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### **MEDIA RELEASE: Michigan National Guard, wins 2016 International Sniper Competition**

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**FORT BENNING, Ga.** – A team representing the Michigan National Guard was named the winner of the 16<sup>th</sup> annual International Sniper Competition at a ceremony today.

Sgt. Saykham Keophalychanh and Sgt. Nicholas Mitchell topped the field of 42 two-man teams from around the world.

A team from the Special Forces Sniper School placed second.

Rounding out the top three was a team representing the 19<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Group.

Teams from the Army, Army Reserve, National Guard, U.S. Marine Corps, Department of Homeland Security, and the Covington, Georgia, Jacksonville, Florida, Louisville, Kentucky, and Maryland police departments, as well as teams from the Australia. United Kingdom, Denmark. Ireland, Canada and Germany competed in the event.

The competition took place on firing ranges across Fort Benning and tested the competitors' physical fitness and their mastery of sniper skills to include target detection, stalking, land navigation and marksmanship.

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