



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Welcome Letter for the 2026 International Best Mortar Competition

1. Competitors will report to Building 2884, 6609 Welsh Avenue on Main Post, Fort Benning NLT 06 2359 APR 2026. In-processing begins promptly at 07 0500 April 2026. Reference Enclosure 1 for further administrative guidance.
2. All TDY authorizations and costs associated with competitor participation are the responsibility of the participants' unit or chain of command. Maneuver Center of Excellence (MCoE) does not provide funding reimbursement. Reference Enclosure 1 for further administrative guidance.
 - a. Transportation in-and-around post is the competitors' responsibility prior to and immediately after the competition. Transportation from the barracks to the DFAC during in processing will be provided by the 198th Infantry Brigade. Transportation between the barracks and competition events is provided by 198th Infantry Brigade.
 - b. MCoE provides meals for all competitors from 06-11 April 2026. M&IE is limited to \$5 per day, regardless of funding source.
 - c. All Class V authorizations must be passed from teams to HQDA.
 - d. Lodging is provided to all competitors from 06 0600 April 2026 to 11 1900 April 2026. Lodging is provided from 23 0600 March 2026 to 11 1900 April 2026 for units who intend to send teams prior to the competition for train-up and/or climatization.
3. Competitor Packets: Reference Enclosure 1 for requirements. Reference Enclosure 2 for example packet. Packets are due to point of contact for this memorandum NLT 01 March 2026.
4. Equipment Required: Reference Enclosure 3 for the Competitor's Packing List.
5. The point of contact for this memorandum is the undersigned and Mortar Training Company Commander at patrick.m.elsenbast.mil@army.mil. Completed packets may be sent to BMC26@army.mil.

3 Encls

1. BMC 26 Administrative Instructions
2. BMC 26 Competitor Packet Example
3. BMC 26 Packing List

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