

Infantry News



MILITARY EVALS TO BE PREPARED ONLINE

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The U.S. Army Human Resources Command Evaluation Systems Office is about to announce an effective date for a new regulation and pamphlet covering Military Evaluation Systems: Army Regulation 623-3 and Pamphlet 623-3.

These references update policy, procedure and specific forms used in officer, noncommissioned officer and academic evaluation reporting systems. A recent MILPER message (#06-119) laid out an implementation timeline for revised forms and highlighted specific policy changes within each system.

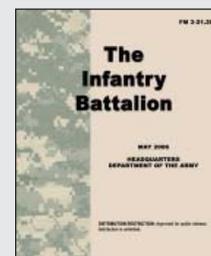
As a major change, the revised regulation allows individuals to electronically prepare evaluation forms using an AKO My Forms site and route them between rating officials with digital signatures, then forward to Headquarters, Department of Army for final processing. The site and forms, currently being tested, are expected to be available mid-June. Features and functions of the site will change administrative processes at the lowest unit levels.

Users will be able to route individual or multiple forms in a specifically named folder with just a few steps. The AKO site will also offer easy tracking of forms, the option to add administrative comments to a form or folder of forms, and the history of any form or folder of forms with data on who has seen or acted on it.

More information and training slides are available at the Evaluation Systems Office Web site, or by calling (703) 325-9660, DSN: 221, or e-mail: tapcmse@hoffman.army.mil.

(Jan Swicord is chief of the Evaluation Systems Office, Management Support Division, Human Resources Command.)

Doctrine Corner



FM 3-21.20 (7-20), *The Infantry Battalion*, is approved and can now be found on the Army Knowledge Online (AKO) Web site (www.us.army.mil).

Once logged in, go to: AKO Files/US Army Organizations/TRADOC/Schools/Infantry/DOT,G-3/Infantry Publications/Approved Final Draft.

Change 1 to FM 3-21.5, *Drill and Ceremonies*, has been published with a date of 12 April 2006. It is now available on the Reimer Digital Library.

Change 1 to FM 3-21.5 clarifies the proper distances between units and provides more definitive guidance on the actions of the commander of troops and the subordinate unit commanders when in mass formation.

The most significant change made to the existing publication, however, is the revision of Chapter 14 which covers military funerals and funeral services.

In this time of war, we have the solemn duty and responsibility to honor the fallen with ceremonies that are both traditional and appropriate. This change provides detailed guidance for the conduct of military funerals and aligns this guidance with newly revised Army regulations and administrative rules on the responsibilities of the Casualty Assistance Center and individual members of the funeral party.

For more information, contact the U.S. Army Infantry School's Combined Arms and Tactics Directorate at: DSN: 835-7114, COMM: (706) 545-7114, or e-mail: doctrine@benning.army.mil.

Army Streamlines Service Uniforms

Army service uniforms will be streamlined to one blue Army Service Uniform, the Army announced June 5.

“World-class Soldiers deserve a simplified, quality uniform. The blue Army Service Uniform is a traditional uniform that is consistent with the Army’s most honored traditions,” said Sgt. Maj. of the Army Kenneth O. Preston.

Many Soldiers already own an Army blue uniform (now to be called the Army Service Uniform) and may continue to wear it. Improvements will be made to the fabric and fit.

“What we want to do is design the uniform so it’s tailored to the Soldier, so it



fits his or her physique better,” said Preston.

The new uniform will also be wrinkle-free.

Introduction in the Army Military Clothing Sales Stores should begin in fourth quarter of fiscal year 2007. Introduction in the Clothing Bag should begin first quarter 2009. The Mandatory Possession Date is expected to be fourth quarter fiscal year 2011. A wear-out date for the Army Green Class A and White dress uniforms

will be determined at a later date. Information about the blue Army Service Uniform and its composition is available at www.army.mil/symbols/uniforms. *(Adapted from an Army News Service release.)*

2006 DOUGHBOY AWARD RECIPIENTS NAMED

Retired Gen. John A. Wickham, Jr., and Retired Sgt. Maj. of the Army Richard A. Kidd are the 2006 recipients of the Doughboy Award.

The two were chosen in recognition of their many contributions to the Infantry and will receive the award during a ceremony Sept. 12 at Fort Benning, Ga.

General Wickham retired from the Army in 1987 after 37 years of service. He is a 1950 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy. His assignments included serving as the deputy chief of staff, Military Assistance Command-Vietnam and commanding the 101st Airborne Division, United Nations Command, U.S. Forces



Wickham



Kidd

Command, and Eighth Army. In 1983, he was appointed Chief of Staff of the Army and served in that position until his retirement. As CSA, he implemented an Army concept for a new light division

structure, supervised a corollary increase in force structure from 16 to 18 regular divisions and eight to 10 reserve divisions with attendant stationing arrangements, and stressed measures to care for Army families.

SMA Kidd served as the ninth Sergeant Major of the Army from July 1991 until June 1995. His assignments include two combat tours in Vietnam (1966-67 & 1970-71) and multiple tours in Korea and Europe. Other assignments include serving as the command sergeant major of I Corps and Fort Lewis, Wash., 4th Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment; 3rd Brigade, 9th Infantry Division (Motorized); and 9th Infantry Division.

FTaB UPDATES FIRING TABLES ONLINE

The Firing Tables and Ballistics Division (FTaB) has completed populating the artillery and mortar electronic tabular firing table (ETFT) AKO Web sites and has created a site for the small arms ETFTs. The next phase will implement the armor ETFT Web site in the near future.

Remember ETFTs found on other Web sites CANNOT be guaranteed current.

The response to the Web site since its launch in July 2005 has been excellent, serving Soldiers and Marines around the world. As a result, a number of suggestions to make the site more user friendly have been implemented.

First, locating the ETFT Web sites has been made easier. Once logged into AKO, use the search feature on the left and search for TFT on AKO sites (See figure).

Second, the subscription process has been simplified; however, FTaB will not automatically approve any subscription request. This has been implemented to protect the Soldier and Marine from unauthorized individuals receiving the information.

SUBSCRIPTION PROCESS

1. Click on the register item on the menu bar at the top of the profile window of the desired TFT Web site that opens.
2. A subscription request will be sent to the FTaB publications team.
3. Upon receipt, the FTaB publications team will send an e-mail requesting additional information to determine if mission needs warrant access to the ETFTs.
4. The subscriber must respond to the requested information from their AKO e-mail address.
5. Upon receipt of the additional information FTaB publication team will review the information and either approve or disapprove access based on the information provided.

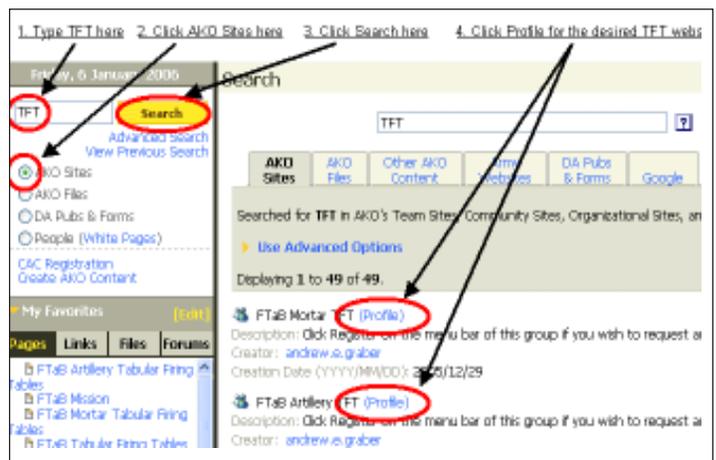


6. Once access is granted, the subscriber has access to the ETFTs from around the globe 24 hours a day for the remainder of the calendar year.

At the end of the calendar year, FTaB will query the subscriber base requesting confirmation that access for the next year is required. If a subscriber does not respond, their subscription will be terminated. If this occurs, submission for a new subscription is required if further access is needed.

When new or updated TFTs are available, announcements will be sent using the AKO Army Wide Announcement system and the respective branch journal publication. Further, the site is set up so that if a new document is added, an update notification is automatically sent to the subscriber.

(Article provided by Andrew E. Graber, Firing Tables and Ballistics Division, Aberdeen Proving Ground Maryland.)



2006 Infantry Warfighting Conference



The 2006 Infantry Warfighting Conference will be held Sept. 11-14 at Fort Benning, Ga. The theme for this year's conference is "Infantry in Battle ... Soldiers Training and Fighting to Win the Global War on Terrorism."

Attendance is open to active military and Department of Defense civilians. The tentative agenda includes sessions on warfighting lessons learned from Infantry, Heavy, and Stryker Brigade Combat Teams as well presentations from the Training and Doctrine Command and Forces Command.

For a more detailed agenda and other conference information, go to <https://www.benning.army.mil>.



Staff Sergeant Russell L. Klika

Command Sgt. Maj. Gregory Patton and another 101st Airborne Division Soldier walk through a bombed out building after a firefight with insurgents in Salah Ad Din Province, Iraq.

NEWS BRIEFS

USAMU continues SDM, CQM training — The U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit (USAMU) continues to offer Squad Designated Marksman (SDM) and Close Quarter Marksman (CQM) train-the-trainer classes to help Soldiers improve their warfighting skills.

To be eligible for the classes, a Soldier must be an E5 or above or an E4 in a leadership position.

An information sheet with specific dates for courses and other requirements can be found on USAMU's Web site at <http://www.usarec.army.mil/hq/amu>.

For more information, contact Clarence Fedrick, USAMU S3 training specialist, at (706)545-5279 or clarence.fedrick@usaac.army.mil.

Benning to host combatives tournament in November — Fort Benning will host an all-Army combatives tournament Nov. 3-6.

Modern Combatives is a functional mixed martial art form combining Brazilian jiu-jitsu, boxing, clinch hitting,

takedowns and groundfighting techniques. Combatives also employs techniques borrowed from judo, kick boxing and Greco-roman wrestling.

All matches will be conducted at the Lawson Army Airfield passenger terminal. Preliminary matches will start at 8 a.m. Nov. 4, final matches will be conducted the afternoon of Nov. 5.

Belts will be awarded to all first place finishers. Second and third place winners will be presented trophies.

The competition will be followed by a Combatives Symposium on Nov. 6 in Infantry Hall from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Topics will include safety, trends, and training. The symposium is directed to level 4 and installation combatives instructors.

For more information, visit the Combatives School Web site at www.benning.army.mil/combatives/ or call (706)545-3512.

Some Soldiers eligible for MGIB benefits transfer — The Army

announced July 21 the implementation of a pilot program allowing Soldiers in critical skills who reenlist the ability to transfer Montgomery GI Bill benefits to their spouse.

Enlisted Soldiers who have completed at least six years of service, reenlist for a minimum of four years, qualify for a Selective Reenlistment Bonus (SRB), and are entitled to a Zone B or Zone C bonus will have the option to transfer up to 18 of 36 months of their MGIB entitlement. Soldiers can choose between a full SRB or a slightly reduced SRB plus the ability to transfer more than \$18,000 in benefits.

The fiscal 2006 basic MGIB monthly benefit for fulltime training is currently \$1,034. This benefit is also available but prorated for part-time enrollment.

Soldiers who elected the Army College Fund (ACF) as an enlistment option and/or have enrolled and paid toward the \$600 MGIB Additional Opportunity can include their expanded benefit (MGIB, ACF and MGIB Additional Opportunity) in the transferability program.