fort Benning, GA 31905

(4) The ASA mailing address:

Army Sniper Association  
4402 Piedmont Lake Road  
Pine Mountain, GA 31822

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USASS NCOIC

## Enclosure 1 (General Information) to the Twelfth Annual US Army International Sniper Competition

General information: The Twelfth Annual U.S. Army International Sniper Competition and Symposium is scheduled for 02 November 2012 thru 07 November 2012 at Fort Benning. Each unit invited is authorized to send one team consisting of one shooter and one spotter. Coaches are authorized but not required. A unit can submit more than one team, however, the second team will be placed on an order of merit list (OML). If less than 36 teams register, additional teams will be selected from the OML.

Goal: This competition is designed to test and help develop training and sustainment programs among all military and federal law enforcement snipers.

Events: Every sniper team will participate in ten to fifteen combat related events. The following are examples of some sniper skills that will be tested:

- A. Field firing. Each team will be tested on their ability to successfully engage targets of unknown distances with a primary (long gun) and alternate (spotter) from 0m-1100m (day/night) as well as engagements with secondary weapon (pistol) from 0m-50m. Each team will also be tested on their ability to compensate for cold bore/clean bore shots with the primary weapon (day/night). This will take place during more than one event.
- B. Advanced marksmanship. Each team will engage moving targets at varying speeds and distances (day/night) with individual weapons. Each team will also be required to engage targets using alternate firing positions. This will take place during more than one event.
- C. Field Craft. Each team will be challenged on their abilities to select a route, move into a firing position, deliver a shot, and exfiltrate undetected while under continuous observation. Each team will be challenged on their abilities to construct a field sketch, detect concealed targets, and estimate range to targets and items without the aid of a laser range finder.
- D. Dialogue Shooting. Each team will be challenged in their abilities to work through difficult scenarios that will require them to communicate quickly and concisely with one another. Communication skills will be the performance objective.
- E. Pistol Shooting; Each team will be required to shoot from non-traditional positions in and around stationary and moving vehicles.
- F. Physical Fitness: Each team will be challenged physically throughout the competition. Competitors are urged to attend the competition in the best physical condition possible. Running, obstacle courses and over-land movements are just a few of the challenges competitors will face.

Enclosure 2 (Tentative Schedule) to the Twelfth Annual US Army International Sniper Competition

**Tentative Schedule:** (Timeline subject to change)

The following schedule outlines the competition:

02 November	0800-2330 hours	In-processing, Weapon Zero, Data Gathering
02-05 November	Time To Be Determined	Competition Events
06 November	0800-2330	Sniper Symposium / BBQ / Vendor's Night Shoot
07 November	Morning Evening	Vendor Shoot / Display, Awards Social Hour, Dinner, Banquet,
08 November	No Later Than 1200 hours	Competitors pick up equipment / prizes at USASS

Enclosure 3 (Administrative Information) to the Twelfth Annual US Army International Sniper Competition

**Administrative Information:**

1. Equipment: Each team will be required to arrive on time, on Day One, fully equipped.

a. The following is a list of mandatory equipment for the shooter:

- 1) Sniper rifle drag bag
- 2) Bipods or rucksack rest for shooting support
- 3) Rifle sling
- 4) Sand socks are acceptable (Sandbags will not be used)
- 5) Ghillie suit/ camouflage suit.
- 6) Battle Dress Uniform (Top, Bottom, Cap, T-shirt).
- 7) Pen/Pencil
- 8) Compass/GPS
- 9) Protractor
- 10) Flashlight with batteries.
- 11) Rucksack or Assault Pack
- 12) Canteens/Camelback
- 13) LBE, LBV, RACK, or other tactical load carrying system
- 14) Team Communication Equipment (ICOM, MBITR, etc.)
- 15) Individual Night Vision Devices
- 16) Ballistic Helmet
- 17) IBA, Body Armor

b. The following is a list of mandatory equipment for the spotter:

- 1) Spotter weapon drag bag
- 2) Bipods or rucksack rest for shooting support
- 3) Rifle sling
- 4) Sand socks are acceptable (Sandbags will not be used)
- 5) Ghillie suit / camouflage suit.
- 6) Battle Dress Uniform (Top, Bottom, Cap, T-shirt)
- 7) Pen/Pencil
- 8) Compass/GPS
- 9) Protractor
- 10) Flashlight with batteries
- 11) Spotting scope
- 12) Rucksack or Assault Pack
- 13) Canteens / Camelback
- 14) LBE, LBV, RACK, or other tactical load carrying system
- 15) Team Communication Equipment (ICOM, MBITR, etc.)
- 16) Individual Night Vision
- 17) Thermal (Optional)
- 18) Ballistic Helmet
- 19) IBA, Body Armor

c. The following is a list of unauthorized equipment for either spotter/shooter:

- 1) No shooting jackets
- 2) No shooting gloves
- 3) Laser range finder

# Enclosure 4 (Driving Directions) to the Twelfth Annual US Army International Sniper Competition

## Driving Directions:

### Coming from 280 West Bound:

- 1.) From Cusseta stay on US-280W / US-27North approximately **9 miles**
- 2.) Take the Ft. Benning exit for the Infantry Museum **1.5 miles**

### Coming from 280 East Bound:

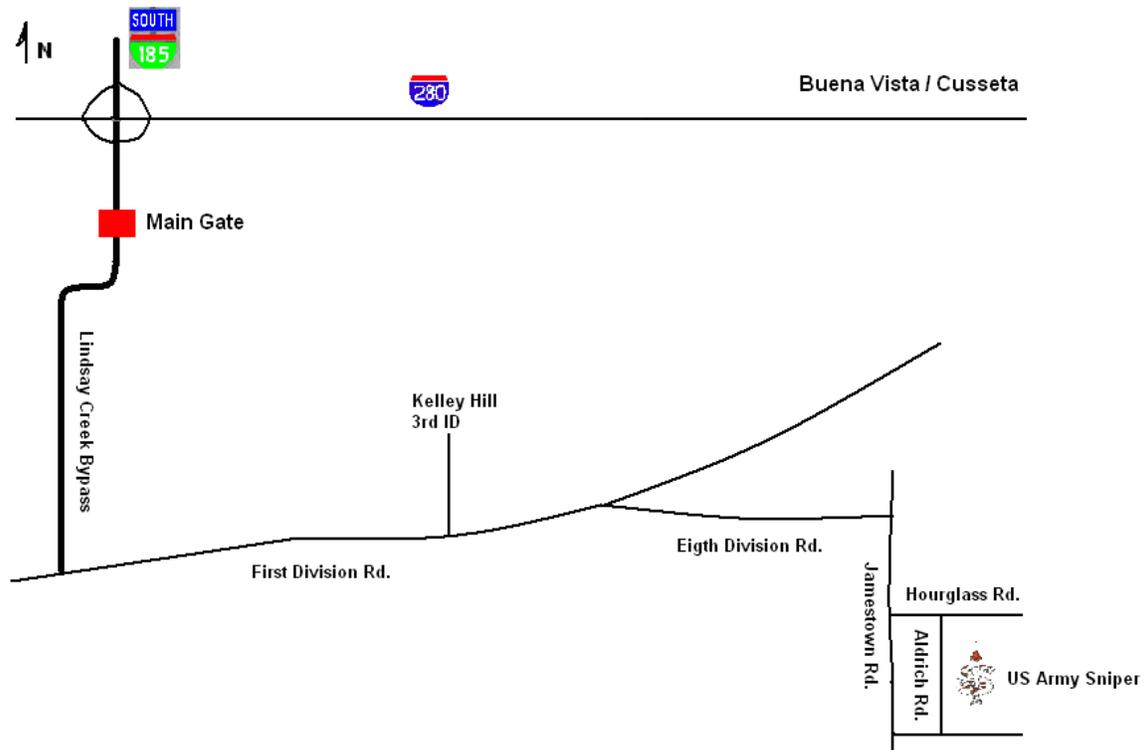
- 1.) From Phenix City / Columbus stay on US-280W / Victory Drive approx. **5 miles**
- 2.) Take the Ft. Benning exit for the Infantry Museum **1.5 miles**

### Coming from 85 North:

- 1.) Continue on 85S headed towards Auburn/Montgomery
- 2.) Merge onto I-185 S/ GA-411 S via EXIT 21 toward Columbus **51 miles**

- 3.) You will arrive at the Ft. Benning Main gate
- 4.) After clearing the main gate stay on Lindsay Creek Bypass until you intersect w/ First Division Rd. **3 miles**
- 5.) Take a left hand turn and stay on 1<sup>st</sup> Division Rd. for **5 miles**
- 6.) Veer right onto Eighth Division Rd. **2 miles**
- 7.) Turn right onto Jamestown Rd. **2.5 miles**
- 8.) Turn left onto hourglass RD. **.2 miles**
- 9.) Turn right onto Aldrich Rd. **.2 miles**

\* US Army Sniper School will be on the left hand side of the road.



Enclosure 5 (Registration Form) to the Twelfth Annual US Army International Sniper Competition

**Twelfth Annual US Army International Sniper Competition  
02 November 2012 – 07 November 2012**

Registration Form

***Due NLT Monday, 1 October 2012***

(This should be faxed to (706) 544-6405, E-mailed to one of the provided POCs, or mailed to Commander, C Co 2/29 IN, ATTN: US Army Sniper School Building 4883, Ft Benning Georgia 31905)

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**SHOOTER INFORMATION**

Complete Unit Address: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Shooter Name \_\_\_\_\_ Team Class \_\_\_\_\_ (service or open)

Sniper Training School: USMC USA USN SOTIC OTHER (circle)

*NOTE: Attach a copy of diploma (MANDATORY)*

Duty Position \_\_\_\_\_

Years as a Sniper \_\_\_\_\_

Shooter agrees to media exposure prior to and during the competition: yes or no

Shooter agrees to be contacted by competition contributors prior to the competition: yes or no

T-Shirt size: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

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**SPOTTER INFORMATION**

Complete Unit Address \_\_\_\_\_

Spotter Name \_\_\_\_\_

Sniper Training School: USMC USA USN SOTIC OTHER (circle)

*NOTE: Attach a copy of diploma (MANDATORY)*

Duty Position \_\_\_\_\_

Years as a Sniper \_\_\_\_\_

Spotter agrees to media exposure prior to and during the competition: yes or no

Spotter agrees to be contacted by competition contributors prior to the competition: yes or no

T-Shirt size \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Point of Contact (Name and e-mail) / Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated arrival Date / Time: \_\_\_\_\_

**Administrative Only:**

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Received By: \_\_\_\_\_ Team Number: \_\_\_\_\_