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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Thirteenth Annual U.S. Army International Sniper Competition

1. The United States Army Sniper School (USASS) cordially invites your organization to participate in the 13th Annual United States Army International Sniper Competition. This year the event is scheduled to take place from 15-19 October 2013, at Fort Benning, GA (FBGA).

2. Specific information regarding competitors and the rules of the competition is listed below:

a. The purpose of the competition is to test and expand the sniper skills of all competitors. The art and science of the military sniper is an integral part of offensive and defensive tactics and strategies on the modern battlefield. This year's competition is designed to test a variety of mental and physical skills. A general overview of these skills is located in Enclosure 1 to this memorandum.

b. Teams must consist of a two-man sniper team. Each member of the team must provide the USASS with documented proof that they attended sniper training. Examples of proof consist of an Enlisted Record Brief (ERB) showing the B4 ASI or a certificate of training from a recognized sniper school. Federal Law Enforcement Personnel must show a certification from Federal Law Enforcement Sniper Training or a pre-existing military training certificate. The USASS has the final decision on the relevance of presented documentation. English is the official language of the competition. Neither the USASS nor the Maneuver Center of Excellence (MCoE) is responsible for providing translators.

c. There are 36 slots for this year's competition. The break down for those slots is listed below:

(1) 11 Slots for Active Duty Divisions (1 ID, 2 ID Korea, 7 ID (JBLM), 3 ID, 4 ID, 10 MTN DIV, 25 ID, 82 ABN DIV, 101 ID, 1 AD, 1 CD)

(2) Four slots for Separate Brigades (3 SCR, 504 BfSB, 525 BfSB, 201 BfSB),

(3) One slot for USAREUR

(4) Two slots for the USMC

(5) One slot for the USAMU

(6) One Slot for the USAF

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- (7) Two Slots for the SFSC
- (8) One slot for the Special Forces Regiment
- (9) One slot for the 75th Ranger Regiment
- (10) One slot for the USASOC
- (11) One Slot for the USCG
- (12) Five Slots for international/allied militaries
- (13) Three slots for law enforcement
- (14) Two slots for the Army National Guard and Reserves

d. Pre-registration for the competition is now open and closes on 27 September 2013. After 27 September 2013 any unfilled reserved slots will be filled by the Order of Merit (OML) list. All teams must pre-register for the competition. Pre-registration occurs via email or fax to the USASS. To finalize a team's registration, they must arrive and register with the USASS (Building 4883), which is located in Harmony Church, FBGA. The registration window is from 0600-1000 hours on 15 September 2013. There are no exceptions to this policy. There are no registration or administrative fees for participating in this year's competition. Pre-registration information is listed below:

- (1) Competitors full name
- (2) Competitors rank
- (3) Competitors military occupational specialty (MOS)
- (4) Sniper training certifications and training date
- (5) Competitors Unit
- (6) Competitors email address
- (7) Competitors telephone number

e. This year's competitors will compete in ONE class. This ONE class is limited to 7.62x51 caliber sniper/spotter rifles. Each competitor must also bring their MTOE service pistol and ammunition. **Every competitor will compete with his MTOE service weapon system.** No customized weapon systems or optics are allowed. There are no exceptions to this policy. All weapons and equipment are subject to inspection before, during, and after the competition. **If a team is found to have a weapons system to be customized they will have one of two options. Option 1: Return to their home-station; Option 2: Sign out a weapon system from the USASS.** Following registration and welcome brief, teams will be provided with the opportunity to zero and confirm.

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f. Information regarding authorized equipment, uniforms, weapons, and ammunition is listed below. A packing list is located in Enclosure 3 to this memorandum.

(1) All teams are required to bring a primary sniper rifle (bolt or gas) and a spotter rifle (gas only). Each competitor must also bring their MTOE/service pistol. The USASS maintains a standard secure arms room with alarm system for the storage of competition weapons. Weapons that require storage need to be turned in to the USASS arms room no later than 1730 on 15 October 2013. Each team will be assigned a sensitive item storage locker within the USASS arms room. **Teams are required to provide their own lock.** Teams are required to provide their own cleaning supplies and spare parts. Questions concerning the eligibility of weapons are directed to the USASS for additional guidance and information.

(2) All teams are required to bring their own ammunition for the event. The USASS ammunition supply point is the storage location for competitor ammunition in accordance with Fort Benning's ammunition storage regulations. The USASS will inspect ammunition prior to storage. The USASS recommends that competitors place their ammunition in locked ammo can that is clearly marked with the competitor's information. The USASS recommends that international and OCONUS teams coordinate to ship their ammunition directly to the USASS. The only approved shipping methods are FEDEX, UPS, or DHL. Contact the USASS prior to shipping any ammunition or equipment. Ammunition will be issued daily by the USASS prior to the start of any event. The only allowable projectile is ball. No armor piercing, tracer, or incendiary rounds are permitted. **Teams are required to provide 250 rounds of rifle ammunition for their sniper and an additional 250 rounds for their spotter. Each competitor must also provide 100 rounds of pistol ammunition.** *All US DOD competitors must shoot with M11LR or AB39, hand-loads or custom loads are NOT authorized. Law Enforcement and International competitors must use commercial off the shelf ammunition, hand-loads or custom loads are NOT authorized.

(3) Teams are expected to provide their own organic sniper team equipment to include communications equipment such as two-way radios. Additional authorized items include observation devices, shooting mats, shooting support, eye protection, ear protection, and seasonal field gear. Teams can tailor their equipment according to their individual needs. Teams will be assigned a wall locker to store all of their equipment. **Teams are required to provide their own lock.**

(4) The authorized uniform for competitors is either ACUs or the duty uniform for sister service, international, and law enforcement teams. Teams are required to provide their own Ghillie suits. Competitors are required to wear a complete military uniform when visiting the main post and cantonment area of Fort Benning.

g. The USASS maintains limited barracks space for competitors (40 Bunks). Barracks are available on a first come, first serve basis and are for competitor use only. The USASS strongly encourages competitors to utilize the barracks space IOT minimize the total cost of competition. Lodging is available on-post at Olsen Hall. Reservations for on-post lodging can be made by contacting the main office at (706)-689-0067, ext. 2800 or 2538. The lodging office website is <http://www.benningmwr.com/lodging31905.htm>.

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h. Competitors are responsible for providing their own meals and coordinating for their own temporary duty (TDY) orders. The USASS recommends that competitors bring hot and cold food along with beverage containers.

i. Competitors are responsible for making their own travel arrangements to Fort Benning. The USASS 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. GROOME provides round trip transportation from the Atlanta Airport to Fort Benning. GROOME Transportation is located in the ground transportation area of the airport. GROOME Transportation can be reached via phone at 1-800-584-6735. Directions to the USASS are located in Enclosure 4 to this memorandum. *The USASS will provide a shuttle service from GROOME or the Columbus, GA airport IOT help minimize the cost of transportation. Competitors must make prior arrangements with the USASS IOT be picked up at GROOME or the airport.

j. Transportation from the USASS barracks to competition sites is provided by the USASS. Team coaches are responsible for their own transportation to and from competition sites.

k. Competitors that arrive early to the Columbus and Fort Benning area are encouraged to contact the USASS to facilitate a swift in-processing. Early arrivals are not authorized to use the USASS ranges. Sniper ranges are off limits to competitors from 16 September 2013 to 15 October 2013.

l. The company commander of C/2-29 IN is the Officer-in-Charge (OIC) of this year's competition. The non-commissioned officer-in-charge (NCOIC) of the USASS is this year's match director. The OIC and match director can be reached by contacting the USASS.

m. The Army Sniper Association (ASA) is hosting a banquet/social for the competitors on the evening of 19 October 2013. The dress code for this event is casual. There is no cost for participating in the ASA event. Awards and gifts are provided through private companies through the ASA for this event. Competitors that receive prizes during this event will be issued their prize/award on 20 October 2013. Therefore, the USASS recommends that competitors make departure arrangements for after 1200 hours on 20 October 2013.

n. Professional associates of the competitors and members of a team's chain of command are welcomed to attend the competition. All visitors must register with the USASS prior to attending an event. Guests are not to interfere with or assist competitors in any way. Coaches are authorized to assist teams with lost, broken, or misplaced equipment during the competition. Coaches are not authorized on the firing line or to pass information onto competitors during events. Units are requested to notify the USASS immediately if any General Officers from their unit/installation plan to attend any portion of the competition.

o. 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. Competitors that elect not to be interviewed, filmed, or have their photo taken should notify the USASS prior to the start of the competition.

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p. Information found in this memorandum is subject to change and it is the responsibility of competitors to check the MCoE website (<http://www.benning.army.mil/>) on the 1st of each month for updates. The final version of instructions will be posted NLT 27 September 2013.

q. For additional information and points of contact the USASS and ASA can be reached through the following means:

(1) Telephone: (706) 544-6505/6006

(2) Email:

(a) SFC Tomas Eggers: tomas.n.eggers.mil@mail.mil

(b) SFC Rodney Medley: rodney.l.medley4.mil@mail.mil

(2) Fax: (706) 544-6405

(3) Postal Service:

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Enclosure 1 (General Information) to the Thirteenth Annual US Army International Sniper Competition

General information: The Thirteenth Annual U.S. Army International Sniper Competition is scheduled for 15-19 October 2013 at Fort Benning. Each unit invited is authorized to send one team consisting of one shooter and one spotter. Coaches are authorized but not required. A unit can submit more than one team, however, the second team will be placed on an order of merit list (OML). If less than 36 teams register, additional teams will be selected from the OML.

Goal: This competition is designed to test and help develop training and sustainment programs among all military and federal law enforcement snipers.

Events: Every sniper team will participate in ten to fifteen combat related events. The following are examples of some sniper skills that will be tested:

- A. Field firing. Each team will be tested on their ability to successfully engage targets of unknown distances with a primary (long gun) and alternate (spotter) from 0m-1100m (day/night) as well as engagements with secondary weapon (pistol) from 0m-50m. Each team will also be tested on their ability to compensate for cold bore/clean bore shots with the primary weapon (day/night). This will take place during more than one event.
- B. Advanced marksmanship. Each team will engage moving targets at varying speeds and distances (day/night) with individual weapons. Each team will also be required to engage targets using alternate firing positions. This will take place during more than one event.
- C. Field Craft. Each team will be challenged on their abilities to select a route, move into a firing position, deliver a shot, and exfiltrate undetected while under continuous observation. Each team will be challenged on their abilities to construct a field sketch, detect concealed targets, and estimate range to targets and items without the aid of a laser range finder.
- D. Dialogue Shooting. Each team will be challenged in their abilities to work through difficult scenarios that will require them to communicate quickly and concisely with one another. Communication skills will be the performance objective.
- E. Pistol Shooting; Each team will be required to shoot from non-traditional positions in and around stationary and moving vehicles.
- F. Physical Fitness: Each team will be challenged physically throughout the competition. Competitors are urged to attend the competition in the best physical condition possible. Running, obstacle courses and over-land movements are just a few of the challenges competitors will face.

Enclosure 2 (Tentative Schedule) to the Thirteenth Annual US Army International Sniper Competition

Tentative Schedule: (Timeline subject to change)

The following schedule outlines the competition:

15 October	0600-1000	Final Registration
15 October	1030-1730	Zero/Confirm
16-18 October	Time To Be Determined	Competition Events
18 October	1830-1930	Night Vendor Shoot/ Vendor Ice-Breaker
19 October	Morning Evening	Formal Awards, Vendor Shoot / Display Social Hour, Dinner, Banquet,
20 October	No Later Than 1200 hours	Competitors pick up equipment / prizes at USASS

Enclosure 3 (Administrative Information) to the Thirteenth Annual US Army International Sniper Competition

Administrative Information:

1. Equipment: Each team will be required to arrive on time, on Day One, fully equipped.

a. The following is a list of mandatory equipment for the shooter:

- 1) Sniper rifle drag bag
- 2) Bipods or rucksack rest for shooting support
- 3) Rifle sling
- 4) Sand socks are acceptable (Sandbags will not be used)
- 5) Ghillie suit/ camouflage suit.
- 6) Battle Dress Uniform (Top, Bottom, Cap, T-shirt).
- 7) Pen/Pencil
- 8) Compass/GPS
- 9) Protractor
- 10) Flashlight with batteries.
- 11) Rucksack or Assault Pack
- 12) Canteens/Camelback
- 13) LBE, LBV, RACK, or other tactical load carrying system
- 14) Team Communication Equipment (ICOM, MBITR, etc.)
- 15) Individual Night Vision Devices
- 16) Ballistic Helmet
- 17) IBA, Body Armor

b. The following is a list of mandatory equipment for the spotter:

- 1) Spotter weapon drag bag
- 2) Bipods or rucksack rest for shooting support
- 3) Rifle sling
- 4) Sand socks are acceptable (Sandbags will not be used)
- 5) Ghillie suit / camouflage suit.
- 6) Battle Dress Uniform (Top, Bottom, Cap, T-shirt)
- 7) Pen/Pencil
- 8) Compass/GPS
- 9) Protractor
- 10) Flashlight with batteries
- 11) Spotting scope
- 12) Rucksack or Assault Pack
- 13) Canteens / Camelback
- 14) LBE, LBV, RACK, or other tactical load carrying system
- 15) Team Communication Equipment (ICOM, MBITR, etc.)
- 16) Individual Night Vision
- 17) Thermal
- 18) Ballistic Helmet
- 19) IBA, Body Armor

***NOTE:**

If an event requires any of the above-mentioned pieces of mandatory equipment and competitor fails to bring it, those competitors will receive a zero for that event.

Enclosure 4 (Driving Directions) to the Thirteenth Annual US Army International Sniper Competition

Driving Directions:

Coming from 280 West Bound:

- 1.) From Cusseta stay on US-280W / US-27North approximately **9 miles**
- 2.) Take the Ft. Benning exit for the Infantry Museum **1.5 miles**

Coming from 280 East Bound:

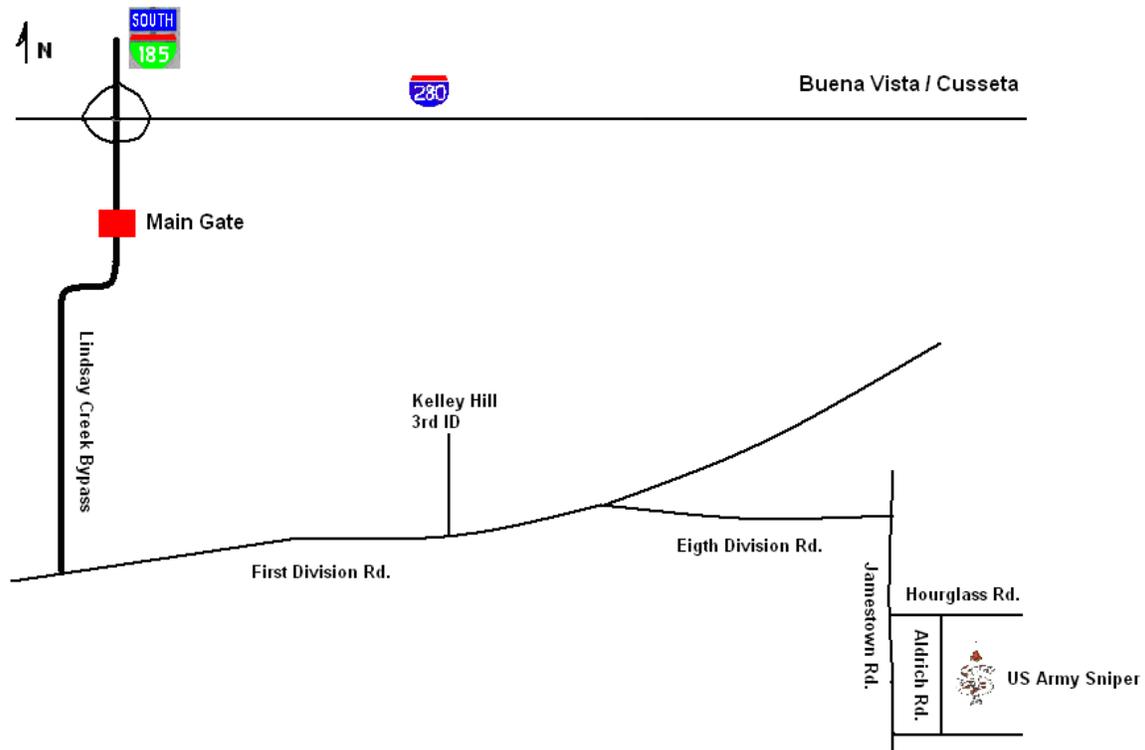
- 1.) From Phenix City / Columbus stay on US-280W / Victory Drive approx. **5 miles**
- 2.) Take the Ft. Benning exit for the Infantry Museum **1.5 miles**

Coming from 85 North:

- 1.) Continue on 85S headed towards Auburn/Montgomery
- 2.) Merge onto I-185 S/ GA-411 S via EXIT 21 toward Columbus **51 miles**

- 3.) You will arrive at the Ft. Benning Main gate
- 4.) After clearing the main gate stay on Lindsay Creek Bypass until you intersect w/ First Division Rd. **3 miles**
- 5.) Take a left hand turn and stay on 1st Division Rd. for **5 miles**
- 6.) Veer right onto Eighth Division Rd. **2 miles**
- 7.) Turn right onto Jamestown Rd. **2.5 miles**
- 8.) Turn left onto hourglass RD. **.2 miles**
- 9.) Turn right onto Aldrich Rd. **.2 miles**

* US Army Sniper School will be on the left hand side of the road.



Enclosure 5 (Registration Form) to the Thirteenth Annual US Army International Sniper Competition

**Thirteenth Annual US Army International Sniper Competition
15 October 2013 – 19 October 2013**

Registration Form

Due NLT Monday, 16 September 2013

(This should be faxed to (706) 544-6405, E-mailed to one of the provided POCs, or mailed to NCOIC, USASS, C Co 2/29 IN, ATTN: US Army Sniper School Building 4883, Ft Benning Georgia 31905)

SHOOTER INFORMATION

Complete Unit Address: _____ DATE: _____

Shooter Name _____

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

NOTE: Attach a copy of diploma (MANDATORY)

Duty Position _____

Years as a Sniper _____

Shooter agrees to media exposure prior to and during the competition: yes or no

Shooter agrees to be contacted by competition contributors prior to the competition: yes or no

T-Shirt size: _____ e-mail address _____ Phone # _____

SPOTTER INFORMATION

Complete Unit Address _____

Spotter Name _____

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

NOTE: Attach a copy of diploma (MANDATORY)

Duty Position _____

Years as a Sniper _____

Spotter agrees to media exposure prior to and during the competition: yes or no

Spotter agrees to be contacted by competition contributors prior to the competition: yes or no

T-Shirt size _____ e-mail address _____ Phone # _____

Unit Point of Contact (Name and e-mail) / Phone # _____

Estimated arrival Date / Time: _____

Will team be using available barracks space: YES NO

Administrative Only:

Date Received: _____ Received By: _____ Team Number: _____

Enclosure 5 (Registration Form) to the Thirteenth Annual US Army International Sniper Competition