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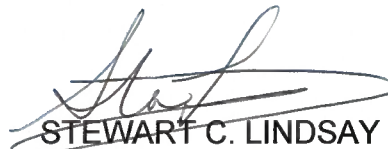
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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: 42<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of the LTG(R) David E. Grange Jr. Best Ranger Competition Intent to Host

1. The Airborne and Ranger Training Brigade would like to extend an invitation to your unit to participate in the 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual David E. Grange Jr. Best Ranger Competition at Fort Benning, GA, 10 – 12 April 2026.
2. This storied and challenging competition is open to all Ranger-qualified Active Duty, Reserve, and National Guard service members. The Best Ranger Competition team allocation in Enclosure 1 specifies the number of two-person buddy teams authorized to compete by major subordinate commands
3. The prerequisites for participants, the concept of the operation, the packing list, and the event list are outlined in the administrative instructions. The first requirement is for each command to submit a Letter of Intent indicating the number of teams it will enter into the competition. Please submit the Letter of Intent NLT 06 January 2026. Competitors will also need to submit a competitor packet NLT 06 February 2026. Please send all required documents to the Airborne Ranger Training brigade AS3, CPT DeSplinter at [Andrew.b.desplinter.mil@army.mil](mailto:Andrew.b.desplinter.mil@army.mil). All information is available on the 2026 Best Ranger Competition website at, <https://www.benning.army.mil/infantry/artb/BRC.html>.
4. Units who are not allocated a team, or units that desire to send additional teams above their stated allocation, must coordinate with ARTB NLT 06 January 2026 with the Letter of Intent. ARTB will then publish which additional teams were allocated.
5. We are looking forward to having your teams compete in this challenging and prestigious event. Please contact [usarmy.benning.tradoc.mbx.artb-s3-operations@army.mil](mailto:usarmy.benning.tradoc.mbx.artb-s3-operations@army.mil).

  
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