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MEMORANDUM FOR NG J1 RRF (All-Entire RRF)

SUBJECT: SMOM 17-036, FY17 Cadet Summer Training (CST) Branch Orientation Dates and Officer Strength Manager Workshop

1. Purpose. Cadet Summer Training (CST) for FY17 will take place at Fort Knox, KY from the first week of June to the middle of August. There will be approximately 10,000 Cadets cycling through this training. Below is a description and timeline of the significant events in order for States and Territories to make appropriate advanced travel arrangements based on individual officer requirements.

2. General. CST is the annual consolidated training for Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC). Cadets will take part in one of two major training events conducted in multiple iterations over the 10-week period.

a. The two major events at CST are Basic Camp and Advanced Camp; formerly known as Cadet Initial Entry Training (CIET) and Cadet Leader Course (CLC).

b. Both Basic Camp and Advanced Camp hold Branch Orientation Events. During these events, Cadets will have the opportunity to visit multiple branches to include the Reserve Components. Each Branch Orientation will last approximately 4 hours. While visiting the Reserve Component, each Cadet will have the opportunity to talk with the States that are present to inquire about their officer opportunities. The Basic Camp event will take place in Keyes Park behind Patton Museum in a field environment with military tents. The Advanced Camp event will take place at Hill Hall, BLDG 9309.

3. Basic Camp. Basic Camp is the Cadet's initial indoctrination into the ROTC program and focuses on basic soldiering skills and leadership development. Basic Camp is a requirement for all ROTC Cadets with the exception of those who have graduated from Basic Combat Training. Attendees are typically Freshmen or Sophomores and will have from 2-4 years of ROTC remaining. The intent is for Cadets to inquire with Officer Strength Managers (OSMs) about future opportunities, Simultaneous Membership Program (SMP) enlistment options and GRFD scholarships.

4. Advanced Camp. Advanced Camp is the culminating ROTC training event to refine leadership development and all Cadets are required to attend. These individuals are typically Juniors or Seniors. The Branch Orientation event will be supported by the Reserve Component Directorate (RCD), United States Army Cadet Command (USACC) personnel and those States/Territories that have an immediate need to fill a current officer

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vacancy. Note: Due to space constraints at Hill Hall, OSMs will not be able to set up displays/laptops during Advanced Camp Branch Orientations.

5. State/Territory CST Requirements. Recommend that each Recruiting Retention Battallion sends OSM representation to be on site from 23 June - 30 June. The intent of these consolidated dates is to maximize the amount of time for OSMs to make contact with Cadets during branch orientation days and conduct a two day OSM workshop (26-27 June) during non-branch orientation times. During this timeframe, the OSM will have 10 different event opportunities to speak with Cadets. See enclosure 2 for the suggested schedule. Contact CPT Ervin Nicolas at (703) 601-2260 or ervin.b.nicolas.mil@mail.mil NLT 9 June 2017 if you will be attending these dates. If unable to attend the suggested dates above or would like to attend additional dates, then the option is still available to send representation during any of the dates below:

Basic Camp Branch Orientations. Times are from 0945-1345 hrs.

June 23-24	1st Regiment
June 28-29	2nd Regiment
July 3-4	3rd Regiment
July 8-9	4th Regiment
July 13-14	5th Regiment
July 25-26	6th Regiment
July 30-31	7th Regiment
August 4-5	8th Regiment
August 9-10	9th Regiment

Advanced Camp Branch Orientations. Times are from 1800-2200 hrs

June 19-22	1st Regiment
June 24-27	2nd Regiment
June 29-July 2	3rd Regiment
July 4-7	4th Regiment
July 9-12	5th Regiment
July 21-24	6th Regiment
July 26-29	7th Regiment
July 31-August 3	8th Regiment

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August 5-8 9th Regiment
August 10-13 10th Regiment

6. OSMs should identify each event they will attend and coordinate with their ARNG BDE LNO (see enclosure 1) at least two weeks prior to ensure logistic and administrative support. States may deploy/request PAO assets for these events. OSMs will be provided with a table to display State information and conduct Cadet interviews at Basic Camp Orientations. These tables will be outside under 10X10 tents that will be shared by other States/Territories who are in attendance. A minimum of one outlet for power will be provided to each table. There will be limited internet access. Additional surge protectors and extension cords will not be provided. Any additional requests must be submitted to CPT Jacob Terrell at jacob.d.terrell.mil@mail.mil or 502-624-4914 NLT two weeks in advance.

7. Logistical Coordination. No additional funding will be given to States for AGR travel or TDY travel costs. Personnel flying into Fort Knox will enter through Louisville International Airport in Louisville, KY. Rental car kiosks are located in the airport terminal. It is approximately a 50 mile drive to Fort Knox, which takes, on average, one hour to drive. Lodging options are available at the Fort Knox IHG Army Hotels. If IHG Hotels are not available at Fort Knox, additional lodging accommodations can be made in the surrounding cities of Radcliff, KY (approximately 8 miles) and Elizabethtown (approximately 15 miles). Reservations should be made as early as possible as hotels fill up quickly during this Summer training surge. Recommend States ship signage, RPIs, and any other equipment to Cadet Command prior to the start of Branch Orientation for pre-staging. Equipment should be mailed to SFC Jasmyne Ellison (jasmyne.a.ellison.mil@mail.mil or 502-624-1508) at 204 1st Cavalry Regiment Road, Building 1002 Fort Knox, KY 40121-5205. ROTC BDE LNO's will be on site to assist States in set up and tear down of equipment.

8. Point of contact for this SMOM is CPT Ervin B. Nicolas, Officer Accessions Section Chief, NGB, at 703-601-2260 or ervin.b.nicolas.mil@mail.mil.



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1. [2017 CST BO Info for NGB.pptx](#)
2. [CST BO Calendar.xlsx](#)