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**MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD**

**SUBJECT: Basic Military Mountaineer Course (BMMC) Welcome Letter**

1. Congratulations for being selected to attend the Basic Military Mountaineer course at the US Army Mountain Warfare School. This welcome letter provides course instructions and outlines the expectations for your associated course. BMMC is both physically and mentally demanding; you must be prepared to carry a rucksack in mountainous terrain for extended periods of time. Additionally, the course POI includes technical skills which require thorough practice and study to successfully complete the course. Over the years, it's been demonstrated that students arriving in good physical condition and already being familiar with the mountaineering knots leads to a graduation rate that far exceeds their peers. To assist in your preparation, the AMWS has posted YouTube videos to assist in your self-study prior to attendance: (<https://youtu.be/2s3W74lcFno>). In addition to physical preparation and technical skill familiarization, students must arrive with a "can do" and "never quit" mentality. We look forward to seeing you on graduation day. HIGHER! FOLLOW ME!

**2. IN PROCESSING / REPORT LOCATION & TIME:**

a. Report to the Army Mountain Warfare School, 100 Lewis Chapel Road, Ethan Allen Firing Range (EAFR) Jericho, Vermont 05465.

b. In-processing with the AMWS Operations Section commences at 1200hrs on **Day Month Year**. Students that are flying will select Burlington International Airport (BTV) as their destination airport. Transportation from the airport to the AMWS is provided from 1200-1700hrs on in-processing day. The vehicle is typically a GSA van that arrives outside of baggage claim.

c. If you CANNOT report by 1700hrs, you must call and make arrangements with the AMWS at (802) 899-7202. If you DO NOT make arrangements, you risk losing your reservation. If you arrange to arrive after 1700hrs, you must be physically present at the AMWS by 2359hrs on in-processing day. A statement of non-availability can be provided if upon request to accommodate your travel arrangements.

3. **REPORT / TRAINING UNIFORM:** Students can report in either OCP uniform or civilian clothes. Training will be conducted in your duty uniform. Rank and name tape at a minimum. All uniformed service students must have a valid common access card (CAC) with an active/current pin for the duration of the course.

4. **IN PROCESSING PAPERWORK:** You are given 72 hours from the report date to produce any missing in-processing documentation. Failure to provide documentation will result in release from the course. You are responsible for ensuring you meet all course prerequisites. You are responsible to meet additional standards outlined in AR 40-501, DA PAM 611-21 and AR 600-9.

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Required Documents:

- (ALL) One (1) copy of DTS Authorization
- (ARNG, USAR, ROTC) One (1) copy of Military Duty Orders
- (Active Duty and USAR) TRADOC Unit Pre-Execution Checklist (350-18-2-R-E)
- (ARNG) Confirm the PRCL NLT 72 hours prior to the start of the course or ATRRS will automatically drop you from the course.

\*\* Students must arrive to training with a working Common Access Card linked to a valid .mil email address. Otherwise students will be unable to sign DA 1059s and will not receive graduation credit.

5. OUT-PROCESSING: Soldiers will out-process through the AMWS Operations Section prior to departure, regardless of status.

6. GRADUATION: Graduation certificate, Rams Head Device orders, and DA Form 1059 are issued upon graduation. All Army Soldiers will have their 1059s completed in the U.S. Army Evaluation Entry System (EES). Other DOD members will be issued a graduation certificate and Rams Head Device Orders. Transportation is provided from the AMWS to the airport. Return flights will be scheduled after 1600hrs on graduation day.

7. RELEASES PRIOR TO COURSE COMPLETION: You may be released for any of the following:

- Disciplinary reasons
- Lack of motivation
- Academic deficiency/lack of progress
- Other valid reasons such as family illness or death
- Missing a total of four hours of academic training
- Major safety violation

8. ATTENDANCE: Soldiers who miss more than four (4) Program of Instruction (POI) required academic hours, continuous or cumulative, will be released from the course.

9. BARRACKS: Barracks are not available before the report date or after graduation. A statement of non-availability will be provided upon request. All Soldiers will stay in the provided government quarters at no cost during the course.

BMMC IS A LOCK DOWN COURSE and Soldiers CANNOT LEAVE POST.

10. BARRACK NOTES: Fraternization is grounds for immediate dismissal. Male barracks are OFF LIMITS to all female personnel, military or civilian. Female barracks are OFF LIMITS to male personnel, military or civilian. Cadre/Staff barracks are OFF LIMITS to all students.

11. MEALS: Meals are not available before or after scheduled course dates. Meals are provided for all courses during the class and Soldiers will utilize the rations provided.

12. RENTAL VEHICLE/SHUTTLE SERVICE: You do not need a rental vehicle during these courses. AMWS provides shuttle service to and from the airport.

13. TRAVEL: Schedule ALL RETURN FLIGHTS after 1600hrs hours on the day of graduation.

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a. AIRPORT: Fly to and from the BURLINGTON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (BTV) in Burlington, Vermont.

b. POV: Park in the designated student parking lot. POVs must meet registration and insurance requirements.

14. RELIGIOUS SERVICES: Not available.

15. SICK CALL: See training schedule for guidance upon arrival.

16. SUPPLY: Open IAW posted training schedule and will only issue supplemental items.

17. PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS / PROFILE / PREPARATION: You are required to complete all physical fitness requirements to graduate. The inability to complete the movements to, from or during training will result in dismissal from the course. The course is demanding and will require a concentrated effort. You should develop a physical training program that will prepare you to carry a 45-to-65-pound rucksack, five to eight kilometers daily in mountainous terrain under any environmental condition. BMMC is oriented toward field training. Knowledge and experience in map reading and land navigation is essential.

18. MAIL: SOLDIERS NAME, Army Mountain Warfare School 100 Lewis Chapel Road Jericho, VT 05465. Mail to Ethan Allen Firing Range is sporadic and students should have mail sent only in emergencies. Do not mail packages later than the second Tuesday of the course.

19. PERSONAL CONDUCT / APPEARANCE: Soldiers will conduct themselves in a professional manner at all times and will conform to AR 670-1.

20. DRUGS AND ALCOHOL IAW local post policy; Soldiers are prohibited from consuming alcohol on Ethan Allen Firing Range.

21. WEAPONS AND PROHIBITED ITEMS POLICY: All items prohibited by federal and state laws are prohibited. The Soldier possessing contraband will be subject to appropriate legal action and/or UCMJ action. Personal firearms or weapons of any type are prohibited.

22. TRAINING SCHEDULE / INDIVIDUAL STUDENT EVALUATION PLAN: Posted on the student bulletin board.

23. SAFETY: Every Soldier is responsible for safety conscious habits and complying with safety policies.

24. BARBERSHOP: No barbershop on post. Students should arrive conforming to AR 670-1 standards.

25. AAFES FACILITIES: No AAFES facilities or a commissary on post. Students should arrive with essentials, supplements, and snacks to last the duration of their course without access to facilities.

26. TELEPHONES: Government phones are for military use only. Cellphone reception is very unreliable.

27. COMPUTER/INTERNET ACCESS: DOD Computers are available for official government business. There is no paid internet available.

28. FITNESS CENTER: See training schedule for guidance upon arrival.

29. ATM: 24hr ATM on post within walking distance.

30. LAUNDRY: Self-serve free laundry available. Students must provide their own detergent.

31. LINEN: (2) sheets, (1) pillow, (1) pillowcase and (1) wool blanket are issued.

32. CONTACTS:

OPERATIONS: (802) 899-7205

American Red Cross (888) 737-4306 / Toll Free (802) 660-9130 - VT

33. REQUIRED EQUIPMENT: See below for required course equipment:

Students are authorized to bring unit issued equipment. Commercially purchased equipment is allowed if authorized by the student's unit (subject to inspection for safety/serviceability).

Civilian backpacking, light mountaineering, or backcountry hunting boots are authorized for **FIELD TRAINING (APR-OCT)**. Must be subdued, over the ankle (6 inches or taller), rigid, with a deep lug sole. Waterproof lining and/or treatment is recommended. Examples include, but not limited to (subject to cadre approval):

- Asolo TPS / Fugitive
- Salewa Mountain Trainer Mid GTX/ Rapace
- Scarpa Kinesis
- Lowa Tibet
- La Sportiva Karakorum
- Kenetrek (any model)

\*Trail runners, approach shoes, and light hiking shoes or boots **ARE NOT AUTHORIZED** regardless of height or being unit issued.

#### BMMC Year-Round Required Packing List (01OCT-30SEP)

ITEM	QTY	UNIT
<b>CLOTHING ITEMS</b>		
CAP, FLEECE	1	EA
CAP, ACU/OCP	1	EA
GLOVES (LEATHER PALM)	1	PR
ECWCS LAYER 1 SILK TOP	2	EA
ECWCS LAYER 1 SILK BOTTOM	2	EA
ECWCS LAYER 2 WAFFLE TOP	1	EA
ECWCS LAYER 2 WAFFLE BOTTOM	1	EA
ECWCS LAYER 4 WIND SHIRT	1	EA
ECWCS LAYER 6 WET WEATHER TOP	1	EA
ECWCS LAYER 6 WET WEATHER BOTTOM	1	EA
COAT, ACU/OCP	3	EA
TROUSERS, ACU/OCP	3	EA
T-SHIRT, SHORT SLEEVE TAN/COYOTE BROWN	6	EA

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BELT, TAN	1	EA
SOCKS, CUSHION SOLE (WOOL BLEND)	6	PR
BOOTS, UNIT ISSUED OR HOT WEATHER DESERT	2	PR
US ARMY TAPE, NAME TAPE, RANK, UNIT PATCH AND US FLAG	2	SET
IMPROVISED PHYSICAL FITNESS UNIFORM (IPFU) T-SHIRT	1	EA
IPFU SHORTS	1	EA
IPFU JACKET	1	EA
IPFU PANTS	1	EA
SOCKS, ATHLETIC	1	EA
RUNNING SHOES	1	PR
<b>TA-50 FIELD EQUIPMENT</b>		
FULL SLEEP SYSTEM (LIGHT WEIGHT GREEN, HEAVY WEIGHT GREY, AND BIVY COVER)	1	SET
SLEEPING MAT (CLOSED CELL MANDATORY FOR 01OCT-30APR)	1	EA
ACH W/COVER	1	EA
FLC/TAPS/VEST (PERSONAL KIT)	1	EA
PONCHO OR TARP	1	EA
PONCHO LINER	1	EA
WATERPROOF BAG	2	EA
2 QT CANTEEN OR CAMELBACK ( <b>CAMELBACK NOT AUTHORIZED NOV-APR</b> )	1	EA
1 QT CANTEEN OR NALGENE WATER BOTTLE (WIDE MOUTH) W/CARRIER	2	EA
EYE PROTECTION	1	PR
EAR PROTECTION	1	PR
LARGE RUCKSACK (UNIT ISSUED) WITH SUSTAINMENT POUCHES	1	EA
<b>PERSONAL ITEMS</b>		
HEADLAMP OR FLASHLIGHT W/ EXTRA BATTERIES	1	EA
PADLOCK, KEY OR COMBINATION	1	EA
NOTEBOOK W/ PEN AND PENCIL	1	EA
PILLOW	1	EA
<b>PERSONAL HYGIENE ITEMS</b>		
BATH TOWEL	2	EA
SHOWER SHOES	1	PR
SHAVING/SHOWER KIT	1	EA
FOOT POWDER	1	EA
LAUNDRY DETERGENT	1	EA
LAUNDRY BAG	1	EA
<b>FEMALE PERSONAL HYGIENE ITEMS (HIGHLY RECOMMENDED)</b>		
UNSCENTED FEMININE WIPES/ADDITIONAL BABY WIPES	30	EA
BRA (WHITE, BLACK OR NEUTRAL)	6	EA
FEMALE URINARY DIVERSION DEVICE	1	EA
FEMININE PAD/TAMPONS 3 WEEK SUPPLY	1	EA
BIRTH CONTROL (IF UTILIZED) 3 WEEK SUPPLY	1	EA

**BMMC WINTER/COLD WEATHER PACKING LIST (01OCT-30APR) IN ADDITION TO YEAR-ROUND PACKING LIST.**

ITEM	QTY	UNIT
<b>CLOTHING ITEMS</b>		

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BALACLAVA	1	EA
GLOVE LINERS	2	PR
GLOVES, WARM WINTER, SUBDUED COLOR (MILITARY OR CIVILIAN)	2	PR
ECWCS LAYER 3 FLEECE JACKET	1	EA
ECWCS LAYER 5 SOFT SHELL JACKET (W/HOOD)	1	EA
ECWCS LAYER 5 SOFT SHELL TROUSERS (W/SUSPENDERS)	1	EA
ECWCS LAYER 7 GREY PUFFY JACKET	1	EA
ECWCS LAYER 7 GREY PUFFY TROUSERS	1	EA
SOCKS, COLD WEATHER (SYNTHETIC OR WOOL)	6	PR
<b>TA-50 FIELD EQUIPMENT</b>		
CANTEEN CUP	1	EA
THERMOS (OPTIONAL)	1	EA
LEG GAITORS BLACK, COYOTE, OR MULTICAM	1	PR
<b>COLD WEATHER PLASTIC BOOTS WILL BE ISSUED UPON ARRIVAL</b>		

34. The point of contact for this welcome letter is the Army Mountain Warfare School Operations NCOIC, SFC Christopher Wheatley, at 802-899-7202 or christopher.j.wheatley4.mil@army.mil.

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