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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: 37th Annual David E. Grange Jr. Best Ranger Competition

1. On behalf of MG Gary M. Brito, Commander, U.S. Army Maneuver Center of Excellence, the Airborne and Ranger Training Brigade would like to extend an invitation to your unit to participate in the 37th Annual David E. Grange Jr. Best Ranger Competition at Fort Benning, GA, from 17 - 20 April, 2020.

2. This challenging event is open to all Ranger-qualified active duty, Reserve, and National Guard servicemen. The Best Ranger Competition team allocation (Encl 1) specifies the number of 2-man buddy teams authorized to compete by major subordinate command. Units not on the distribution list, or units that are on the distribution list and wish to send more teams than they are authorized, must get approval from the ARTB Command Sergeant Major.

3. The prerequisites for participants, concept of the operation, packing list, and event list are outlined in the administrative instructions (Encl 2). The first requirement is for each command to submit a Letter of Intent (Encl 3) indicating the number of teams it will enter in the competition. Please submit this letter NLT 14 FEB 20. Competitors will also need to submit a biography (Encl 4) and a Ranger Physical NLT 15 MAR 20. All of this information is also available on the 2020 Best Ranger Competition website at <http://www.benning.army.mil/INFANTRY/RTB/BRC.html>.

4. We are looking forward to having your teams compete in this challenging and prestigious event. If you have any questions contact CPT Nicholas Smith at usarmy.benning.tradoc.mbx.artb-s3-operations@mail.mil.

Rangers Lead the Way!

MICHAEL A. SCARPULLA
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Team Allocation

Unit	Teams
ARTB	4
75 th Ranger Regiment	4
USASOC	4
1 st Infantry Division	1
2 nd Infantry Division	1
3 rd Infantry Division	2
4 th Infantry Division	2
7 th Infantry Division	1
10 th Mountain Division	2
25 th Infantry Division	2
82 nd Airborne Division	4
101 st Airborne Division (Air Assault)	4
173 rd Airborne BCT	2
1 st Armored Division	2
2 nd Cavalry Regiment	1
Old Guard	1
1-509 th	1
AWG	1
1SFAC	1
USARAK	1
JMRC	1
Maneuver Center of Excellence	1
TRADOC	1
National Guard	3
USMA	1
Air Force	1
1 st Army Division	1
Total	50

Methodology

- Allocation based upon four factors:
 - o Type of unit (Ranger/Special Operations, FORSCOM, or other)
 - o Number of Ranger tabs within the unit – represents pool of possible competitors
 - o Density of Ranger tabs within the unit – represents unit's success/willingness to send soldiers to Ranger School
 - o 2019 BRC performance (average finish and top finish)
- Focus on allowing more units to compete
- No units get more than four allocations

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Administrative Instructions

1) Background.

The Airborne and Ranger Training Brigade (ARTB) will sponsor the 37th Annual David E. Grange Best Ranger Competition at Fort Benning, GA, from 17 -20 April, 2020. The competition is a multi-day event that will test the mental and physical stamina and tactical and technical proficiency of the competing teams.

2) Prerequisites.

Competitors must be Ranger qualified and have no adverse personnel actions pending. Competitors must also have a Ranger Physical within the last 12 months and complete three administrative actions: 1) Letter of Intent, 2) Competitor Packet, and 3) Competition In-processing.

Competitors may not have competed in The Best Ranger Competition more than three times. Potential competitors for the 2020 competition may have only competed in two prior competitions with the 2020 event being the third and final competition they participate in.

The Letter of Intent (Encl 3) is sent by the competitor's chain of command to CPT Nicholas Smith (usarmy.benning.tradoc.mbx.artb-s3operations@mail.mil) NLT 14 FEB 2020. This allows ARTB to forecast the overall team layout.

The Competitor Packet consists of an updated Letter of Intent, including any changes to team organization, a copy of orders awarding each competitor the Ranger tab, a Competitor Biography (Encl 4) and a Ranger Physical dated within the past 12 months (NET 17 APR 2019). Send the Competitor Packet as a single PDF to CPT Nicholas Smith (usarmy.benning.tradoc.mbx.artb-s3-operations@mail.mil) NLT 15 MAR 2020.

Competition in-processing consists of teams arriving at Camp Rogers on 12 APR 2020. The only paperwork required is any updates to the Ranger Physical, if necessary.

3) Concept of Operations.

The competition will consist of a series of physical and technical Ranger events spread across three days and two nights. The overall sequence of the events will remain unknown, but competitors will receive task, conditions, and standards prior to the execution of each event. There is also a list of most events provided below.

Competitors will arrive NLT 12 1300 APR 2020 and report to Whetten Hall on Camp Rogers with all in-processing documentation. Billeting will be available on Camp Rogers. Once in-processed into the competition, teams will have three days of orientation and training on the course. Once the competition begins on 17 APR 2020, ARTB cadre will control all clothing and equipment exchanges. Receipt of any item from an outside

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source after the competition starts will result in team disqualification. Additionally, the competition is a professional military competition and competitors are expected to adhere to the Ranger Creed and the spirit of the competition.

The awards ceremony will take place at Marshall Auditorium in McGinnis-Wickham Hall on 20 APR 2020.

Timeline of key events:

Date	Event
14 FEB 2020	Letter of Intent Due
01 MAR 2020	No Further Training on ARTB Sites
15 MAR 2020	Competitor Packet Due
23 MAR 2020	ARTB Releases By-Name Team List
12 APR 2020	Competitor Report Date
13-16 APR2020	Competitor Orientation Week
17-20 APR2020	Competition
20 APR 2020	Award Ceremony

Overall list of competition events (subject to change):

Buddy Run
Body Armor Run
Combat Water Survival Assessment
Darby Queen Obstacle Course
Establish a Mortar Firing Position
Foot March
FRIES
Grenade Assault Course
Helocast
Knots Test
M4 Qualification
Rifle CQM and Alternate Firing Positions
Machine Gun Qualification
M2 Range
Malvesti Confidence Course
M240 Range
M249 Range
Night Orienteering
Night Rifle Shoot
Pistol Shoot
Prusic Climb, Rappel
Ranger First Responder Event
Ranger History
Reflexive Fire
Shotgun/M320 Shoot
Swim

Grapeshot Charge Construction/Use
Urban Obstacle Course
Weapons Assembly/Disassembly
Weighted Carry
Mystery Events
Army Combat Fitness Test

4) Restrictions

The following is a list of competitor restrictions. This is not all-inclusive and additional restrictions may be briefed during competitor week:

- The ARTB will not store/secure any weapons or equipment brought by competitors.
- Competitors may not conduct any preparatory training on the following sites after 01 MAR 2019: Darby Queen, Malvesti, CWSA at Victory Pond, or Todd Field.
- Competitors may not modify their uniforms with the intent of creating advantage (i.e. cutting straps, buckles, or pockets off).
- Competitors may not receive any clothing or equipment from outside sources during the competition (17-20 APR 2020).
- Coaches or trainers assisting competitors will not have access to competitors during the competition (17-20 APR 2020), nor are they authorized to attend competitor briefings. Coaches and trainers will be treated as spectators.
- Competitors may not use any medication or nutritional/performance supplements during the competition unless authorized by the ARTB medical staff. Drug surveillance and testing may be conducted before, during, or after the competition. Any refusal to submit to testing or a positive test result will be grounds for disqualification.

5) Uniform and Packing List

The basic competition uniform will consist of OCP, patrol cap, ACH with cover, boots, FLC, weapon, and field pack. All components of the uniform will be of the same camouflage pattern and IAW Army or service-equivalent regulation.

The below packing list may be modified before the competition date. It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure he has the current packing list during in-processing. The current packing list will be posted on the official Best Ranger Competition website at <http://www.benning.army.mil/INFANTRY/RTB/BRC.html>

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ID Tags x 2 w/break away chain (long and short)	8465-00-261-6629
ID Card	
Top, OCP	
Trouser, OCP	
Belt, Coyote/Sand/Tan 499	
T-shirt, Sand/Tan 499	
Pair Cushion Sole Socks	
Army Boots, Coyote/Sand/Tan 499 (see Note 1)	
Patrol Cap, OCP	
1-Knife or multi-tool (Blade Less Than 4 Inches)	
1-100 oz (Minimum) Camelback	
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	

ITEMS IN MOLLE RUCK

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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, OCP	
2-Trouser, OCP	
3-Pair Cushion Sole Socks	
2-T-shirt, Sand/Tan 499	
1-Poncho, Individual, Camouflaged	8405-01-100-0976
1-Patrol Cap, 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	TC 3-21-76 (APR 2017)

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- 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). 8465-01-512-4434
- 1-Gloves leather (black or green, military or RFI issue) 8465-01-512-4431
- 1-M50 Protective Mask w/carrier 8465-01-512-4437

OPTIONAL ITEMS.

- Wristwatch (Watch will not have any type of GPS or digital compass capabilities)
- Boot inserts (any type)
- Insect repellant
- 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 OCP need to be Army combat boots (hot weather or temperate weather) made of Coyote/Sand/Tan 499 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.



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6 December 2019

MEMORANDUM FOR The Airborne and Ranger Training Brigade

SUBJECT: [INSERT UNIT] Competitors for the 37th Annual David E. Grange Jr. Best Ranger Competition

1. The Soldiers listed below have been assessed and selected by the Commander to represent the [INSERT UNIT] in the 37th Annual David E. Grange Jr. Best Ranger Competition:

a. Team 1

(1) RANK Last name, first name (SSN)

(2) RANK Last name, first name (SSN)

b. Team 2

(1) RANK Last name, first name (SSN)

(2) RANK Last name, first name (SSN)

2. The Soldier listed above have successfully complete a unit physical fitness assessment that included the following events:

a. Ranger Physical Assessment

(1) 49 push-ups in 2 minutes

(2) 59 sit-ups in 2 minutes

(3) 5 mile run in 40 minutes

(4) 6 pull-ups

b. 12 mile foot march in 3 hours with a minimum of 35lb rucksack, not including water weight.

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c. Combat water survival assessment consisting of a 15 meter swim in ACUs and boots.

3. The POC for this memorandum is the [INSERT DIV G3 (or BDE S3 if the unit is a separate BDE) POC information].

NAME
RANK, Branch
Position

2020 BEST RANGER COMPETITION COMPETITOR BIOGRAPHY

Name: _____

Rank: _____ Unit: _____

Email Address: _____

1. List your last three duty stations and duty positions:

2. List any deployments, the length of tour, and unit you were assigned to:

3. List years and placement of prior Best Ranger Competition participation(s):

4. Home of Record:

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5. Name(s) of coach(es), if used:

6. Sizes: Boots: _____; T-Shirt: _____; Blouse: _____

Trousers: _____; Helmet: _____; Gloves: _____