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MEMORANDUM FOR Rappel Master Course Students

SUBJECT: Army National Guard (ARNG) Rappel Master Course Student Memorandum of Instruction (MOI)

1. References:

- a. AR 40-501, Standards of Medical Fitness, 14 DEC 2007. (*) RAR 003, 08/04/2011).
- b. DA PAM 351-4, U.S. Army Formal Schools Catalog, 31 OCT 1995.
- c. Rappel Master Program of Instruction (POI), Headquarters USAIC, G3/Directorate of Operations and Training: ATSH-OTT, 23 July 2009.
- d. Rappel Master Course Management Plan (CMP), Headquarters USAIC, G3/Directorate of Operations and Training: ATSH-OTT, 8 May 2007.

2. Purpose:

- a. To provide Rappel Master students and sponsoring commands information about the ARNG Rappel Master Course. This MOI includes: student prerequisites, enrollment procedures, course overview, and lists the required documentation for in processing. Annexes to this MOI include the prescribed packing list.
- b. The purpose of the ARNG Rappel Master Course is to provide students the skills and knowledge required to be competent in Rappel Master duties IAW TC 21-24. Upon successful completion of the course students are awarded a Rappel Master Diploma and certification card.

3. General:

- a. The ARNG Warrior Training Center Battalion Commander is the course convening authority.
- b. During the Rappel Master Course all Soldiers in attendance are considered students and will be referred to as students throughout this MOI and the conduct of the course.

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4. Course Prerequisites / Enrollment:

a. Commanders should consult the above listed references in 1A and 1B to determine if a Soldier is eligible. Additionally, given the rigorous and academic challenging nature of this course, commanders are encouraged to select only highly qualified Soldiers to attend the Rappel Master Course.

b. All MOS's, E-4 to O-2, from any Military Branch of any component or Foreign Military, and a graduate of Air Assault, Ranger, Sapper, or the Military Mountaineer Course may attend. Students must provide documentation of respective course completion. All applicants have a minimum profile serial of 111121, have no speech impediment, have passed the APFT within the last six months and meet the Army height and weight standards IAW AR 600-9. Applicants must have one year service remaining upon completion of the course.

c. Unit commanders must use the Army Training Requirements and Resource System (ATRRS) when scheduling a Soldier to attend the Rappel Master. The school code for the Rappel Master Course is 964A, course number 071-2F-A1-RM, school year FY XX.

d. Commanders must screen perspective students for the following medical considerations:

(1) Students over 40 must be medically screened IAW AR 40-501, Standards for Medical Fitness.

(2) Students must not have a temporary or permanent profile except for shaving or corrected hearing.

(3) Students may not wear corrective lenses of any type while attending the Rappel Master Course. Only standard military, or appropriate civilian type, glasses with a black (no logo) elastic retainer band are authorized.

5. Rappel Master Course overview. The Rappel Master Course is five days in duration consisting of an in-processing morning, and five days of instruction. The scope of the Rappel Master Course is to train students with the ability to provide Commanders technical expertise in safe rappelling operations.

a. In-Processing. During In-processing students will arrive and in-process into the course. The course will begin immediately following in-processing. The following items are required to enroll / attend the ARNG Rappel Master Course:

(1) WTC Form 100

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(2) Valid proof of medical qualification. Soldiers can locate proof of medical evaluation by visiting www.us.army.mil (AKO) and click on Medical Information and clicking IMR report. Soldier must verify they have a PHA within 1 year. A MEDPROS Individual Medical Readiness (IMR) snapshot will be allowed.

(3) Three (3) copies of student orders.

(4) DA 705 and DA 5500 (if applicable)

(5) Diploma or orders of certification of one of the following schools:
Air Assault, Ranger, Sapper, or Military Mountaineer

(6) Transportation documents (flight itinerary, bus, etc)

b. Graduation Requirements. Students must meet the following requirements to successfully complete the Army National Guard Warrior Training Center Rappel Master Course.

(1) KNOTS: This is a pass/fail exam that requires students to tie four common knots (Middle-of-Rope Bowline, End-Line Bowline, Prussik, and Square) in less than 30 seconds. It is recommended that students can tie the knot before the Course. One re-test will be administered for individuals that do not meet a passing score.

(2) HOOK-UP: This is a Pass/Fail exam that requires students to identify a proper hook-up of a standard rappeller and an Australian rappeller in ten seconds or less. One re-test will be administered for individuals that do not meet a passing score.

(3) EQUIPMENT INSPECTION: This is a Pass/Fail exam that requires students to identify serviceability in four common pieces of rappelling equipment in two minutes or less. One re-test will be administered for individuals that do not meet a passing score.

(4) RAPPEL MASTER PERSONNEL INSPECTION: The RMPI segment of training is the most difficult portion of the Rappel Master Course. The majority of training is dedicated to this subject. Students have three minutes and thirty seconds to inspect three rappellers, (Hollywood, Semi-Combat, and Full-Combat configuration) and must identify all major deficiencies and miss no more than two minor deficiencies; using proper nomenclature. A test and re-test will be administered. It is recommended the students memorize the deficiencies found in the Rappel Master Hand Book and be familiar with the RMPI video found on the WTC Website, <http://www.benning.army.mil/tenant/wtc/rmc.htm>.

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(5) AIRCRAFT COMMAND AND CONTROL: This test demonstrates a student's ability to successfully and confidently send four rappellers from a UH-60 at approx. 90 feet AGL. Students must achieve a score of 100% in order to pass. One re-test will be administered for individuals that do not meet a passing score.

(6) BASIC / ADVANCED RAPPELLING: Students must show competency in basic rappelling as well as perform two Australian rappels.

(7) WRITTEN FINAL: This is a cumulative exam covering all lessons and practical exercises experienced throughout the course. Student must achieve 70% to pass. One re-test will be administered for individuals that do not meet a passing score.

c. Standards of conduct.

(1) Students will be required to perform in various roles as part of the student chain of command. Military custom and courtesy, physical fitness and military appearance and bearing are stressed and reinforced throughout the course.

(2) All students will meet the Army appearance and inspection standards. Hair will be maintained IAW AR 670-1. Females will not use metal, plastic pins, or barrettes to secure their hair. Only soft securing devices will be used or a hairnet. Additionally, males will adhere to the standards of AR 670-1 regarding facial hair. Females will not wear cosmetics in the training area during duty hours. Male and female students will ensure that fingernails will be trim and not exceeding the fingertips. The Rappel Master NCOIC will determine whether any items, haircuts, or other devices are faddish.

(3) The course convening authority may release Soldiers for the following reasons:

(a) Failing a re-test in any portion of the course.

(b) Lack of motivation. (Students who request not to complete the Rappel Master Course).

(c) Medical drop. Students injured and receive an LOD or evacuated to a treatment facility for an injury requiring an absence from training in excess of one hour.

(d) Missing one hour of training.

(e) Serious Observation Report (SOR). Students who commit an honor violation, disrespectful, disobey cadre, or commit a major safety violation are subject to immediate release at the discretion of the B Co Commander.

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6. Point of contact for the ARNG Rappel Master Course at (706) 544-6375.

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1. Annex A
(General Instructions / Packing List)
2. Annex B
(Fort Benning Reporting Instructions)
3. Annex C
(Site Map to WTC)