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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Nineteenth Annual U.S. Army International Sniper Competition Invitation

1. On behalf of the Infantry Commandant, BG David Hodne, and the United States Army Infantry School; the U.S. Army Sniper Course (USASC) invites you to the 2020 U.S. Army International Sniper Competition (ISC) at Fort Benning, GA.

2. BACKGROUND: The ISC will take place 14-16 April 2020 during the Maneuver Center of Excellence's Infantry Week and will consist of numerous courses of fire, to physically and mentally challenge sniper teams, and promote the exchange of lessons learned regarding sniper operations and tactics.

3. PARTICIPATION:

a. The competition will involve teams from across the U.S. Army, Joint and International Militaries, and Civilian Federal Law Enforcement Agencies. *No more than one team per US Army Division, Foreign Nation, Federal Agency or US Joint Branch will be authorized.* Each team must consist of two certified snipers, one coach per team is authorized.

b. Teams will be expected to arrive to Building 4887 on Fort Benning, GA no later than 1200 on 10 April 2020 and stay through the Army Sniper Association's Vendor Shoot on 18 April 2020.

c. The competition itself will be the 14th through the 16th of April 2020. The Army Sniper Association will host the Sniper Banquet and Awards Ceremony on the evening of April 17th, as well their annual Vendor Shoot on the afternoon of April 18th.

4. REGISTRATION:

a. Teams are recommended to RSVP their intent to compete as soon as possible, but no later than 20 December 2019.

b. Additional registration forms are attached to this memorandum and due back to the USASC Cadre no later than 14 February 2020.

c. The final competitor team list will be published no later than 1 March 2020.

5. TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATIONS:

a. Meals: Fort Benning will provide meals for all U.S. Military competitors. TDY M&IE is **NOT AUTHORIZED** for competitors or coaches, regardless of funding source.

b. Lodging: All competitors and coaches will be required to stay in Sniper Course barracks, Fort Benning building 4700, from 10 to 18 April 2020. Lodging allowance is **NOT AUTHORIZED**, regardless of funding source. Barracks rooms will be assigned when you check into the Sniper Course. Competitors will be responsible to provide their own linen.

c. Transportation: All teams must provide their own transportation to and from Fort Benning. **International Teams should send date and time of arrival at Atlanta Airport in registration packet or notify USASC by phone or email in order to be received by USASC representative on arrival.** The USASC will provide all teams with shuttles to and from the barracks and ranges for all events.

d. Travel: Teams are responsible for making their own travel arrangements to Fort Benning. The USASC recommends that competitors fly into the Atlanta Hartsfield International Airport. Fort Benning is located approximately 100 miles south of the airport. Competitors may rent a car in the baggage claim area. If competitors choose not to rent a car, they can utilize GROOME Transportation, which provides round trip transportation from the Atlanta Airport to Fort Benning. GROOME Transportation is located in the ground transportation area of the airport and can be reached via phone at 1-800-584-6735. You can download the GUIDEON app to your mobile phone or smart device to aid with directions to Fort Benning and the Sniper Course. International Competitors traveling to Fort Benning from the Airport can contact the Sniper Course directly for transportation to Fort Benning assistance.

6. WEAPONS AND EQUIPMENT: Teams will be required to provide some of their own organic sniper team equipment and weapons to conduct competition operations. Some equipment and weapons will be available from the USASC to be borrowed for use in the competition. Each team will be provided a wall locker to store all equipment and sensitive items in, teams are required to supply their own padlock.

All weapons and equipment used in the competition are subject to the approval of the USASC Cadre. All teams must use their military's or units' rifles, no commercial or civilian weapons. All teams will be required to submit a weapon and equipment list as part of their registration packet detailing the specific model of rifle and specialty equipment intended for use in the competition.

a. Weapons:

(1) All teams must use the rifles assigned to them in their military unit, no personal or civilian weapons are authorized. For US Army teams that is the M110 Semi-

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Automatic Sniper Rifle and the M2010 Enhanced Sniper Rifle. Civilian or non-military rifle slings are authorized.

(2) All competition team 'Shooters' are required to use a Bolt Action Sniper Rifle with a caliber of 300 WINMAG or .338 Lapua (For US Army Teams, all 'Shooters' will use the M2010 ESR).

(3) All competition team 'Spotters' are required to use a Semi-Automatic Sniper or Carbine Rifle with a caliber of 5.56mm or 7.62mm (For US Army Teams, all 'Spotters' will use the M110 SAS).

(4) All teams may bring their own rifles or borrow rifles from the USASC. However, a team must either bring both their rifles or borrow both their rifles. For example, a team is not authorized to bring just their 'Shooter' Rifle and then request to borrow a Rifle for their 'Spotter.'

(5) All teams, both 'Shooter' and 'Spotter,' will use the M17 9mm Pistol, issued by the USASC. No team is authorized to bring their own side arms. The M17 Pistol will be issued by the USASC with a holster, magazines and magazine pouch. Teams are authorized to bring their own holster and pouches if desired.

b. Optics:

(1) If a team is bringing its own rifles, then that team is required to also bring their own rifle scopes. If a team is borrowing rifles from the USASC, they will receive a Leupold Mark IV Scope to go with their shooter's M2010 and a Leupold Mark V Scope to go with their spotter's M110.

(2) Thermals of any kind are not authorized in the competition unless provided by the USASC Cadre.

(3) Only the 'Shooter' is authorized to use a rifle mounted night vision device. If a team is bringing its own rifles, that team is required to also bring their own primary rifle night vision device. If a team is going to borrow rifles from the USASC, they will receive one PVS-30 Universal Night Sight to go with their 'Shooter's' Leupold Mark IV Scope and M2010. No night vision capable spotting scopes of any kind are authorized, beyond the rifle mounted night vision device for the 'Shooter.' If required, night vision capable spotting scopes will be made available at the applicable event.

(4) Teams are required to bring their own personal helmet mounted night vision devices, one per person. If desired, teams may borrow PVS-14 Night Vision Monocular from the USASC. The PVS-14 will come with sufficient equipment to mount the device to a personal ballistic helmet. It is the teams' responsibility to ensure your helmets are compatible as needed.

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(5) Teams are authorized to bring their own Spotting Scope and tripods. If desired, teams may sign for a Leupold 12x40 Spotting Scope with Mil Grid 6 Reticle and Bushnell tripod from the USASC. Teams may also borrow an Ashbury Tripod and/or Hog Saddle Tripod from the USASC.

c. Lasers: If a team is bringing its own rifles, that team is required to also bring their own laser devices. If a team is borrowing rifles from the USASC, they will receive one AN/PSQ23A STORM Laser.

d. Equipment:

(1) Teams are authorized to bring their own Ballistic Computer and Weather Stations. If desired, teams may sign for a Kestrel 5700 with Applied Ballistics from the USASC. No smart phones will be authorized for use by competitors during the competition.

(2) No hand held, scope/optic or spotting scope laser range finders are authorized. The only acceptable laser range finders authorized are the internal one present in the AN/PSQ-23A STORM Laser or in a similar rifle mounted laser pointing device.

(3) No Global Position Systems are authorized of any kind. **Teams will need to bring a compass and protractor.**

(4) All competitors are required to wear a complete military uniform at all times. This includes Top, Bottom, Cap, T-Shirt and Boots, and at times, a Ballistic Helmet with Night Vision Device Mount, Eye and Ear Protection, Gloves, and an IBA/Plate Carrier/Body Armor **with Plates**. Teams are also required to bring their own Ghillie/Camouflage Suit.

(5) Teams will be required to bring an Assault Pack or Ruck Sack to carry their equipment in addition to multiple other items (like Wet Weather Gear, spare clothing items, etc.). A mandatory packing list will be published at a later date, closer to the competition.

(6) The following items are strictly prohibited from the competition (in addition to any mentioned previously): PRS Style Bags, Shooting Jackets and Hand-loaded ammunition.

7. TEAM CUT: To facilitate additional competitiveness and support the execution of more complex events, the field of teams will be cut from 32 down to 16 at the end of Day 2's day events (the competition itself is 3 Days and 2 Nights). All events conducted up until Wednesday night at the time of the cut will be taken into account and only the top 16 teams will proceed onto Wednesday's night events. All teams, regardless of the cut are eligible to win all competition awards and honors. All teams are expected to stay and observe the remainder of the competition, attend the awards ceremony and participate in the Army Sniper Association Banquet.

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8. MEDIA: Various members of the post, local, and national media are expected during the competition. Media personnel must be vetted through the MCoE Public Affairs Office (PAO) prior to the event. All competitors agree to be photographed and have their name and rank publicized in conjunction with competition media releases.

9. AWARDS AND BANQUET: The Army Sniper Association (ASA) will host a banquet/social for the competitors on the evening of 17 April 2020 that all competitors are invited to attend. The dress code for the banquet is business casual. Banquet attendance is free and highly encouraged. During the day on Saturday 18 April 2020, the ASA will host the annual Vendor Shoot, where all of the Competition's Donors will have the opportunity to highlight their latest products and weapons. The vendor shoot is open to the public and an outstanding event. The USASC recommends that competitors make departure travel arrangements for the evening of Saturday 18 April 2020 or on Sunday 19 April 2020.

10. Continue to monitor for additional information on the MCoE website (<http://www.benning.army.mil/snipercompetition/>). The USASC POCs for the 2020 International Sniper Competition are listed below.

- a. SFC Gerald Craig – USASC NCOIC
706-544-6505 / gerald.e.craig2.mil@mail.mil
- b. CPT Zachary Lemke – USASC Company Commander
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MANDATORY: Attach a copy of both the shooter's and the spotter's Sniper Course diploma and their ERB (For US)

PLEASE WRITE LEGIBLY

This should be E-mailed to either SFC Gerald Craig at gerald.e.craig2.mil@mail.mil or CPT Zachary Lemke at zachary.r.lemke.mil@mail.mil *NLT Friday, 14 February 2020.*

Complete Unit Name and Primary Point of Contact Name / E-mail / Phone #:

SHOOTER INFORMATION

Shooter Full Name & Rank: _____

DOD ID Number (US Military) or Passport # (International): _____

Sniper Training School: USMC USA USN SOTIC OTHER (circle one)

Current Duty Position: _____

Years as a Sniper: _____

Shooter agrees to media exposure prior to and during the competition: X _____ (initial)

T-Shirt size: S M L XL XXL XXXL (circle one)

E-mail address: _____

Phone #: _____

SPOTTER INFORMATION

Spotter Full Name & Rank: _____

DOD ID Number (US Military) or Passport # (International): _____

Sniper Training School: USMC USA USN SOTIC OTHER (circle one)

Current Duty Position: _____

Years as a Sniper: _____

Shooter agrees to media exposure prior to and during the competition: X _____ (initial)

T-Shirt size: S M L XL XXL XXXL (circle one)

E-mail address: _____

Phone #: _____

How do you want your names and unit (division level for US Army) to be displayed on scoreboards and updates? (Fill in below)

Ex: "101st Airborne – SSG Smith & SSG Jones" / "10th SF Group – SFC Smith & Jones" / "USMC SoI West – SSGT Smith & SGT Jones"

*****In addition to each Competitors Sniper Course Diploma, please attached a photo of your units' Patch, Logo or Insignia (to be used in public Team Rosters). International Teams, your nation's flag will be used to represent your team.**

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SHOOTER RIFLE (Make/Model/Caliber): _____

SHOOTER RIFLE SCOPE (Make/Model): _____

SHOOTER RIFLE NIGHT VISION (Make/Model): _____

SPOTTER RIFLE (Make/Model/Caliber): _____

SPOTTER RIFLE SCOPE (Make/Model): _____

If you intend to borrow your Teams' Rifles and Scopes from the USASC leave this section bank.

SHOOTER PERSONAL HELMET MOUNTED NIGHT VISION DEVICE (Make/Model): _____

SPOTTER PERSONAL HELMET MOUNTED NIGHT VISION DEVICE (Make/Model): _____

If you intend to borrow your Teams' Personal Helmet Mounted Night Vision Devices from the USASC leave this section bank.

TEAM SPOTTING SCOPE (Make/Model): _____

TEAM RAIL MOUNTED LASER POINTER/RANGE FINDER (Make/Model): _____

TEAM BALLISTIC CALCULATOR/WEATHER STATION (Make/Model): _____

If you intend to borrow your Teams' Spotting Scope, Lasers and/or ABC from the USASC leave this section bank.

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THE UNITED STATES ARMY SNIPER ASSOCIATION

Every year the Army Sniper Association (ASA) hosts a banquet following the International Sniper Competition for all competitors, cadre and industry representatives. During this event there will be awards given to the top teams that were donated by various companies. The ASA will also hold a raffle for other items and the proceeds from that raffle will go to the SSG Eric Caban Fallen Sniper fund.

The Banquet will be held on Friday, 17 April 2020. Due to rising costs of the event the ASA will be limiting the number of guests that will be allowed to attend at no cost. The Competitors plus one guest each, Coaches and Cadre of the SNIPER CADRE are invited free of charge to the banquet. Coaches may bring a guest if they wish, for a 25 dollar fee to cover the meal. You can pay the day of the event at the door. Please fill out the following form so that the ASA can have an accurate guest list for the banquet. Each person will receive their door ticket(s) for entry to the banquet when they check in for the competition.

SNIPER _____ SNIPER GUEST _____

SPOTTER _____ SPOTTER GUEST _____

COACH _____ COACH GUEST (\$25) _____

If there are any additional guests outside of the prescribed guest list, such as a team's Chain of Command (BN CDR/CSM) they are able make arrangements to attend through the ASA president at armysniperassociation@gmail.com. There will 25 dollar fee per person for the meal.