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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: HEAVY WEAPONS LEADERS COURSE (HWLC) WELCOME LETTER

1. Purpose. The Heavy Weapons Leaders Course is designed to train selected officers from and Non-Commissioned officers to be adaptive Soldiers who understand and cultivate the duties and responsibilities for all levels of training and employment of their unit's capabilities from Section through Company. Upon successful completion of HWLC,

Soldiers receive the ASI-B8. This course is designed to teach MOS's 11B, 19D, and CMF 18 Leaders to:

- Trains Soldiers in the ranks of Sergeant (E-5) through Master Sergeant (E8), and Officers in the ranks of Second Lieutenant (O-1) through Captain (O-3) on the tactical employment of anti-armor platforms.
- Instills technical proficiency on the Javelin, TOW Improved Target Acquisition System (ITAS), Carl Gustaf, and heavy machine guns, while operating in a decentralized and competitive environment.
- Integrate advanced technical and tactical competencies when training, maintaining, and employing the M98A2 Javelin.
- Integrate advanced technical and tactical competencies when training, maintaining, and employing the M41 ITAS.
- Incorporate network lethality while employing the M41 ITAS.
- Integrate advanced technical and tactical competencies when training, maintaining, and employing the M3 84mm Recoilless Rifle (Carl Gustaf).
- Integrate advanced technical and tactical competencies when training, maintaining, and employing heavy machine guns.
- Evaluate technical and tactical competencies and considerations when training and employing the Heavy Weapons Company/Platoon/Section.
- **2. Course Outline.** During the Heavy Weapons Leaders Course, students are trained on:
 - M41 ITAS, M98A2 Javelin, Machine Gun Theory, M3 Recoilless Rifle, and training/employment tactics.
 - · Students will take four written exams.
 - PMI on the MK 19 and M2 .50 cal machine guns, and M3.
 - Execute a live fire and a practical exercise to demonstrate proficiency.

3. Preparation.

A. Reading. Students are highly encouraged to read the applicable manuals prior to arrival. Army doctrinal manuals are available at http://armypubs.army.mil/index.html

Prior to reporting the student should read and be familiar with:

- TM 9-1425-923-10 Operator's manual for TOW improved Target Acquisition System (ITAS) M41A3.
- TC 3-22.32 Improved Target Acquisition System (ITAS) AND TubeLaunched, Wire Guided/Wireless (TOW) Missile, 11/18/2015
- TC 3-22.50 Browning machine gun caliber .50 HB, M2, 03/032017
- TC 3-22.37 Javelin-close combat missile system, medium 08/13/2013
- TM 9-1425-1687-10 Operator's manual for the Javelin weapon system M98A2, 10/30/2011
- TC 7-21.13 Soldiers guide, 11/30/2015
- ATP 3-21.91 Stryker Brigade Combat Team Weapons Troop, 05/11/2017
- ATP 3-18.14 Special Forces vehicle-mounted operations tactics, techniques, and procedures
- TC 3-22.19 Grenade machine gun MK 19 MOD 3, 05/10/2017
- ATP 3-21.20 Infantry battalion, 12/01/2017
- FM 7-22 Holistic health and fitness, 10/01/2020 Fort | HEAVY WEAPONS LEADERS COURSE 2E-F206/010-ASIB8 (MC) (army.mil)
- **B.** Requirements. Active Army or Reserve Component Commissioned Officers in the rank of Second Lieutenant to Captain in Area of Concentration (AOC) 11A (Infantry),
- 18A (Special Forces), 19A (Armor). Active Army or Reserve Component Noncommissioned Officers in the ranks of Sergeant through Master Sergeant in CMF 11 (Infantry), 18 (Special Forces), 19D (CAV Scout). All other AOCs and CMFs require a waiver.
- **C.** Waivers. The Infantry School Commandant is the waiver approval authority. Students requesting course/phase prerequisite waivers (e.g. AOC/MOS, Rank/Grade, Medical/Physical Standards, etc.) or units requesting changes to POI content (e.g. during "on site" course conducts Mobile Training Team (MTT) request to delete/modify lessons/blocks of instruction, shortage of equipment, etc.) will submit their request through the first LTC Commander in their chain of command to:

Waivers may be submitted to the Infantry Commandant's office by:

Email: <u>usarmy.mcoe.mbx.usais-training-waivers@army.mil</u>.

Mail To: Commandant, U.S. Army Infantry School

ATTN: ATSH-IP, 1 Karker St, Suite 6107

Fort Benning, GA 31905.

Please be advised that the first step to submitting a waiver is to determine the type of waiver you need. Failure to submit ALL required forms will delay processing!

- **D.** Security Clearance Required: None.
- **4. Reporting.** All Soldiers attending HWLC will report the first weekday of training at 0630 in ACU. We are located in Building 4630 Camp Cornett, which is on Harmony Church in Fort Benning, GA about 20 minutes from Abrams Hall. Walk-on Students will need to be assigned to FMGA and have a Service School Worksheet to attend HWLC. When Reporting on the first day of class bring a copy of the 1610, SRB/ORB, COVID-19 vaccination card, and a Service school Worksheet signed by CoC for walk on students.
- A. Lodging. Fort Benning provides lodging for all Army component students by exception. The goal is to lodge all Army military students on post at Abrams Hall (BLDG 1670). Students residing in Abrams Hall are covered under the Privatization of Army Lodging (PAL) program and must have a valid ATRRS reservation.

 (R) to receive a room entitlement. Students arriving without a valid reservation may request to stay in Abrams Hall on a space available basis and must provide a means of payment upon arrival. Abrams Hall is located at Building 1670, 7350 Ingersoll Road (front desk) Fort Benning, Georgia 31905 (706) 689-0067.
- **B. Meals.** For all TDY courses, the order issuing official will direct government provided meals seven days per week at no cost to soldiers/sending commands. Cost of government meals are centrally funded by the government, therefore, per diem for meals is not authorized. Students are no longer issued DA FORM 712 (Meal Card) and use the common access card (CAC) for meal entitlements. Soldier must ensure their unit S1 or designated agency programs the meal entitlement for use in the dining facilities before they depart their unit.
- **C. Transportation.** We are located at BLDG 4630 on Harmony Church, 10 miles from Abrams Hall. Transportation is not provided for the students and therefore highly recommended sending units fund a rental vehicle for service members attending the course. Students are encouraged to download the GUIDEON app to assist with

directions on Fort Benning. Return flights upon completion of the course should be scheduled NET 2000 on final day of course.

D. Packing List:

- 1. advanced combat helmet (ACH)
- **2.** gloves (full fingered)
- **3.** eye protection (APEL)
- **4.** IOTV with plates
- 5. water source
- **6.** APFU (complete)
- 7. map markers
- 8. Assault pack
- **9.** Note taking materials (pen, pencil, notebook)
- 10. All required Documents
- **11.** Seasonal items (1 NOV 1 APR) wet weather top/bottom, gortex top/bottom, cold weather gear
- **12.** Recommended items: unit TACSOP, map board (if available)
- **6. Uniforms.** Duty uniform for Students is the ACU. The physical training uniform is the Army physical fitness uniform (APFU). Civilian attire is not authorized.
- 7. Miscellaneous. The US Army Fort Website https://www..army.mil or Fort | HEAVY WEAPONS LEADERS COURSE 2E-F206/010-ASIB8 (MC) (army.mil) contains additional school information, however, no information on course page, social media, or other websites supersedes HQDA Fort Benning Training Travel Guidance. Recommend students download the GUIDEON app to assist with travel on Fort.
- 8. Contact Information. Branch Chief is SFC Jonathan R. Royals at email: jonathan.r.royals.mil@army.mil or phone: (706) 545-2394 or Team Chief: SFC Hansen at email: jacob.a.hansen.mil@army.mil or phone: (706) 545-2394.

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