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Chapter 1

ORIENTATION

1-1. Gender Statement. All references to the male gender throughout this document apply to both genders unless otherwise indicated.

1-2. Applicability. This guide applies to all candidates assigned to or attached to Reserve Component Officer Candidate School.

1-3. Mission. Train selected personnel in the fundamentals of leadership and basic military skills; instill the professional and physical fitness ethic; evaluate leadership potential; and commission those who qualify as second lieutenants in the Total Force.

1-4. Course Overview.

a. General: Reserve Component OCS is a 12- to 15-month (traditional program) or 8-week (accelerated program) Leaders' Course of Instruction, taught in a high-stress environment, during which the cadre develop and evaluate the performance of the candidates as it relates to their potential for commissioning as second lieutenants in the Total Force.

b. Program of Instruction (POI): United States Army Infantry School (USAIS) prepares, publishes, and distributes the OCS Course Management Plan (CMP) and Program of Instruction (POI). The course of instruction will not exceed 16 months and is presented in three phases. The OCS Battalion or Company Commander directs phase advancement, dependent on class performance.

(1) Phase 0. Although not a formal POI phase, traditional OCS programs typically conduct a three-IDT period Phase 0 program. This phase consists of instruction in basic soldier skills, drill and ceremony, physical training, and administrative preparation. The goal is to prepare prospective candidates to succeed in OCS.

(2) Phase I. Consists of one 16-day annual training period. Training focuses on the individual, squad and platoon levels. Candidates receive military subject, land navigation, and leadership training under high stress conditions. Candidates in Phase I maintains a climate of strict discipline as the cadre show the candidates OCS standards and then expect the candidates to meet these standards. Candidates train under extremely demanding mental and physical conditions.

(3) Phase II. In the traditional program, Phase II occurs during IDT weekends, between the first and second annual training periods; in the Accelerated Program, Phase II is a four week ADT period. Phase II is characterized by increased TAC officer teaching and a slight reduction in stress producing situations. Training focuses on the individual, squad and platoon levels. During this phase, candidates continue to perfect the skills learned in the basic phase and strive for tactical and small unit leadership skills and confidence. Candidates will assume additional responsibilities designed to refine their leadership skills through additional challenges of maintaining a completely functional student chain of command.

(4) Phase III. Consists of one 16-day annual training period. Training occurs at individual, squad, and platoon level; with the focus on tactical operations and field leadership. Officer Candidates focus on polishing leadership skills. The TAC officer role is that of a teacher, mentor and role model. This phase is the final refining of the candidate done by the cadre to ultimately prepare the candidate for the officer environment.

1-5. Course Standards.

a. The standards required of an Officer Candidate will be of the highest order. Character and integrity must be an inspiration to others and conduct at all times must be above reproach. Personal appearance, military bearing and military courtesy will be of the highest standard at all times.

b. Officer Candidates must meet the following standards necessary for graduation from OCS. These standards are also outlined in the Phase 1 Initial Counseling with an attached Student Evaluation Plan.

(1) **ACADEMICS.** Candidates cannot fail more than three written exams. A third written exam failure will result in the candidate being put on academic probation. A fourth failure will result in a recommendation to the Battalion Commander for possible relief from the course. The candidate must be counseled on a DA 4856 of the consequences of the academic probation. (Chapter 8, Training)

(2) **LEADERSHIP.** Serve in various command positions during all phases of training and achieve an overall satisfactory leadership rating. (Chapter 6, Leadership Ratings and Reports)

(3) **MORAL CHARACTER.** Each Officer Candidate must have high moral character considered necessary for a commissioned officer. (Chapter 4, Honor Code)

(4) **MEDICAL.** Each Officer Candidate must pass a physical examination as prescribed for appointment as an officer in AR 40-501.

(5) **PHYSICAL FITNESS.** Each Officer Candidate must score a minimum of 60 points on each event of the Army Physical Fitness Test (APFT) with a minimum total score of 180 points, IAW NGR 600-100 and FM 21-20. A large portion of the OCS environment is physical conditioning and requires stamina. Each Officer Candidate must participate in scheduled physical training. Candidates must complete all foot marches within prescribed standards. During Phase I candidate will complete a 5 mile foot march. During Phase II candidates must complete a 7 and 10 mile foot march. Candidates who fail to meet the standard will be allowed one retest. (Chapter 5, Relief, Recycle, and Resignation)

(6) **WEIGHT STANDARDS.** All Officer Candidates must meet the weight standards as published in AR 600-9. (Chapter 5, Relief, Recycle, and Resignation)

(7) **ATTENDANCE.** Candidates who miss or cannot actively participate in 12 or more hours of scheduled training may be recommended for recycle. (Chapter 5, Relief, Recycle, and Resignation).

c. Officer Candidates must meet all prerequisite requirements prior to enrollment in each phase of training as outlined in the current Course Management Plan and appropriate NGB correspondence. Officer Candidates must also meet commissioning requirements, per AR 600-100 and appropriate NGB correspondence. Officer Candidates not able to meet those standards must process a request for waiver, if a waivers are possible, per the AR 600-100, NGB correspondence, or applicable regulation. Waivers must be requested prior to enrollment in OCS. Officer Candidates will be counseled on both waiver approval or disapproval procedures for all waivers submitted.

1-6. Requirements for Graduation with Honors.

a. All candidates are encouraged to strive for excellence. The earning of a student honor by a candidate is very prestigious and is indicative of the attainment of excellence throughout the course. The criteria for student honors focus on the "whole person" concept and requires the candidate to have excelled in physical fitness, academics and leadership. To be eligible for student honors, candidates must meet all graduation requirements.

b. The following candidates are not eligible for honors:

(1) Recycled candidates, with the exception of medical recycles who are in good standing at the time of recycle, are not eligible for student honors or other recognition.

(2) Candidates who must re-test on any academic exam.

1-7. Student Honors.

a. Erickson Trophy Recipient / Distinguished Honor Graduate. This award is given to the top candidate in each OCS class in each state. This award is presented by the authority of the Department of the Army and the Air Force, National Guard Bureau and signifies distinguished leadership and academic ability. This award is not given at the Accelerated (501) program.

b. Leadership Excellence Award. This award is presented to the candidate with the highest overall leadership evaluation score. This award signifies the candidate who excelled in the leadership aspect of OCS and is in recognition of their superior leadership abilities.

c. Physical Fitness Award. This award is presented to the candidate with the highest score on APFT # 2. This award signifies the candidate excelling in physical fitness and is in recognition of their superior level of physical fitness. If one or more candidates score 300 points on APFT # 2, the extended scale is used to determine the recipient of the physical fitness award.

d. Honor Graduate. Honor graduate is presented to the candidate who graduates at the top of their class with the highest academic average of all the academic test.

e. Other Awards Determined by Each Region or State. Local commands may present additional awards IAW local policy and tradition.

1-8. Definitions

a. OFFICER CANDIDATE (OC). An Officer Candidate is a selected applicant undergoing intensive military training and evaluation to qualify as an officer in the Army National Guard or the US Army Reserve. The standards required to qualify any candidate as an officer regardless of anticipated branch assignment are those prescribed for an Infantry Second Lieutenant. Students enrolled in OCS will be referred to as "Officer Candidate".

b. TAC OFFICER. A TAC Officer is a selected officer whose primary function is to TEACH, ASSESS and COUNSEL (TAC) those candidates assigned to them in order to maximize the development of their leadership ability. All TAC officers, regardless of rank or position, are selected based on knowledge, experience, dedication and the ability to foster and evaluate leadership performance and potential. Candidates may not fully understand the leadership development process until they have gained the perspective of time and experience. Some of the methods TAC Officers use in the performance of their duties are:

1. Observation
2. On-the-spot correction
3. Company/Platoon address
4. Formal instruction
5. Reprimand
6. Informal individual performance counseling
7. Formal individual performance counseling
8. Written evaluation reports
9. Written leadership evaluations
10. Peer reports

c. TAC NCO. The TAC NCO is generally assigned at the platoon level. A TAC NCO is a selected NCO whose primary function is to TEACH, ASSESS and COUNSEL (TAC) those candidates assigned to them in order to maximize the development of their leadership ability. The NCO is an essential component in the command structure of the Army. In the OCS environment, the TAC NCO works directly with the TAC Officer and in his/her absence takes charge of the platoon. The TAC NCO assists in planning and executing platoon missions and trains the platoon in individual and collective tasks. The methods TAC NCOs use in the performance of their duties are the same listed above for the TAC Officer.

d. SENIOR TAC OFFICER. The senior TAC Officer will monitor and supervise leadership training of the candidates and still have the overall responsibility for leadership development and administrative affairs.

Chapter 2

POLICIES

2-1. General. The policies established at OCS provide uniformity and information for evaluating the candidate's ability to follow instructions, pay attention to detail and demonstrate leadership. The policies prescribed require strict compliance. Failure to comply may result in disciplinary action, recycle or relief.

2-2. Fraternalization.

a. Relationships between candidates and cadre which cause the actual or perceived appearance of preferential treatment or partiality are prejudicial to good order, discipline and unit morale. Candidates and cadre are not authorized to form such relationships.

b. Fraternalization includes, but is not limited to sexual relationship with candidates and cadre, public display of affection, to include close dancing, handholding, touching, kissing or other similar contact.

c. Fraternalization between candidates is unacceptable; it has the potential to undermine unit esprit and cause unnecessary tension within the class. Candidates will refrain from all actions that are, or could be perceived as, fraternization.

2-3. Appearance.

a. An Officer Candidates appearance makes a statement about the individual's personal organization, pride and attention to detail. Officer Candidates will maintain the highest standards of appearance and always set a positive example. Wear and appearance of Army uniforms will be in strict accordance with AR 670-1, except where specific changes are outlined in this candidate guide.

b. Uniforms. Keep all uniforms clean and neat in appearance. Keep boots and shoes highly shined at all times. Wear identification tags at all times. Carry your military identification card with all uniforms except the physical training uniform.

c. Hair.

(1) Male Candidates must wear their hair IAW AR 670-1. Extreme, fad style haircuts or hairstyles are not authorized. Hairstyles that prevent the uniform headgear or protective mask from being worn properly are not authorized. Male Officer Candidates are to be clean-shaven; mustaches and sideburns are not authorized.

(2) Female Candidates: Time allowed for grooming is very limited at OCS. Females should arrive with a hairstyle that conforms to AR 670-1 even during physical training. Hairstyles will not interfere with the proper wearing of military headgear or protective masks. Hair holding ornaments (such as but not limited to, barrettes, pins, clips, bands) if used, must be unadorned and plain and must be transparent or similar in color to the hair, and will be inconspicuously placed. Candidates are not authorized to wear cosmetics.

d. Civilian Clothing. Candidates will wear civilian clothing only at the direction of the OCS Company Commander. When in civilian attire, candidates will conform to the same appearance standards previously prescribed.

2-4. Candidate Preparation

a. Drill and Ceremonies. Candidates must study and become thoroughly familiar with FM 3-21.5 (Drill and Ceremonies). One reading of the FM 3-21.5 will not suffice. A sound, thorough knowledge of Drill and Ceremonies will be of great value to the Officer Candidate. * Specific attention should be paid to chapters 2 through 8, 13, and Appendix H *

b. Physical Fitness. The intent of the physical fitness training program at OCS is to educate each OC on the basics of individual and unit physical fitness and improve the physical

fitness of each candidate. It emphasizes running, tactical road marching, endurance, and upper body strength. As future leaders, Officer Candidates are expected to wholeheartedly embrace and exemplify the Army concept of Total Fitness as set forth in FM 21-20 and related publications. Physical fitness has a direct impact on combat readiness. With this in mind, the following must be accomplished prior to Phase I:

- (1) Acquire a proper pair of running shoes.
- (2) Pass the Army Physical Fitness test (APFT) given by the parent RTI/OCS Battalion/OCS Company within 60 days preceding Phase I.
- (3) Arrive properly conditioned and capable of moving at the double time for extended distances.

The objectives of the OCS Physical Fitness Program are:

- (1) Teach OCs the basics of physical fitness.
- (2) Teach OCs the proper method of conducting physical fitness. Through study of FM 21-20 (Army Physical Fitness) be prepared to lead warm-up exercises and calisthenics.
- (3) Assist the OCs in achieving and maintaining a high level of physical fitness.
- (4) Develop esprit-de-corps/unit cohesion.

c. Academics. Officer Candidates should review the following references prior to arriving at Phase 1:

- (1) Drill and Ceremonies (FM 3-21.5)
- (2) Physical Fitness (FM 21-20)
- (3) Map and Aerial Photography Reading (FM 3-25.26)
- (4) Training Management (FM 7-0; FM 7-1; FM 3-0)
- (5) Military Leadership (FM 6-22)

d. Clothing and Equipment. An Officer Candidate's appearance makes a statement about the individual's personal organization, pride and attention to detail. In observance of that fact, Officer Candidates will maintain the highest possible standard of appearance through proper wear and care of the appropriate uniform. In addition to this, all Officer Candidates will be uniformly dressed for whatever task or situation that they are in.

(1) It is the Officer Candidate's responsibility to make sure that he has in his possession all authorized and required items. Diligence and persistence are often necessary. If after every effort to acquire the necessary clothing and equipment from your home unit is unsuccessful, contact the respective State Military Academy for guidance and assistance.

(2) Boots. **Boots must be broken in thoroughly before beginning OCS.**

(a). Blisters and related foot problems will cause candidates to miss training. If this occurs, it will be directly attributable to failure to prepare.

(b). Boots are expected to be clean and maintained with an appropriate suede cleaning kit.

(c). Trousers will be bloused unless otherwise directed.

e. Uniforms. There are only two types of uniforms required for Phase 1.

(1) Army Combat Uniform (ACU), minimum 5 sets. Each student must acquire and maintain the high standards of personal appearance of the officer corps. It is expected that the Officer Candidate will set his uniform standard for the remaining years of their career. Those

students who have uniforms that show considerable wear or that are ill-fitting will correct those deficiencies prior to reporting to Phase I.

(a). Embroidered nametapes and U.S. Army tape will be IAW AR 670-1, Paragraph 28-22.

(b). Officer Candidates will not wear ribbons, awards, decorations, unit patches, U.S. flag, combat patches, or other insignia upon reporting to Phase I. Subsequent wear of ribbons, awards, decorations and unit patches, U.S. flag, combat patches, and other insignia will be permitted at the discretion of the SR TAC.

(c). Candidates will wear their uniforms as prescribed in AR 670-1 and the directives of the OCS Battalion.

(2) Improved Physical Fitness Uniform (IPFU).

(a). Plain white socks will be worn with the top above the ankle but below the calf.

(b). One pair of running shoes as preferred by the Officer Candidate that are of subdued colors and appropriate for soldiers.

f. Equipment.

(1) The PASGT Kevlar or Advanced Combat Helmet (ACH) without the helmet cover is the prescribed headgear for OCS, unless stated otherwise. The helmet is worn with the chinstrap fitting snugly on the chin and their last name written on the OD green tape on the front. Officer Candidates are required to have a soft cap in their possession at all times.

(2). Load bearing equipment (LBE) will be worn IAW Appendix C. The poncho will be neatly folded and secured to the rear of the pistol belt on the LBE, IAW Appendix C. Excess straps on the LBE will be folded up toward the adjustment buckle in a 1-inch fold and secured with green or black tape. LBE may be substituted by the LBV.

(3) Two canteens will be worn on the pistol belt over the hip pockets. Canteens will be full when LBE is worn, empty while in wall locker. Canteen cup will be carried inside the left canteen cover.

g. Clothing and Equipment Displays: All clothing and equipment will be displayed IAW OC Guide (Appendix C.). All displays will be uniform throughout the Officer Candidate Company.

2-5. Contraband. Contraband is defined as any item that is destructive to the good order and discipline, health, welfare, or safety of the soldier or unit. The Company Commander must approve all over-the-counter medicine. See Appendix D for contraband list.

2-6. Religious Practices.

a. Candidates will have an opportunity to participate in religious activities when possible. Religious activities will be IAW local SOP and training schedule.

b. Accommodating religious practices. A candidate may submit a written request for accommodation of a religious practice(s) to the Company Commander for consideration.

2-7. Leaving the Company Area.

a. When leaving the company area candidates sign out through the TAC Shack and the TAC Officer/NCO chain of command.

b. The Company or Battalion Commanders are the only ones who may excuse a candidate from a scheduled class. This includes medical appointments and minor treatment at the TMC.

c. The Company Commander, First Sergeant, or Senior TAC are the only ones who can grant permission for a candidate to leave the company area.

2-8. Privately Owned Vehicles. Refer to local SOP and the OC Acceptance Memo published annually.

2-9. Privately Owned Weapons (POWs).

a. There is no place for POWs or Law Enforcement weapons in OCS training. Address regulatory concerns IAW unit SOP through the chain of command.

b. The carrying or possession of the following weapons is prohibited: unregistered firearms or pellet guns, switchblade knives, knives with fixed blades, knives with blades in excess of three inches in length, brass knuckles, leaded canes, gas dispensers, starter pistols, explosive devices (to include ammunition), projectiles, num-chucks, devices designed or altered to permit its use as an unregistered weapon, blackjacks, rappers, raps, or other related devices, and pyrotechnics of any type for other than authorized use.

c. Candidates will turn in any unauthorized weapon IAW local SOP.

2-10. Leaves and Passes. Leave and passes are not usually authorized during OCS. Officer Candidates are to be at all training. The occasion to miss training is an unusual situation based on an emergency or extremely extenuating circumstance. Leave or passes are only authorized by the Company or Battalion Commanders. Follow the SD OCS Battalion SOP for policy and procedures for leave and passes.

Chapter 3

PROCEDURES

3-1. Titles. Candidates will be identified by the title of "Officer Candidate [Last Name]. Officer Candidate will be abbreviated as OC.

3-2. Weapons. Weapons will be carried at all times during OCS. Both rubber training and standard issue M16 rifles are used. Proper weapons handling, clearing, and security is conducted when carrying weapons. Weapons will not be taken to the Aid Station/TMC when reporting for sick call. Unless otherwise noted in this guide, weapons procedures as stated in FM 3-21.5 (Drill and Ceremonies) will be followed.

3-3. Saluting, Addressing and Courtesies.

a. Saluting. Salutes will be rendered IAW FM 3-21.5 (Drill and Ceremonies). To further emphasize saluting, attention to detail, and being cognizant of ones surroundings, saluting distance will be that distance at which a candidate recognizes an officer.

b. When addressed by an officer, a candidate stands at the position of attention. Candidates reply, "Sir, Officer Candidate [Last Name]." When addressed by an NCO, candidates will stand at parade rest and respond, "Sergeant, Officer Candidate [Last Name]." When addressing either an officer or NCO, the candidate will remain at the position of attention, with head and eyes forward, unless directed by the officer or NCO to do otherwise.

c. Greetings. An appropriate greeting will be extended when saluting (i.e. "Sir, Officer Candidate, *name*, Good Morning, Sir!"). When in groups of two or more, the Officer Candidate in charge will call the group to attention and render the salute and proper greeting. The Officer Candidate greeting the officer will continue to do so until the salute has been returned, the command "Carry On" has been given, (all candidates will echo this command), or the officer is no longer in view. When moving as a group the first Officer Candidate in file or the Officer Candidate in charge will greet the officer. Greetings will not be extended at the double time. Candidate in charge will slow to quick time; render the salute and proper greeting (without stopping forward motion), and return to double time after the salute is returned.

(1) When addressing groups of officers and/or NCOs only the senior member of the group shall be addressed.

(2) If the senior member of the addressed group is accompanied by a member of equal grade then the senior members will be addressed as Gentlemen, Ladies, or Ma'am/Sir as appropriate.

(3) Proper greetings are determined by local time.

(a). Morning is from 0001 to 1159.

(b). Afternoon is from 1200 to 1659.

(c). Evening is from 1700 to 2400.

(d). All greetings are concluded with Sir/Ma'am as appropriate.

d. When initiating conversation with cadre, candidates must "Request permission to speak." This is not required when saluting or rendering military courtesies.

e. During duty hours, when an officer enters the company area/barracks, the first candidate to see the officer will command, "Company/Platoon/Squad/Group, Attention." Conversely, if any NCO without an officer present enters the area, the area will be called "At ease." All candidates who hear the command will respond appropriately. When the officer/NCO replies "Carry on" candidates will continue their activities.

f. When an officer or NCO enters the platoon area the first candidate to see him will call "Attention" for an officer and "At ease" for a NCO. The nearest platoon leader or platoon sergeant will report to the officer/NCO with the platoon status.

3-4. Enter a Room, Addressing/Reporting Dismissing.

a. Enter a room. Candidates will assume the position of attention, center themselves in the doorway and toe the line (the line is the imaginary line between the center of the doorframe, parallel to the doorway), knock three times with the palm of the right hand on the right door frame. The candidate will wait till the person in the room addresses the Officer Candidate, then the candidate will announce "Sir/Ma'am [as appropriate], Officer Candidate [Last Name] requests permission to enter." The candidate will wait at the position of attention until told to enter. Once told to enter, the candidate will enter and walk directly to a position of two steps and centered in front of the desk (or officer's location), assume the position of attention, and simultaneously render the hand salute while saying, "Sir/Ma'am, Officer Candidate [Last Name] reports as ordered / with a question / with a statement" The candidate will execute order arms when the officer returns the salute.

b. Addressing/Reporting

(1) To a commissioned officer: When addressed by an officer the Officer Candidate will come to the position of attention and state his name as follows, "Sir/Ma'am, Officer Candidate *name* reports with a statement/question/as ordered". During the conversation, the Officer Candidate will preface any comment, answer or reply with "Sir/Ma'am, Officer Candidate *name*". The comment, answer, reply will not conclude with Sir/Ma'am unless the reply is "Yes" or "No" or is otherwise directed in this guide. When reporting to an officer the Officer Candidate will come to the position of attention, render a salute and report, "Sir/Ma'am Officer Candidate *name*, reports!" If the Officer Candidate has been ordered to report, the candidate will add, "As ordered!"

(2) To a non-commissioned officer: Same as above with the exception of the hand salute and Officer Candidates will use the term "Sergeant" or "Sergeant Major" instead of "Sir/Ma'am".

c. Dismissing.

(1) From a commissioned officer: When the conversation is complete and the Officer Candidate is dismissed, the Officer Candidate will come to the position of attention, take one step to the rear with the left foot, render the salute, extend the greeting of the day "Sir/Ma'am Officer Candidate *name*. Good Morning / Afternoon / Evening, Sir/Ma'am!" After the salute has been returned the OC will execute an about face and exit.

(2) From a non-commissioned officer: Same as above with the exception of the salute and Officer Candidates will use the term "Sergeant" or Sergeant Major" instead of "Sir/Ma'ams".

3-5. Making Way and Passing.

a. Making Way. When cadre enter a hallway or stairwell and are six steps away, candidates will assume the position of attention, with the shoulders, buttocks and heels touching the wall and command, "Make way." (All candidates will echo this command). Candidates will resume their activities on the command of "Carry on." (All Candidates will echo this command). If the cadre does not command "Carry on," one of the candidates will give the command after the cadre has passed beyond six steps.

b. Requesting Permission to Pass. Whenever an officer's or NCO's presence impedes normal traffic and a candidate desires to pass, the candidate comes to the appropriate position (attention or parade rest) facing the officer or NCO and says, "[Title], Officer Candidate [Last Name] requests permission to pass." When permission is granted, the candidate will pass. If a group of officers or NCOs are present the candidate requests permission to pass from the ranking individual.

3-6. Movement.

a. Marching in formation.

(1) Three or more candidates constitute a formation. Formations will march in columns when six (6) or fewer candidates are present; will march two (2) abreast when the formation contains between seven (7) and eleven (11) candidates; will march three abreast when the formation contains 12 or more candidates. Candidates march no more than two abreast on footpaths or sidewalks.

(2) Formations will not depart a training location without ensuring proper accountability. The class will carry the class guidon whenever they march. Display/Post the guidon, when not in use, in the unit area. In order to secure the guidon the guidon must be properly posted outside buildings in a guidon holder or stand or carried by the Guidon Bearer. The Guidon Bearer shall not surrender the guidon to anyone unless directed to do so by the Senior TAC, TAC Company Commander, or TAC First Sergeant. The Guidon Bearer, when under arms, will carry their weapon slung diagonally across their back with the muzzle pointing down and to the left.

(3) Candidates in groups of three or more will move in formation with a member in charge.

b. Road Guards. Road guards are required for all company formation movements. Road guards wear the road guard vest during all formation movements. During hours of twilight or darkness, road guards carry an operational flashlight in the hand closest to the outside of the formation. Road guard responsibilities are:

(1) Front road guards will lead the element by 30 feet and rear road guards will trail the element by 30 feet. During periods of limited visibility the leadership will adjust the distance as appropriate with guidance from the TAC Staff

(2) Front and rear road guards warn traffic of the formation. They do not post themselves at intersections, that is the responsibility of the formation internal road guards.

(3) Formation internal road guards will post at each intersection and maintain that position until relieved or the element has passed.

(4) Road guards posting at intersections will stand at a modified position of parade rest. Their right arm will be extended in front of their body warning the oncoming traffic to stop. Once relieved or the formation has passed, the road guard will come to the position of attention and move back to the formation.

(5) Road guards will come to the position of attention and salute any vehicle displaying a blue Department of Defense vehicle registration sticker, as well as any vehicle displaying General Officer or VIP plates.

3-7. "TAC Shack" Procedures. Candidates will use the same reporting and entering room procedures in paragraph 3-3.

3-8. Dining Facility Procedures.

a. Dining Facility Preparation and Clean Up. The XO is in charge of the preparation of the dining facility prior to the Companies arrival. Preparation includes obtaining the menu's, preparing the tables with water, and filling the water glasses, and ensuring the Dining Facility Manager is ready to serve. Clean Up includes clearing the water containers from the tables and cleaning up any messes that occurred while the Company was eating. The XO is the liaison between the Company CO and the Dining Facility Manager on meal issues. The XO does not have the authority to change meal times or menu's.

b. Entering the Dining Facility. Once the Company has been formed in preparation for entering the dining facility, the OC XO will position himself at the right front of the formation, 12 steps in front of the 1st PLT/1st SQD leader and facing the company.

(1) The 1SG will give the command "Stand at, Ease". The 1SG will then ask the XO, "XO, please read the menu". The XO will then conduct a half-right face and read the menu. The Company will yell in unison "yum yum" for all menu items except prohibited items, which they will yell "yuck yuck". At the completion of reading the menu items the XO will move back to his normal position in the company formation.

(2) The 1SG will give the command "Company, Attention" and the command "Ground your equipment". Each OC will then ground their individual helmet, map case, LBE/V, rucksack and/or manuals in an expeditious manner. The 1SG will then instruct the platoon sergeants on the exercise of the day and the order of eating. The 1SG will then turn the company over to the platoon sergeants by using the command "Platoon Sergeants take charge of your platoons and move them in the dining facility."

c. Movement to the DFAC. Officer Candidates will move by company to the DFAC. Helmets, LBE/V and map cases will be grounded before entering the DFAC and a guard posted for security. Weapons will be taken with the Officer Candidate into the DFAC and the individual will maintain the weapons while they eat.

d. Standing in Line. The line into the DFAC will begin at the front door. Candidates will maintain a position of Parade Rest at all times, coming to the position of attention to move forward in the line.

e. Door guard. A door guard will be posted at the entrance of the DFAC. The door guard will permit students to enter the DFAC at the direction of the DFAC personnel. The command "Next *number* of candidates into the dining facility." Will be used.

f. Movement within the DFAC. Upon entering the DFAC, Officer Candidates will assume and maintain a modified position of attention and proceed as directed. Officer Candidates will proceed to a table, upon all seats being taken at the table by other OC, the last OC will give the command "Take Seats", and then all the OC's will take their seat. Officer Candidates will consume their meals as expeditiously as possible. Officer Candidates will confine the boundary of their vision to their tray. Candidates will remain silent unless addressed by a member of the cadre. Candidates may be allowed to speak quietly upon reaching Intermediate Status. Upon all Candidates at the table completing their meal, one candidate will command everyone to the position of attention, then command "Secure Tray", then command "Center Face", and finally give the command "File Out". Upon the command of "File Out" the candidates will file out directly to the cleaning area and turn in their trays, etc and leave the DFAC for the company area.

3-9. Sick Call. Sick call hours are per the training schedule. Sick call is conducted at building #58, Troop Medical Clinic, during phase I and II, or at the FOB during phase III, or per the OPORD. Candidates will directly inform their TAC Officer/NCO before they report to the TAC 1SG to receive their DD Form 689, Individual Sick Slip. Once they have received their DD Form 689 Candidates will report to the TMC or for sick call – this includes "Tail Gate" or medical support at all meals and training events. Candidates enter thru the west entrance or the basement entrance and sign in. When released by the medical personnel, they will report to the TAC 1SG and turn in their DD Form 689. The TAC Commander is the approval authority for any temporary physical profiles. DD Form 689's are not required for follow-up medical visits.

3-10. Classroom Procedures.

a. Officer Candidates will enter the classroom in a single file, fill the seats from front to rear, and remain standing at the position of attention. The Platoon Leader will command "Uncover!" prior to reporting the class ready for instruction. Upon the command, "Uncover!" all Officer Candidates will remove their headgear and place them on the table per the unit SOP. The Platoon Leader will then approach the instructor, render a hand salute and report, "**Sir/Ma'am, Officer Candidate *name*, Company *A*B...*, *First or Second...* Platoon, # assigned, # present, Prepared for instruction!**" When the salute has been returned, the Platoon Leader will face about, relay any specific instructions/information and issue the command "**Ground Equipment**". The Officer Candidates will pull their chair out and remove their LBE/V and hang it on the back of their chair; remove their map case and lay it on the table in front of them; place

their rifles on the floor, to their right, with the butt of the rifle to the rear of the classroom and return to the position of attention. The Platoon Leader will issue the command, **“Take Seats”** At which point the class will exclaim, **“Now and Always!”** and be seated at the position of attention. The Platoon Leader will give the preparatory command **“Adjust”** at which time the Officer Candidates slap their hands down to the sides of the chair. The Platoon Leader will give the execution command of **“Seats”** at which time the Officer Candidates will say “AHH” and pull their chairs forward and finish any other minor adjustments necessary to prepare for the classroom instruction. The Platoon Leader will then take his seat quietly at the back of the room.

b. To ask a question the Officer Candidate will raise his hand. When recognized by the instructor the OC will rise to the position of attention or parade rest, depending on the rank of the instructor. The Officer Candidate will address the instructor appropriately and also state “Officer Candidate *name*”, and ask his question. Candidates will speak loud enough for all to hear the question or comment. Candidates will respond in the same manner when called upon by an instructor.

c. If an Officer Candidate is feeling sleepy, he will take his note taking material and move to the rear of the classroom in a courteous manner where he will assume the position of parade rest. When alert, he will return to his seat.

d. Officer Candidates will not go to the latrine or for water during class unless the instructor has granted permission.

e. When the instructor completes the period of instruction he will call, “Platoon Leader!”. The Platoon Leader will rise and bring the class to attention with the command “Class Attention!” prior to reporting to the instructor at the front of the classroom. The Platoon Leader will proceed to the front of the classroom, halt two steps from the instructor, salute and state “Sir/Ma’am/Sergeant/Sergeant Major, Officer Candidate *name*, Reports as ordered!” The instructor will return the salute and issue any necessary instructions. The Platoon Leader will take one step to the rear and again salute the instructor. When the salute has been returned, the Platoon Leader will face about and command, “Secure Equipment!” at which time all Officer Candidates will put on their LBE/V and map cases (if necessary), secure their rifle, and hold their helmet in their right hand. Upon the command “Center Face!” they will make a left or right facing movement and face the center aisle. Upon the command “From rear to front, left to right, March out!” the Officer Candidates will march out of the classroom and to the break area or for formation.

f. The Platoon Leader and Platoon Sergeant are responsible for all conduct, accountability of Candidates, equipment and classroom materials during all classroom operations.

3-11. Formations.

a. Scheduled formations are listed on the training schedule and/or drill period operations order. The cadre chain of command may call other formations. Candidates are considered late to formation if they are not standing in their platoon when the command “Fall-in” is given. Candidates will not miss formation unless excused by their TAC.

b. The student chain of command is responsible for accountability of the company.

c. Candidates are responsible for knowing the time of the next scheduled formation prior to departing the training site on an IDT weekend.

3-12. Accountability and Reporting.

a. The student chain of command is responsible for accounting for all students assigned to their perspective level of command. Accountability and reporting procedures are IAW FM 3-21.5 or per the OPOD and local SOP. Accountability includes personnel, equipment and any materials needed for the tasks or instruction that day.

3-13. Lights Out Procedures

Uniform for the lights out procedures is summer IPFU uniform, shower shoes on, and one full canteen of water. The candidates will stand-by next to their bunk (or other assigned location) 5 minutes prior to lights out. The platoon leader of each platoon will post at the position of attention directly across from the entrance doors. They will call the platoon to attention when the TAC arrives. They will give a platoon status report to the TAC. The platoon leader will command the platoon to "Parade rest" and lead the TAC for an inspection of the hall/barracks/floor/etc..

a. Upon completion of the inspection the platoon leader will return to their assigned position and stand-by.

b. The OC PLT LEADER will give the command "**PLATOON, ATTENTION**".

c. The OC PLT LEADER will give the command "**PREPARE TO MOUNT**" (echoed). All candidates will complete the following in sequence:

(1) Place canteens in the proper positions.

(a) Bottom Bunk. Placed on the floor at the head of the bed with the concave portion against the leg.

(b) Top Bunk (where applicable). Placed to the left of the pillow, concave portion flat on the mattress.

(2) Break blankets and sheets down below the hospital corner.

(3) Remove shower shoes.

(4) Face their bunks at the position of attention with their feet toeing the line of the floor twelve inches from the bunk and the shoulder dressed on the bed post at the head of the bed.

d. The OC PLT LEADER will give the command of "**MOUNT**", (echoed), all candidates will get in bed, lay flat on their backs and pull the covers to the mid-chest area with their arms outside the covers, as if in the position of attention.

e. The OC PLT LEADER will give the command of "**SLEEP**" (not echoed) , turn out the lights, and all candidates will close their eyes and go to sleep.

f. Candidates will remain in their beds until first call. The only exception is to utilize the latrine or to pull duty.

3.14. Lights Out Extension.

a. Use the following procedure for requesting an extension of lights out.

b. Platoon chain of command requesting an extension of lights out will submit the request card through the student company commander. The student company commander will take all requests to the duty TAC NLT 2100 hours.

c. The maximum extension to lights out is 1 hour.

d. The request card will include the name(s) of the individual(s) requesting the extension (study room, etc.) and what the extension is to be used for.

e. Extensions may be granted for the following reasons: company business, student council, extra study barracks time, etc.

f. Lights out extensions will not be used for personal time.

g. Personal hygiene will end as scheduled, unless specifically authorized by the duty TAC.

3-15. Miscellaneous Rules.

- a. All areas not specifically authorized by OCS cadre are off limits to Officer Candidates.
- b. Officer Candidates will not swear, cuss, or use abusive language at anytime.
- c. Vending areas and telephones are off limits unless otherwise directed by the TAC Staff. This includes any machines/phones, etc in or outside of the company area.
- d. Officer Candidates will double-time at all times except:
 - (1) When otherwise directed.
 - (2) Immediately after meals.
 - (3) When on profile.
 - (4) Upon reaching Intermediate Status, time permitting.
- e. Officer Candidates may wear a wedding ring on the left hand and a wristwatch. No other jewelry is authorized to include earrings and other body piercing. Candidates will make certain all alarms and chimes on watches are "OFF" prior to the start of the day's activities.
- f. Officer Candidates will sign in and out for IDT periods utilizing a TRADOC Form 270-R per their local RTI procedures. Officer Candidates will in and out process during consolidated OCS or for ADT periods of duty. In and out processing will be handled per the SD OCS Battalion SOP and the Officer Candidates Acceptance Memorandum, both of which are published annually and posted to the SD OCS Battalion website.

3-16. Mail.

- a. The mailing address for all Officer Candidates is:
 - OC _____ (Last Name)
 - P.O. Box 317
 - Fort Meade, SD 57741-0317
- b. Out-Going mail will be collected daily by the TAC 1SG in a location to be designed by the 1SG. In-Coming mail will be distributed at the completion of the training day or after meals. **Mail will never be withheld as a form of punishment.**
- c. Packages. Candidates cannot accept "care packages" containing contraband or perishable items until authorized by the Company Commander. All packages are subject to inspection upon receipt and opening by the Officer Candidate.

Chapter 4

HONOR CODE

4-1. General.

a. Honor.

(1) Honor may be defined as that quality in a person that shows them to be truthful and fair in word and deed, both to themselves and to others. It also implies loyalty, courage and devotion to duty.

(2) A commissioned officer must possess honor as an integral portion of his character in order to meet the demands placed upon him as a leader. In the profession of arms, the welfare and indeed the very lives of so many, hinge on the honor and integrity of the few who lead. You will be among those few. In peacetime, it is imperative that you maintain your high standards of honor so that in combat, the trust placed in you will not be misplaced.

(3) The honor code takes a simplistic approach to govern the behavior of Officer Candidates in a complex environment. The honor code simply holds the Officer Candidate to conduct that our society deems acceptable and honorable; the conduct primarily learned at home, school and church. The honor code to be effective must be monitored and sanctioned by the Officer Candidates.

b. Webster's Definition of Honor.

"...a sense of what is right, just and true, scorning meanness." Honor, like courage, is a word, which has resisted thorough definition, though such has been attempted by the philosophers of the ancient world and perhaps by aspiring officers caught in situations of compromise. Honor encompasses all of the acts, thoughts and aspirations of an individual. Its presence or absence in the personal make-up of an individual determines how he lives, what he derives from life and how he is thought of by others.

c. A leader must have the respect of those persons given into his charge. This respect is based upon his conduct, his personal courage and his sense of honor. Honor is, therefore, a necessary and essential part of every officer. He is bound by his word, his devotion to Duty, Honor, Country and the oath of his commission. In times of war and peace, his word will invariably be given in times of extreme tension, stress and danger. His subordinates depend on this word for their physical survival and his superior depends on it in shaping the plans of battle. Honor among soldiers, invariably, makes the difference between life and death.

4-2. Provisions of the Honor Code. The honor code is simple: ***An Officer Candidate will not lie, cheat, or steal, nor tolerate those who do.***

a. The Honor Code is a rule of personal integrity, which requires each student to be absolutely and unfailingly honest in all matters. The code at Officer Candidate School is as follows: "Belief in and application of the principles of the Honor Code will set the standard for and influence everything you do! Never fear the truth and never compromise honor or truth for expediency."

b. The element most important to the success of the Honor Code is the belief in that code by every person. That belief, together with an appreciation for the importance of honor, will foster the assurance that you can put complete trust in your comrades. Honor and trust are the cohesive agents, which transform a group into a unit.

c. The Honor Code is based on the principle that integrity is an essential attribute for all officers. At OCS, the Honor Code is emphasized and candidates must understand its scope and intent. Each candidate must employ it in everything they do.

(1) **Lying.** Candidates violate the honor code by lying if they make an oral or written statement or gesture of communication in the presence of, or to, another,

intending to deceive or mislead. Quibbling is creation of false impressions through evasive wording, the omission of relevant facts, or telling a partial truth, and is a form of lying.

(2) **Cheating.** Candidates violate the honor code by cheating if they willingly take information, which does not belong to them, or present material that is not an example of their own work, to gain an advantage.

(3) **Stealing.** Candidates violate the honor code by stealing if they wrongfully take, obtain, or withhold, by any means, from the possession of the owner (or any other person), any money, personal property or article of value of any kind, with the intent to deprive or defraud another person of the use or benefit of the property. Candidates are considered to be stealing when they take, obtain, or withhold any item without the expressed permission or knowledge of the owner.

(4) **Toleration.** Candidates violate the honor code by toleration if they fail to report an unresolved incident with honor implications to the proper authority within a reasonable time period. Proper authority will usually be the Platoon, Platoon Trainer or an honor council representative; however, an incident could also be reported to an instructor or member of the support staff. A reasonable length of time is the time it takes to confront the suspected violator and determine whether the incident was a misunderstanding or actually a violation of the honor code.

d. There is a distinct difference between an honor violation and a disciplinary violation. Although honor and discipline are in many ways complimentary, it is essential that the Officer Candidate completely understand the difference. To be guilty of an Honor Code Violation, you must have violated one of the four provisions of the Honor Code. A disciplinary violation involves a breach of policy or regulations.

4-3. The Honor Council.

a. The honor council investigates and makes recommendations to the OCS Battalion Commander with regard to any alleged or actual violations of the honor code. The honor council consists of four elements: the Senior Platoon Trainer Officer, at a minimum of two Officer Candidates (usually the president and vice president), at least two other cadre or staff members and a recorder.

b. Senior Platoon Trainer. The duties of the Senior Platoon Trainer will include providing direction and advice to the honor council. The Senior Platoon Trainer will not vote unless there is a tie among the other council members. He will notify the OCS Battalion Commander of the results of all hearing and recommend retention or relief of the candidate(s) involved.

c. Investigations. A preliminary investigation of alleged violations is conducted by the SR Platoon Trainer during Phase I, Phase II and Phase III. Every fact of the alleged violation is explored. Written statements must be obtained from the principle witnesses.

(1). An example of an investigation is as follows. OC Doe is seen apparently cheating during an exam. The instructor informs the Senior Platoon Trainer that this occurs. The Senior Platoon Trainer conducts the investigation, by speaking with the individual, and other classmates. If there is sufficient evidence, the Senior Platoon Trainer then convenes an Honor Council.

(2) Prior to the hearing, the SR Platoon Trainer council informs the alleged violator of the following:

- (a). He is bound by the honor code to tell the truth.
- (b). The charges relating to the violation and the identity of the accuser.
- (c). He may bring in any evidence, or call on any witness, on his behalf.
- (d). He may make an oral or written statement.

(e). He has the right to be represented by another candidate.

d. Conduct of the Hearing. Normally, the hearing is conducted within 24 hours. The Senior Platoon Trainer will determine if all procedural items have been accomplished and the accused is prepared to plead their case. The following are the rules and procedures for the hearing:

(1) The SR Platoon Trainer presents the case to the committee. There must be at least three committee members present at the hearing.

(2) The violator and accuser will not be present in the hearing at the same time.

(3) The Senior Platoon Trainer is present throughout the entire hearing. Alleged violators are considered not guilty until proven otherwise. A majority of votes cast in secret ballot, will be required to find a candidate guilty of an honor code violation.

(4). Staff or Candidates who have been part of the investigation or who are biased in any way will not sit on the council and the Senior Platoon Trainer will select another member.

(5) A candidate found guilty of an honor code violation is recommended by the council for dismissal from the OCS program. The verdict and recommendation of an Honor Board will be forwarded to the OCS / GS Battalion Commander. If the OC is found not guilty, the verdict is forwarded through the OCS / GS Battalion Commander as part of the minutes of the meeting. The OCS / GS Battalion Commander will make final decision for candidate disposition after looking at the facts and the Honor Councils recommendation.

A VIOLATION OF THE HONOR CODE IS CAUSE FOR DISMISSAL!

Chapter 5

OFFICER CANDIDATE RELIEF, RECYCLE, AND RESIGNATION

5-1. Purpose: This chapter prescribes the policies and procedures for the recycle or relief of an officer candidate in the OCS program and provisions for the removal of officer candidates from training.

5-2. Scope: These policies and procedures apply to all officer candidates in the ARNG OCS program during all phases of training, both traditional and accelerated.

5-3. Definitions: The ARNG OCS program provides three official remedies for soldiers who do not meet course requirements, require disciplinary action, or cannot successfully continue OCS training. Commanders at all levels are not restricted to these remedies and may provide remedies as the situation dictates with the means available; however, these remedies are provided.

a. **Relief from current phase of training:** This is the relief/dismissal of an officer candidate from the current phase of training they are in for one of the reasons outlined in paragraph 5-6 h. The candidate is returned to their home state/unit of assignment for further action on relief from the OCS program or to be recycled.

b. **Relief from OCS Program:** This occurs when a candidate is relieved/dismissed from the current phase of training and returns to their home state. The OCS company commander at their home state recommends relief from the OCS program to the GS/OCS Battalion Commander for approval.

c. **Recycle:** Recycle occurs when an officer candidate is relieved/dismissed from the current phase of training and returns to their home state/unit. The home state is responsible for determining if the candidate is to be recycled. If the candidate is recycled, he/she must start at the beginning of the phase in which they were relieved/dismissed.

d. **Resignation.** Resignation occurs when an officer candidate decides to leave OCS training, submits this request in writing, and is granted this request by the commander

5-4. Approval Authority.

a. The first O5 in the candidate's chain of command (e.g. OCS battalion commanders at accelerated OCS and Phase I; GS and OCS battalion/RTI commanders at Phase II, accelerated and traditional; and regimental / battalion commanders at Phase III) has the authority to remove soldiers from the phase of training for which they supervise if the soldier fails to meet phase requirements. Moreover, the first O5 in a candidate's chain of command can remove soldiers from the applicable phase of training for the reasons listed in para 5-3a-c, or for any reason they deem vital to ensure good order and discipline. For the candidate's appeals process reference Paragraph 5-8.

b. The authority to relieve a soldier entirely from the ARNG OCS program resides in the soldier's home state only. If the decision to relieve a candidate is made, the commander must determine if the soldier is to be relieved with prejudice or without prejudice.

(1) Relief without prejudice. Occurs when the approval authority (described in paragraph 5-4, a. above), determines the difficulties experienced by an officer candidate arise from circumstances which are temporary in nature and preclude successful completion of the current course of instruction. This type of relief allows the soldier the option of reapplying for a future class enrollment.

(2) Relief with prejudice. Occurs when the approval authority (described in Paragraph 5-4, a. above), determines the soldier should be removed from the ARNG OCS program without the option to reapply for a future class enrollment. Consideration for relief w/prejudice is only considered if a candidate is relieved for honor, integrity, misconduct or disciplinary reasons.

5-5. Removing Soldiers from POI Training. The only person authorized to remove an officer candidate from training is the approval authority (described in Paragraph 5-4, a. above). Officer candidates continue to attend all POI training until final disposition on removal, recycle, or relief is determined. The approval authority may remove officer candidates from POI training before final disposition if they determine that the officer candidate's presence constitutes a significant training distracter for other candidates or constitutes a safety hazard to other candidates or cadre. However, if an OC is granted an appeal and allowed to continue in the OCS program, the responsible OCS Commander/senior instructor must provide the OC with all missed/make-up training.

5-6. Recommendations/Procedures for Removal, Recycle or Relief.

a. Responsibilities.

(1) Cadre. The candidate must first be counseled in writing (DA Form 4856) if they are in jeopardy of being recycled or relieved. The counseling must contain the areas in which the candidate must improve, or actions that the candidate must discontinue in order to maintain enrollment in the current class, along with a specified amount of time they have to complete the corrective action. If the candidate does not improve or does not discontinue actions as directed, the TAC must counsel the candidate a second time in writing (DA Form 4856) recommending them for recycle or relief. At this second counseling session, the TAC informs the candidate of their right to present written evidence on their behalf. This evidence is included in the candidate's record along with counseling forms concerning the recycle or relief. The TAC then presents the OCS company commander with complete documentation and evidence concerning all efforts made on the candidate's behalf.

(2) Company Commander. The company commander reviews the training packet, interviews the candidate, and concurs or non-concurs with the recommendation. Record of interview will be in writing (using DA Form 4856). If the OCS company commander decides the candidate's actions does not warrant recycle or relief, the documents are maintained in the candidate record and the candidate continues in the ARNG OCS training program. If the OCS company commander concurs with the recommendation, the packet is forwarded to the Approval Authority.

(3) Approval Authority. The Approval Authority reviews the packet along with the candidate's records, receives input from the candidate's chain of command, and interviews the candidate. The Approval Authority can concur or non-concur with the recommendation or take other action as appropriate. The Approval Authority will record their recommendation in Part IV of the Company Commander's DA Form 4856. If the Approval Authority decides that recycle or relief is appropriate, the OC is counseled on the decision. The OC is also advised of their right to appeal if it is a relief procedure. Appeals will be processed per para 5-8.

b. Dismissal will be recorded on the OCs End of Course Summary.

c. Disenrollment for illness, injury, compassionate transfer or other reasons beyond the control of the individual will be made without prejudice.

d. The Federal UCMJ and/or UCMJ from one State do not apply to ARNG soldiers under Title 32, U.S. Code from another State. Accordingly school commanders will forward an ARNG soldier's case to Soldier's respective State Adjutant General for appropriate disposition.

e. School commanders will ensure student records are complete and audit trails are maintained for all personnel actions.

f. Final Disposition. The candidate disenrollment packet and 6 part training record is forwarded to the candidate's home state for disposition.

g. Reasons for Recycle. They may include, but are not limited to the following:

(1) Compassionate or hardship reasons. Health, welfare or financial problems of immediate family members that substantially interfere with successful continuation in the course or causes candidates to miss 12 or more hours of scheduled training.

(2) Disqualifying physical conditions (medical). Inability to complete the course because of poor health or missing training through hospitalization, appointments or duty limitations directed by a medical officer. Physical profiles are administered to prevent soldiers from exercising personal zeal beyond their physical limitations. The Company Commander considers a possible recycle for profiles that:

(a) Cause a candidate to limit participation in physical activities, routine duty, or miss excessive amount of scheduled physical training periods.

(b) Require confinement to quarters for a contagious sickness or illness causing the OC to miss 12 or more hours of scheduled training.

(c) Prevent a candidate from participating in mandatory course requirements or miss a portion of critical training. Examples are: Leaders' Reaction Course, APFT, FLX I, II, III, road marches, physical training runs, and so forth.

(3) Disciplinary reasons. Failure to cooperate in routine requirements or adhere to course standards of obedience. Candidates who receive repeated disciplinary actions are recommended for recycle or relief. Candidates committing any offense punishable by applicable laws and / or military regulations are considered for relief under this provision.

(4) Failed leadership evaluations. Candidates who fail to display improvement in leadership, and who continue to receive sub par leadership evaluations must be considered for relief or recycle. OCS Company Commanders who do not feel that an officer candidate possesses the leadership skills, attitudes, and knowledge to become a successful second lieutenant must prevent the candidate from graduating from Phase II and proceeding to Phase III, and must consider the candidate for recycle or relief.

(5) Failure to progress. Defines a candidate who shows marginal progress in performance, physical fitness, leadership evaluations, demonstrated motivation, attitude, aptitude, and conduct when compared to candidate's peers.

(6) Failure to meet graduation requirements.

h. Reasons for Relief. They may include, but are not limited to the following.

(1) Honor Code violations. A candidate will not lie, cheat, steal, nor tolerate those who do. A violation of this code may result in a recommendation for relief.

(2) Academic failure. Academic failure is defined as a failure to attain 70% on any academic evaluations or the scheduled retest.

(3) Failure to progress. This is a candidate who fails to show progress in performance, physical fitness, subjective evaluations, motivation, attitude, aptitude, or conduct. Such progress is less than acceptable and is detrimental to the interest of the other students in the class.

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(6) Lack of adaptability. A candidate who fails to adapt to the stringent environmental conditions of discipline, soldierly habits, teamwork, and mental and physical stress can be considered for relief. A candidate who exhibits behavior contradictory to normally expected behavior can be referred to the OCS Company Commander for further evaluation prior to a relief recommendation.

(7) Lack of motivation. Lack of motivation is characterized by a candidate's failure to exert reasonable effort to succeed, constant malingering, or a personal attitude, which demonstrates little or no desire to complete a course of action or mission.

(8) Falsifying or omitting facts or information. Knowingly falsifying or omitting facts concerning enrollment or commissioning requirements or documents.

(9) Misconduct. Misconduct includes but is not limited to:

(a) Candidate / Candidate or Candidate / Cadre fraternization. OCS is a gender-integrated environment and is an intense 24-hour a day course of instruction. Candidate teamwork and loyalty is paramount in the development of leaders. A candidate's actions must be embedded in the Army's core values: loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity and personal courage. Therefore, candidates do not engage in fraternization. Failure to follow these guidelines may result in relief from the course. Male and female candidates and cadre interact closely with one another and must exercise self-discipline and good judgment to prevent compromising situations. Male and female candidates are not authorized to engage in any real or perceived conduct with one another that is conduct unbecoming of an officer and contrary to accepted Army standards for values, ethics, and the current Code of Conduct.

(b) Unauthorized alcohol use.

(c) Integrity issues.

(d) Possession, use, sale, or transfer of any narcotic, hallucinogen, controlled substance or narcotics paraphernalia.

(e) Conduct that would constitute a violation of applicable laws and / or military regulations and / or the Honor Code.

5-7. Candidate Resignations. Every effort must be made by the ARNG OCS cadre to counsel and advise an individual toward the successful completion of OCS. In cases where these efforts do not prevent an officer candidate from requesting resignation the following procedures are followed.

a. Responsibilities.

(1) Officer candidate. The officer candidate must submit their request for resignation from the ARNG OCS program in memorandum format to the cadre chain of command.

(2) Cadre. The TAC counsels the candidate on a DA Form 4856 detailing the procedure for and the consequences of resignation. The TAC also submits written comments on the candidate's potential to the company commander, along with the candidate's written resignation and complete candidate record.

(3) Company commander. The company commander interviews the candidate and counsels the candidate on a DA Form 4856 on the consequences of his / her resignation. They may add their own comments to the TAC's written comments on the candidate's potential before forwarding the entire packet to the OCS/GS Battalion or Regimental Commander.

(4) Command Sergeant Major. The CSM interviews the candidate, counsels the candidate on the consequences of their resignation, attempts to determine if there is underlying cause or hardship that is the cause of the candidate's resignation and makes a recommendation to the candidate and battalion commander on the candidates request for resignation. If / when possible or as requested, the CSM will attempt to assist the candidate with resolving any hardship or other issues, especially those outside of the normal OCS environment, which may be the cause for the candidates request for resignation.

(5) OCS or GS battalion commander (approval authority). The battalion commander interviews the candidate, counsels the candidate on the consequences of their resignation, and accepts the candidates resignation if the candidate is determined to resign from the ARNG OCS program. The final decision of the Battalion Commander is recorded on a DA Form 4856 Part IV initiated by the OCS Company Commander.

b. Final Disposition. After the battalion commander accepts the officer candidate's resignation, the candidate is removed from training. The Officer Candidate will be out processed per local SOP.

c. Records. The candidate disenrollment packet and 6 part training record is forwarded to the candidate's home state for disposition.

d. Withdrawing a resignation. If the candidate elects to withdraw the resignation before it is forwarded to the OCS or GS battalion commander, the documents are retained in the candidate record with the DA Form 4856 Part IV completed by the Company Commander explaining the candidate's decision.

5-8. Candidate Rights. The following procedures apply in cases where relief/dismissal is considered for motivational, disciplinary, or academic reasons:

a. IAW AR 350-1, The TAC will notify the student in writing of the proposed action, the basis for the action, the consequences of disenrollment, and the right to appeal. The TAC will advise the student that they will acknowledge by written endorsement within 2 duty days receipt of the written notification of dismissal action. The endorsement must indicate whether or not the student intends to appeal the dismissal action. The TAC will advise the student that any appeal must be submitted within 7 duty days after receipt of the written notification of the dismissal action by the Battalion Commander. Appeals will be submitted to the school commandant or commander.

(1) Appeals will be forwarded to the school commandant or commander who will refer the proposed action and the appeal to the OSJA to determine legal sufficiency of the dismissal decision. All appellate actions will become part of the student's case file. Commandants and commanders will make their final decision on dismissals after considering the supporting OSJA recommendation. In cases where an OSJA is not available, the commandant or commander will forward appeals to the commander who has GCMCA for review and final decision.

(2) Students who elect to appeal will remain actively enrolled in the course pending disposition of their appeals.

(3) All appeals must clearly provide new evidence not previously considered by the Approving Authority.

b. Resign in lieu of relief. Candidates are counseled that resignation is an option but it voids any appellate rights and that it may not necessarily better their chances of returning to OCS.

c. Appeal Packets consist of the appeal consideration memorandum and at a minimum, the following attachments, if applicable. Local OSJA offices may require more documentation.

(1) 3rd party statements

(2) statements from the chain of command

(3) other official documents or evidence

d. Upon receipt of the appeal packet, the RTI Commander ensures the packet is complete and coordinates for OSJA review.

e. The OSJA reviews the appeal packet for legal sufficiency and provides the RTI Commander with their recommendation.

f. The RTI Commander will make the final decision after considering the OSJA's recommendation.

g. The RTI Commander will notify the Approval Authority of the final decision and counsel the candidate of the decision.

h. The decision of the RTI Commander is final.

i. If the candidate wins the appeal they will continue on with training. If the candidate had been removed from training they must be provided a fair opportunity to make up the missed

training. The OCS Company Commander and the Sr. Instructor will coordinate the missed training.

j. If the candidate loses the appeal they will be relieved from training, out processed per the local SOP and returned to their home state for further disposition.

k. All paperwork regarding any relief procedure will be maintained by the OCS Battalion and a copy sent to the candidates home state. Relief/disenrollment paperwork is maintained for 5 years and then destroyed IAW 25-400-2.

Chapter 6

LEADERSHIP RATINGS AND REPORTS

6-1. General. Each individual has the capability to lead others. The primary function of this program is to develop and assess this capability so that the individual not only has the capability, but the ability to lead others. In accomplishing this, the personnel upon whom this responsibility has been placed use many tools; pressure, encouragement, explanation, reprimands, counseling, etc. The cadre and staff are here to develop leaders who can assume the responsibilities and duties of commissioned officers. The goal is that by the completion of the course of instruction, every Officer Candidate will possess the necessary qualities of leadership. Leadership development of the Officer Candidate is **progressive** throughout the course and is accomplished through practical application (leadership positions, assignments, additional duties, etc), developmental counseling and other appropriate instructional media.

a. This chapter provides the necessary guidance for employing the Leadership Assessment Program (LAP).

(1) The primary purpose of OCS is to develop and assess leadership. Therefore, the primary focus of an evaluation must be directed to assessing candidate performance in this area. While total objectivity can never be obtained, the use of standardized forms and definitions will greatly enhance impartial leadership evaluation.

(2) The OCS Leadership Assessment Program is implemented in a physically and mentally demanding environment. Its foundation is in FM 6-22, chapters 2, 4, 5 and 6. The candidate is evaluated on the Army Values, required actions, skills and attributes as defined and described in FM 6-22.

(3) The standard established in the LAP is the leadership performance expected of a *Second Lieutenant*. Candidates are evaluated on their ability to meet this established standard. Those who possess the actions, skills and attributes necessary to become successful leaders will be commissioned as Second Lieutenants.

(4) The leadership evaluation of candidates has two principal parts: evaluations performed by TACs and peer evaluations/ratings performed by OC's. The greatest weight is given to the TAC assessments. It is the TAC who is expected to know what is expected of a Second Lieutenant.

6-2. Evaluation Tools. *Leadership evaluations at OCS measure performance not potential.* OCS is structured to afford each candidate many opportunities to perform and demonstrate their capabilities. Performance is measured in a variety of ways. All of these methods provide OCS cadre with feedback regarding the strengths and weaknesses of a candidate.

a. Physical Fitness Assessments. The Army Physical Fitness Test (APFT), Leadership Reaction Course (LRC), Foot Marches, and the daily physical fitness programs and requirements are conducted & executed by the candidates.

b. Writing assignments: essays, book reports, routine correspondence, Operation Orders, after action reports.

c. Oral Presentations: military briefings, candidate led instruction, and combat orders.

d. Formalized practical exercises and examinations: textbook assessments conducted during and at the end of blocks of instruction.

e. Chain of Command: candidates take on the various roles of leadership typically found in a company: commander, executive officer, first sergeant, platoon leader, platoon sergeant, squad leader, and team leader. While in these positions, candidates are expected to demonstrate the appropriate level of command presence and accomplish the duties and responsibilities of that role.

6-3. Leadership Forms. The OCS leadership assessment program uses five (5) forms. These are used to record observations and form the basics for developmental counseling:

a. Field Leadership Evaluation Report.

b. Leadership Observation Report (LOR) or SPOT Report. The LOR will be completed using the TER format as described below in paragraph e.

c. Leadership Evaluation Report (LER).

d. Candidate In-Brief Form.

e. Candidate Self Assessment Report (SAR) (Yellow Card). The SAR is a performance report submitted by the Officer Candidate. The SAR allows the Officer Candidate to assess their own performance strengths, weaknesses, and create plans for improvement. Each Officer Candidate filling a rated position within the OC Company will complete an SAR. The SAR will be completed using the TER format. (See example.)

“T” ime

“E” vent

“R” esults

CANDIDATE SELF-ASSESSMENT REPORT				
CANDIDATE	CO / PLT	DUTY POSITION	DURATION	DATE
Birchfield, William J	A 2nd	PLT Leader	Feb IDT	02FEB06
SUMMARY OF PERFORMANCE (Give the <u>T</u> ime, the <u>E</u> vent, and the <u>R</u> esult)				
<p>Time: 1105</p> <p>Event: Formation to move to chow. I turned the platoon over to the platoon sergeant.</p> <p>Result: The platoon sergeant took charge and took the platoon to chow.</p> <p>Time: 1120</p> <p>Event: Formation outside of dining facility. I was not in the proper position. CPT Ray asked me if I was 6 steps in front of the platoon.</p> <p>Result: I corrected my position in the formation.</p>				
REFERENCE OC GUIDE				

Candidate Self Assessment Report

6-4. Definitions of Ratings.

a. Candidate receives an “E” if they did an excellent job and consistently exceeds the standard of a BOLC I candidate and demonstrated values, actions, skills and attributes of a newly commissioned Second Lieutenant . The candidate demonstrated the ability to operate independently outside of the company and battalion with limited guidance and supervision.

b. Candidate receives an “S” if they were **satisfactory** at demonstrating the values, actions, skills and attributes expected of an Officer Candidate. The candidate demonstrated the minimum standard.

c. Candidate receives an “N” if they **did “Not” demonstrate satisfactory** performance and failed to meet the standard and **did “Not”** demonstrate the values, actions skills and attributes expected of an Officer Candidate.

6-5. Army Values. The "BE" in the BE, KNOW, DO concept of leadership. Values are the filter for all actions, skills and attributes.

- a. Loyalty. Bear true faith and allegiance to the US Constitution, the Army, your unit and other soldiers.
- b. Duty. Fulfill your obligations.
- c. Respect. Treat people as they should be treated.
- d. Selfless Service. Put the welfare of the nation, the Army and subordinates before your own.
- e. Honor. Live up to all the Army values.
- f. Integrity. Do what is right, legally and morally.
- g. Personal Courage. Face fear, danger, or adversity (physical or moral).

6-6. Core Leader Competencies. Core Leader Competencies emphasize the roles, functions and activities of what leaders do. The following provide additional detail on component categories and actions that help convey what each competency involves.

a. **Leads.** Leading is all about influencing others. Leaders and commanders set goals and establish a vision, and then must motivate and influence others to pursue the goals.

(1) Leads others. Leaders motivate, inspire, and influence others to take initiative, work toward a common purpose, accomplish critical tasks, and achieve organizational objectives. Influence is focused on compelling others to go beyond their individual interests and to work for the common good.

- a. Establishes and imparts clear intent and purpose.
- b. Uses appropriate influence techniques to energize others.
- c. Conveys the significance of the work.
- d. Maintains and enforces high professional standards.
- e. Balances requirements of mission with welfare of followers.
- f. Creates and promulgates vision of the future.

(2) Extends influence beyond the chain of command. Leaders need to influence beyond their direct lines of authority and beyond chains of command. This influence may extend to joint, interagency, intergovernmental, multinational, and other groups. In these situations, leaders use indirect means of influence: diplomacy, negotiation, mediation, arbitration, partnering, conflict, resolution, consensus building, and coordination.

- a. Understands sphere of influence, means of influence, and limits of influence.
- b. Builds trust.
- c. Negotiates for understanding, builds consensus, and resolves conflict.
- d. Builds and maintains alliances.

(3) Leads by example. Leaders constantly serve as role models for others. Leaders will always be viewed as the example, so they must maintain standards and provide examples of effectiveness through all their actions. All Army leaders should model the Army Values. Modeling provides tangible evidence of desired behaviors and reinforces verbal guidance through demonstration of commitment and action.

- a. Displays character by modeling the Army Values consistently through actions, attitude, and communications.
- b. Exemplifies the Warrior Ethos.

c. Demonstrates commitment to the Nation, Army, unit, Soldiers, community, and multinational partners.

d. Leads with confidence in adverse situations.

e. Demonstrates technical and tactical knowledge and skills.

f. Understands the importance of conceptual skills and models them to others.

e. Seeks and is open to diverse ideas and points of view.

(4) **Communicates.** Leaders communicate effectively by clearly expressing ideas and actively listening to others. By understanding the nature and importance of communication and practicing effective communication techniques, leaders will relate better to others and be able to translate goals into actions. Communication is essential to all other leadership competencies.

a. Listens actively.

b. Determines information-sharing strategies.

c. Employs engaging communication techniques.

d. Conveys thoughts and ideas to ensure shared understanding.

e. Presents recommendations so others understand advantages.

f. Is sensitive to cultural factors in communication.

b. Develops. Developing the organization, the second category, involves three competencies: creating a positive environment in which the organization can flourish, preparing oneself, and developing other leaders.

(1) **Creates a positive environment.** Leaders have the responsibility to establish and maintain positive expectations and attitudes that produce the setting for healthy relationships and effective work behaviors. Leaders are charged with improving the organization while accomplishing missions. They should leave the organization better than it was when they arrived.

a. Fosters teamwork, cohesion, cooperation, and loyalty.

b. Encourages subordinates to exercise initiative, accept responsibility, and take ownership.

c. Creates a learning environment.

d. Encourages open and candid communications.

e. Encourages fairness and inclusiveness.

f. Expresses and demonstrates care for people and their well-being.

g. Anticipates people's on-the-job needs.

h. Sets and maintains high expectations for individuals and teams.

i. Accepts reasonable setbacks and failures.

(2) **Prepares Self.** Leaders ensure they are prepared to execute their leadership responsibilities fully. They are aware of their limitations and strengths and seek to develop themselves. Leaders maintain physical fitness and mental well-being. They continue to improve the domain knowledge required of their leadership roles and their profession. Only through continuous preparation for missions and other challenges, being aware of self and situations and practicing lifelong learning and development can an individual fulfill the responsibilities of leadership.

a. Maintains mental and physical health and well-being.

b. Maintains self awareness: employs self understanding, and recognizes impact on others.

c. Evaluates and incorporates feedback from others.

- d. Expands knowledge of technical, technological, and tactical areas.
- e. Expands conceptual and interpersonal capabilities.
- f. Analyzes and organizes information to create knowledge.
- g. Maintains relevant cultural awareness.
- h. Maintains relevant geopolitical awareness.

(3) **Develop Others.** Leaders encourage and support others to grow as individuals and teams. They facilitate the achievement of organizational goals through assisting others to develop. They prepare others to assume new positions elsewhere in the organization, making the organization more versatile and productive.

- a. Assesses current developmental needs of others.
- b. Fosters job development, job challenge, and job enrichment
- c. Counsels, coaches, and mentors.
- d. Facilitates ongoing development.
- e. Supports institutional-based development.
- f. Builds team or group skills and processes.

c. Achieves. Achieving is the third competency goal. Ultimately, leaders exist to accomplish those endeavors that the Army has prescribed for them. Getting results, accomplishing the mission, and fulfilling goals and objectives are all ways to say that leaders exist at the discretion of the organization to achieve something of value.

(1) **Gets Results.** A leader's ultimate purpose is to accomplish organizational results. A leader gets results by providing guidance and managing resources, as well as performing the other leader competencies. This competency is focused on consistent and ethical task accomplishment through supervising, managing, monitoring and controlling of the work.

- a. Prioritizes, organizes, and coordinates tasking for teams or other organizational structures/groups.
- b. Identifies and accounts for individual and group capabilities and commitment to task.
- c. Designates, clarifies, and de-conflicts roles.
- d. Identifies, contends for, allocates, and manages resources.
- e. Removes work barriers.
- f. Recognizes and rewards good performance.
- g. Seeks, recognizes, and takes advantage of opportunities to improve performance.
- h. Makes feedback part of work processes.
- i. Executes plans to accomplish the mission.
- j. Identifies and adjusts to external influences on the mission or tasking and organization

6-7. Leadership Attributes. The core leader competencies are complemented by attributes that distinguish high performing leaders of character. Attributes are characteristics that are an inherent part of an individual's total core, physical, and intellectual aspects. Attributes shape how an individual behaves in their environment. Attributes for Army leaders are aligned to identity, presence, and intellectual capacity.

(1) **A Leader of Character (Identity).** Factors internal and central to a leader, that which makes up an individual's core.

- a. Army Values.

- b. Empathy.
- c. Warrior Ethos.

(2) A Leader with Presence. How a leader is perceived by others based on the leader's outward appearance, demeanor, actions, and words.

- a. Military Bearing.
- b. Physically Fit.
- c. Confident.
- d. Resilient.

(3) A Leader with Intellectual Capacity. The mental resources or tendencies that shape a leader's conceptual abilities and impact of effectiveness.

- a. Agility.
- b. Judgment.
- c. Innovative.
- d. Interpersonal tact.
- e. Domain Knowledge.

6-8. Leadership Positions.

a. Student Leadership Tour of Duty. The Senior TAC will establish and assign the student chain-of-command and ensure **each OC is rated a minimum of one time during the each phase.** Tours of duty last for 24 hours during phase I and can be longer in phase II and III.

b. **Prior to each tour of duty** a Candidate In-brief form & counseling by the TAC will be completed.

c. **Upon completion of each tour of duty** in the student chain-of-command, the OC will:

(1) Complete a Candidate Self-Assessment Report. This will be turned into the TAC within the prescribed time. Utilize the TAR format for completion.

(2) Will receive a completed Leadership Evaluation Report (LER) counseling by the TAC. This will occur in conjunction with a formal counseling. **This must be completed within 24 hours.**

(3) Thoroughly brief the incoming chain-of-command. This briefing will include all of the necessary information required for the new chain-of-command to carry on with the mission and conduct follow-on business.

d. Duties and Responsibilities. The chain-of-command determines how to efficiently use their time, manpower, and materials to accomplish assigned tasks. Rated positions within the Company chain-of-command are:

- (1) Candidate Company Commander (CO)
- (2) Candidate Executive Officer (XO)
- (3) Candidate First Sergeant (1SG)
- (4) Candidate Platoon Leader (PL)
- (5) Candidate Platoon Sergeant (PSG)
- (6) Candidate Squad Leader (SL)

6-9. Leadership Evaluations.

a. Leadership evaluations are conducted by:

(1) TAC Officers

(2) TAC NCOs

b. Leadership Evaluation Report (LER): The LER rates the OC on Army Values, actions, skills and attributes using a E – S – N rating scale. The TAC must rate as many areas as possible depending on their observations made during the tour of duty.

c. Field Leadership Evaluation Report (FLER): The FLER rates the OC of the 8 steps of the troop leading process during field training. The FLER uses the E – S – N rating scale. All of the troop leading procedures will be evaluated.

d. Leadership Observation Report (LOR): The LOR records a single action of the OC. The OC does not have to be in a leadership position to receive a LOR. It is used as an observation tool and not an assessment in and of itself; however, a series of LORs in an OC's file over time will reveal trends-positive or negative-of that OC's performance and abilities. LORs are taken into account when LERs are used to rate the Candidate Chain of Command. Utilize the TER format for the completion of the LOR.

e. DA Form 4856-E Counseling Statement: The DA Form 4856-E will be used to counsel an OC for outstanding positive or negative academic, leadership, or other actions and behavior. Also used for initial, mid-cycle, close out or end-of-phase counseling, peer evaluation results, prerequisite or missing item counseling, academic or performance deficiencies, and any time it's deemed appropriate to document behavior or a situation. The DA 4856-E will be completed by a TAC officer or NCO or appropriate individuals in the chain of command as necessary.

f. Instructors: Instructors may utilize the DA Form 4856E or the Leadership Observation Report when they see remarkable examples of strong or weak leadership.

g. Officer Candidates:

(1). Candidate Self-Assessment Report: The candidate self-assessment report is completed by the OC during and following a tour of duty in a leadership position. This report provides information concerning the OC's perception of their performance. Utilize the TER format for the completion of the Self-Assessment Report.

(2) Candidates Plan for Improvement: The candidate will fill out their Plan for Improvement located on the back of the LER, after they have been counseled by the TAC Officer/NCO

(3) Peer Evaluations

(a) A part of the OCS Program involves teaching the candidate how to assess leadership performance in his peers and subordinates. The peer rating process is used as a vehicle to these ends.

(b). Cadre members are not able to evaluate many of the intrinsic dynamics of the squad. Peer evaluations disclose to the OCS Cadre the "silent" leadership characteristics of a class. It can also be useful to discover how each candidate perceives their own progress in the course in relation to his peers.

(c) The peer evaluations help the candidate focus on patterns of behavior the would not otherwise see. This process provides them with insight into how others perceive their leadership style and attitude.

(d) Additionally, OCs must be prepared to objectively evaluate subordinates upon commissioning. Each OC will rank their fellow squad members numerically from first to last. The OC will also provide a brief but concise statement as to the leadership strengths and weaknesses that prompted them to place their fellow OCs in these positions. This statement must comment on performance in the leadership traits, which resulted in the rating.

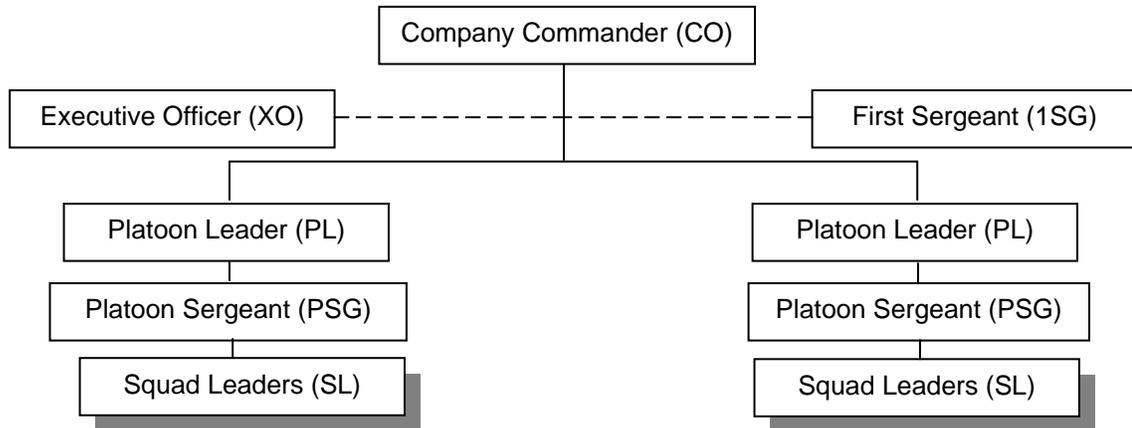
Chapter 7

ORGANIZATION OF CANDIDATE COMPANIES

7-1. General.

a. Officer Candidates occupy all of the command and leadership positions within the OCS company. A normal tour of duty is 24 hours in length; however, tours of duty during Phase II and Phase III are situational dependant and are at the discretion of the TAC Staff.

b. Company organization:



7-2. Duties of the Chain of Command.

a. Company Commander (CO).

(1) General Duties: The Candidate Company Commander is responsible for all that the Company does or fails to do. He plans, makes timely decisions, issues orders, delegates tasks, and personally supervises Company activities. The primary responsibility of the student commander is to gain and maintain control of the company, set the example for his company.

(2). The Candidate Commander exercises command through the Candidate Executive Officer (XO), Candidate First Sergeant (1SG), and Candidate Platoon Leaders (PL's).

(3) He is responsible for the morale, welfare, control, and discipline of the Company. He will:

- a. Supervise the XO and 1SG in accomplishing their missions.
- b. Supervise PL's in supporting and enforcing all standards, policies, and procedures set forth in the OCS program. Take positive action to correct deficiencies.
- c. Be responsible for all status reports.
- d. Move the Company to and from instruction areas in a military manner.
- e. Enforce all policies and procedures for proper conduct of course.
- f. The CO must know his duties, responsibilities and actions IAW FM 3-21.5 (D&C).
- g. When training at platoon level the CO will attend all training periods with his platoon.

h. In the absence of specific instructions, guidance or orders, the CO will make those decisions necessary to accomplish the mission in accordance with established procedures, safety considerations and common sense.

(4) The CO maintains the CO's book and has it ready for inspection at all times. The CO's book will be neat, presentable, and updated. At a minimum, it includes the following.

- a. Medical Evacuation Procedures
- b. Emergency First-Aid Procedures
- c. Training Schedule
- d. DFAC Menu and Schedule
- e. Daily Weather Information, with Wet Bulb Information, if applicable
- f. Current OC Roster
- g. TAC Duty Roster to include building numbers, room numbers and phone numbers
- h. Installation Maps (Cantonment and Tactical)
- i. Relevant Installation telephone and building numbers
- j. Tabbed FM 3-21.5 (Drill and Ceremony)
- k. Tabbed FM 21-20 (Physical Fitness Training)
- l. AR 670-1 (Wear and Appearance of Army Uniforms and Insignia)
- m. AR 25-50 (Preparing and Managing Correspondence)

b. Executive Officer (XO).

(1) General Duties; The XO is the principal assistant to the Candidate Commander. The XO should do everything possible to relieve the Commander of administrative burdens through the proper management of his resources.

(2) The XO acts as the chief advisor to the Commander and assumes command to the Company in the absence of the commander.

(3) The XO coordinates with the principal instructor for each block of instruction before scheduled training for any special requirements. Upon receiving those instructions, he will report to the CO.

(4) The XO coordinates with the TAC Company Commander and Food Service Manager for special and ordinary mess needs, including special rations, changes in mess times, and amendments to and implementation of Dining Facility policies.

(5) The XO coordinates with the TAC Company Commander and TAC Company Executive Officer for arms issue and turn-in. The XO supervises all supply operations and arrangements.

(6) The XO monitors heat categories and other natural dangers, which threaten warm-weather training, and reports any dangers up the chain-of-command immediately.

(7) The XO must know his duties, responsibilities and actions IAW FM 3-21.5 (D&C).

(8) The XO is responsible for barracks and building security to include the location of all keys.

(9) The XO is responsible for all sensitive items.

(10) The XO will ensure that all Officer Candidates report for formal counseling (Performance Counseling) with a Self-Assessment Report (SAR).

(11) The XO maintains the XO's book and has it ready for inspection at all times. The XO's book will be neat, presentable, and updated. At a minimum, it includes the following.

- a. Medical Evacuation Procedures
 - b. Emergency First-Aid Procedures
 - c. Training Schedule
 - d. DFAC Menu and Schedule
 - e. Daily Weather Information, with Wet Bulb Information, if applicable
 - f. Current OC Roster
 - g. TAC Duty Roster to include building numbers, room numbers and phone numbers
 - h. Installation Maps (Cantonment and Tactical)
 - i. Relevant Installation telephone and building numbers
 - j. Tabbed FM 3-21.5 (Drill and Ceremony)
 - k. Tabbed FM 21-20 (Physical Fitness Training)
 - l. AR 670-1 (Wear and Appearance of Army Uniforms and Insignia)
 - m. AR 25-50 (Preparing and Managing Correspondence)
- c. First Sergeant (1SG).

(1) General Duties: The 1SG monitors and coordinates control of all matters pertaining to logistical requirements and administrative actions. Active communication and supervision through the Platoon Sergeants is essential; however, this communication will complement the formal chain-of-command not circumvent it.

(2) Accountability: Accountability of all soldiers is an essential and constant process of updates. The 1SG will maintain an accurate accountability status report at all times. (This will be defaulted to the PSG when platoon level training is incurred.) The 1SG will prepare a report of the Company accountability and submit it to the Company TAC or his representative. This report will be updated following formations or changes in personnel status. This report should be generated prior to formation whenever possible to provide for time constraints. PSGs will make an informal report to include any OCs not present for duty and the reason for their absence. The completed report will include:

- a. Number of OCs Assigned
- b. Number of OCs Present
- c. Names of absent OCs
- d. Reason OC is absent
- e. Estimated time of Return for Absent OCs

(3) The 1SG will form the company and receive report IAW FM 3-21.5, Chapter 7.

(4) The 1SG must set the example for all NCOs.

(5) The 1SG must know his duties, responsibilities and actions IAW FM 3-21.5 (D&C).

(6) The 1SG must monitor and coordinate all mess, logistics and company administration needs with the XO.

(7) When training is conducted at platoon level, the 1SG will train with his platoon.

(8) The 1SG will ensure at least one police call is conducted of his company area during his tour of duty.

d. Platoon Leader (PL).

(1) General Duties: The PL commands the platoon and is responsible for the morale, welfare, and discipline of his subordinates. The Platoon Leader is ultimately responsible for everything the platoon does or fails to do.

(2) The PL commands primarily through Squad Leaders (SL), delegating authority through the Platoon Sergeant.

(3) The PL must set the example for his platoon.

(4) The PL must know his duties, responsibilities and actions IAW FM 3-21.5 (D&C).

(5) The Platoon Leader will ensure that:

- a. Proper accountability is maintained.
- b. PSG and SLs fulfill their responsibilities.
- c. Platoon members receive necessary information for the platoon to accomplish assigned missions.
- d. An equitable distribution of details and privileges exists and OC's personal needs are taken care of.
- e. SLs inspect their squads before each formation and correct deficiencies.
- f. OCs are spot-checked for appearance, required knowledge, and preparedness for training.
- g. Platoon TAC Officers receive daily briefings of the status of the platoon. This briefing includes, but is not limited to, morale, personnel problems, inspection results, anticipated problems, and planned courses of action for improving platoon performance.
- h. OCs inspect weapons, maintain accountability of all sensitive items, and platoon equipment before and during training, and before turn-in.
- i. A Platoon notebook is maintained with an annotated platoon roster, broken down by squad.

e. Platoon Sergeant (PSG).

(1) General Duties: The PSG is the principle assistant to the platoon leader and will assume command of the platoon in the absence of the platoon leader.

(2) The PSG must know his duties, responsibilities and actions IAW FM 3-21.5 (D&C).

(3) The PSG monitors and coordinates all logistical and administrative needs with the 1SG.

(4) The PSG will:

- (a) Maintain accurate accountability of platoon members, accountability of sensitive items and platoon equipment at all times and keep the chain-of-command informed of the accountability status.
- (b) Conduct formations in accordance with FM 3-21.5 and the OC Guide.

- (c) Enforce the regulations and directives of OCS.
 - (d) Ensure the platoon maintains and accounts for assigned equipment at all times.
 - (e) Relay pertinent information to the platoon in a timely manner.
 - (f) Maintain control of and ensure compliance of all SOPs.
 - (g) Assist the PL in conducting inspections.
 - (h) Ensure the platoon bulletin board is up to date.
- f. Squad Leader (SL).
- (1) General Duties: The SL is the direct supervisor of the individual squad members.
 - (2) The SL must know his duties, responsibilities and actions IAW FM 3-21.5 (D&C).
 - (3) The SL will ensure that:
 - a. Squad status is maintained, including the location and activity of members.
 - b. Squad members maintain and account for all issued property.
 - c. Personal appearance, uniform appearance, and personal hygiene of all squad members are to the highest possible standards.
 - d. The squad is prepared to accomplish assigned missions.
 - e. The squad's billeting area is inspection-ready at all times.
 - f. The squad completes all details to the highest standards possible.
 - g. Each OC knows the mission to be accomplished and the required knowledge material.
 - h. All squad members are informed.

7-3 Using the Chain of Command. The Chain of Command is a tool for command and communication. Messages flow both down and up. It is a dynamic system with only one concrete concept: It must follow the company rank structure. The following is an example of its use (8 Troop Leading Procedures):

a. The CO receives a task from higher up (training schedule, TAC Officer, etc.) (#1 Receive the Mission). The CO issues a warning order to the XO, PL's and the 1SG (#2 Issue a Warning Order). The warning order should contain Situation, Mission, a Tentative Plan, Special Equipment Requirements, Uniform, Time and Place of OPORD. While the CO prepares his OPORD (#3 Make a Tentative Plan), the PLs will issue a warning order to their PSGs and platoons. The XO will prepare to procure items necessary for the company to complete its mission (classrooms, training aids, arrange for food) (#4 Initiate Necessary Movement & #5 Reconnoiter). This will be accomplished through the S4 (supply and logistics). The 1SG will assist the XO by collecting requests from the PSGs. The PL will work with the PSG to ready the platoon for the mission. The PSG will coordinate and delegate tasks to the SLs to ready their squads for action (proper uniform and equipment, water...).

b. The CO will use all available information gathered from the XO and 1SG during the reconnaissance process for his Operation Order (#6 Complete the Plan). The XO, PLs and 1SG will meet the CO at the predetermined time and location to receive the OPORD. The CO will issue the OPORD (#7 Issue the Complete OPORD). The CO will then conduct rehearsals for the operation (#8 Supervise & Refine. **This is critical to the success or failure of the mission.**)

c. Once the OPORD is issued; the XO will make final requests and preparations. The PLs, using the CO OPORD, will write their platoon OPORDs. They will then issue their OPORDs to the PSGs and platoons. Final preparations and request will be made. The 1SG is responsible for having the company formed and accounted for at the appropriate time.

This is not the only way to use the Chain of Command. Being a dynamic system, it can be manipulated to fit any situation. Creativity with its use will be a measure of success as an OC leader.

7-4. The Five-Paragraph Operation Order. The OPORD is the CO's written plan for the mission. It contains 5 paragraphs. (Refer to FM 3-21.8, Chapter 5 for detailed information).

Task Organization – Explains how the unit is organized for the operation.

1. Situation – Provides information essential to the subordinate leader's understanding of the situation.

a. Enemy forces

- (1) Disposition, composition and strength
- (2) Capabilities
- (3) Most Probable Course of Action

b. Friendly forces

- (1) Higher Unit
- (2) Left Unit's Mission
- (3) Right Unit's Mission
- (4) Forward Unit's Mission

c. Attachments and Detachments

2. Mission – Provide a clear and concise statement of the task to be accomplished and the purpose for doing it. (Who, What, When Where, and Why)

3. Execution

Intent – Give the stated vision that defines the purpose of the operation and the desired end state.

a. Concept of the Operation – Explanation, in general terms, HOW the platoon, as a whole, will accomplish the mission. Identify the most important task for the platoon. Attempt to limit this paragraph to six sentences.

- (1) Maneuver – Address all squads and attachments by name, giving each of them an essential task.
- (2) Fires – Refer to the concept of fire support to synchronize and complement the scheme of maneuver.

b. Tasks to Maneuver Units - Specific instructions for subordinate elements other than those in Paragraph 3.a.(1).

c. Tasks to Combat Support Units – if attached.

d. Coordinating Instructions – List the details of coordination and control applicable to two or more units in the platoon. May include timeline, MOPP Level, order of march, etc.

4. Service support - (This paragraph is of particular interest to the XO and 1SG)

a. General – Refer to any SOP's that govern the sustainment of the operation.

b. Material & Services.

- (1) Supply - List needed supplies and services.
- (2) Transportation - Schedule, constraints and limitations, and methods.
- (3) Services.
- (4) Maintenance.
- (5) Medical Evacuation.
 - (a) Personnel
 - (b) Miscellaneous

5. Command and signal

a. Command

- (1) Location of commanders
- (2) Location of second in command
- (3) Succession of command

b. Signal

- (1) SOI if appropriate
- (2) Emergency signals if necessary
- (3) Challenge / Password

Chapter 8
TRAINING

8-1. Phase 0 Requirements.

a. APFT # 1 – Must pass standard APFT IAW FM 21-20 within 60 days of (and prior to day one of) Phase I training.

b. Course prerequisites – Must provide all required documentation to confirm candidate meets course prerequisites prior to the start of Phase I.

8-2. Phase I Requirements. The following events must be successfully completed prior to the end of Phase I.

a. Five-mile foot march - Must complete five-mile foot march without assistance within 1 hour and 45 minutes. Uniform must include BDU/ACU, LBE/LBV with two full canteens at the start, KEVLAR, M16 Rifle, and ruck sack (35-40 lbs at the beginning and completion of the march).

b. Peer evaluation # 1 – Must complete peer evaluation # 1.

c. POI Training – Must attend or makeup all Phase I POI training listed in the table below.

PHASE I			
Lesson Number		Lesson Title	Hours
<u>ADMINISTRATIVE</u>	6835	First Sergeant Briefing	0.5
	6836	Company Commander Orientation	0.5
	6837	Senior TAC Briefing	0.5
	6838	Platoon TAC Briefing	0.5
	6840	Personnel Processing & Precommissioning Orientation	3.5
	6842	OCSOP Orientation	1
	6843	Physical Training (Phase 1)	8
	6845	Battalion Commanders Welcome	0.5
	6846	Honor Code Orientation	1
	6847	Initial TAC Interview	2.5
	6853	Standards for Inspections/Inspections	2
	6855	Class Opening	1
	6872	Peer Performance Rating (Phase 1)	4
	6877	Chain-of-Command & Performance Counseling (Ph.1)	15
	6916	End of Phase Critique	1
	6959	Study Hall	12
<u>FIELD LDRSHIP & LAND NAV</u>	6864	FLX-0 (Land Navigation Train-up)	36
(EXAM 1)	6966	Applied Map Reading Exam	1
	6968	Applied Map Reading (Exam 1)	7
	6971	Land Navigation Diagnostic (Individual)	8
	6974	Land Navigation Exam Day and Night	8
<u>ARMY TRNG MNGMENT</u>	6962	Risk Management	2
	1090	The Army Training Management System (Exam 2)	5
(EXAM 2)	1091	The Army Training Management System Exam	1
<u>LEADERSHIP</u>	1394	Soldier Team Development (Tested in PH II Leadership Exam)	4
<u>TACTICS</u>	1079	Introduction to Combat Orders (Tested in PH II Operations Exam)	1
* Note – Exam number does not indicate actual sequence, see training schedule for actual sequence.			

Classes with (Exam #) indicate which exam that class is tested.		
Lesson Number	Lesson Title	Hours
1081	Troop Leading Procedures (OCS) (Tested in PH II Operations Exam)	4
GEN SUBJ & SPEC TRNG	6857	5-Mile Foot March
	6854	Establish an Individual Fitness Program
	6904	Introduction to Drill and Ceremonies
	6921	Warrior Tasks and Battle Drills--Phase I (WTBD-1)
	8338	Cultural Awareness
	8667	Battlemind for Junior Leaders
		TOTAL PHASE I HOURS
		168
* Note – Exam number does not indicate actual sequence, see training schedule for actual sequence. Classes with (Exam #) indicate which exam that class is tested.		

d. Examinations – Must pass all four Phase I exams or retests. Candidate must score 70% or greater on each exam. Phase I exams include: Army Training Management System, Applied Map Reading, Land Navigation Day Practical, and Land Navigation Night Practical. All exams and retest must be completed prior to the end of Phase I.

e. Leadership Position Evaluations – Must receive and complete a minimum of one leadership position evaluation during Phase I. See Chapter 6 of this OC Guide for details concerning the Leadership Assessment Program.

f. Warrior Task Battle Drills (WTBD) – Candidates must instruct at least one of the WTBDs and demonstrate task mastery through skill application of all WTBDs. Candidates must receive a go on all WTBDs and have documented evidence of task mastery on each task.

g. Must be recommended by the OCS company commander (by signature on End of Course Summary Sheet Phase I) as possessing the ability to acquire the leadership skills, attitudes and knowledge required of a second lieutenant prior to graduating Phase I training and beginning Phase II training.

8-3. Phase II Requirements. The following events must be successfully completed prior to the end of Phase II.

a. Peer evaluation # 2 - Must complete peer evaluation # 2.

b. POI Training – Must attend or makeup all Phase II POI training listed in the table below.

PHASE II		
Lesson Number	Lesson Title	Hours
SUPPLY ACTIVITES	1157	Supervise Supply Activities (Exam 3)
(EXAM 3)	1158	Supervise Supply Activities Exam
ELEMENTS OF MIL. INTEL.	1311	Elements of Military Intelligence (Exam 4)
(EXAM 4)	1312	Elements of Military Intelligence Exam
CALL FOR FIRE	1627	Call for Fire (Exam 5)
(EXAM 5)	1628	Call for Fire Exam
LEADERSHIP	1390	Introduction to Military Leadership (Exam 6)
	1391	Military Ethics I (Exam 6)
	1392	Ethical Decision Making/Prof Mil E II (Exam 6)
	1393	Planning and Supervision (Exam 6)
	1395	Personnel Management System (Exam 6)
(EXAM 6)	1396	Leadership Examination
* Note – Exam number does not indicate actual sequence, see training schedule for actual sequence. Classes with (Exam #) indicate which exam that class is tested.		

(PHASE II CONT.)			
Lesson Number		Lesson Title	Hours
<u>MILITARY JUSTICE</u>	1543	Employ Military Justice (Exam 7)	4
	1544	Law of Land Warfare (Exam 7)	1
	(EXAM 7) 1545	Military Justice Exam	1
<u>HERITAGE AND HISTORY</u>	1776	Military History (Exam 8)	6
	(EXAM 8) 1777	Military History Exam	1
	6861	Heritage of Officer Candidate School	1
	6862	The Role of the NCO/Officer and Warrant Officer	2
<u>TACTICS</u>	1080	Principals of the Defense (Exam 9)	2
	1082	Introduction to Army Operations and Principals of War (Exam 9)	2.5
	(EXAM 9) 1084	Tactics Exam	1
	6865	Principals of Offense (Exam 9)	2
<u>OPERATIONS</u>	1086	Graphic Representation (Exam 10)	2
	1087	The Platoon Operation Order (Exam 10)	6
	1088	Staff Organization (Exam 10)	1
	(EXAM 10) 1089	Operations Exam	1
<u>COMMUNICATIVE SKILLS</u>	1755	Reading Diagnostic	1
	1756	Effective Listening	1
	1757	Clarity	1
	1758	Conciseness	1
	1759	Reading	1
	1760	Briefings	1
	1761	Grammar	1
	1762	Editing	1
<u>FIELD LDRSHIP, G.S. AND SPEC TRNG</u>	1717	Communicate by Tactical Radio	3
	6850	MG Theory	2
	6860	US Army Organization	1.5
	6866	Conduct a Military Briefing	10
	6868	FLX I	48
	6873	7-Mile Foot March	3
	6888	Army's Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Training	2
	6938	Prevention of Sexual Harassment (POSH)	2
	6893	Ethics Case Study (w/staff ride) (OPTIONAL)	0
	6907	Develop a Company/Platoon Combatives Program	3
	6908	10-Mile Foot March	4
	6913	OCPDs	6
	6914	Officership	1
	6927	Warrior Tasks and Battle Drills - Phase 2 (WTBD-2)	16
	6935	3-Mile Formation Run	1
<u>ADMINISTRATIVE</u>	6844	Physical Training (Phase 2)	18
	6871	Peer Performance Rating Counseling (Phase 2)	3
	6877	Chain of Command & Performance Counseling	15
	6881	Command Inspection (Phase 2)	3
	6884	Officer Branch Briefing	3

* Note – Exam number does not indicate actual sequence, see training schedule for actual sequence. Classes with (Exam #) indicate which exam that class is tested.

(PHASE II CONT.)		
Lesson Number	Lesson Title	Hours
6887	Dining-in (OPTIONAL)	0
6839	Army Physical Fitness Test	2.5
6895	End of Phase Counseling	2
6915	Conduct an After Action Review	1
6916	End of Phase Critique	1
6959	Study Hall	15
TOTAL PHASE II HOURS		241.5

c. Examinations – Must pass all eight Phase II exams or retests. Candidate must score 70% or greater on each exam. Phase II exams include: Operations, Tactics, Call for Fire, Leadership, Military Justice, Heritage and History, Supply Activities and Elements of Military Intelligence. All exams and retest must be completed prior to the end of Phase II.

d. Peer evaluation # 3 - Must complete peer evaluation # 3.

e. Seven-mile foot march - Must complete the seven mile foot march without assistance within 2 hours and 30 minutes. Uniform must include ACU, LBE/LBV, HELMET, M16 Rifle, and ruck sack (35-40 lbs not including water at the beginning and completion of the march).

f. Ten-mile foot march - Must complete the ten-mile foot march without assistance within 3 hours and 30 minutes. Uniform must include BDU/ACU, LBE/LBV, HELMET, M16 Rifle, and ruck sack (35-40 lbs not including water at the beginning and completion of the march).

g. APFT # 2 - Must pass standard APFT IAW FM 21-20 within 60 days of Phase III start date. For Accelerated OCS Phase II APFT # 2 must be prior to and within 20 days of Phase III start date.

h. Three Mile Formation Run - Three Mile Formation Run - Uniform will be the IPFU. Candidates must complete the 3-mile formation run without walking or stopping and cannot be assisted in any way. If a candidate walks or stops during the run, this will be regarded as failing the run. Candidates will retest in the event of failing the run. Candidates that fail will have at least one week to retrain. If the candidate fails the retest, then he/she will be dropped or recycled from the course.

i. Leadership Position Evaluations – Must receive and complete a minimum of one leadership position evaluation during Phase II. Candidate must attain an “E” or an “S” to move on to Phase III. See Chapter 6 of this OC Guide for details concerning the Leadership Assessment Program.

j. Must be recommended by the OCS company commander (by signature on End of Course Summary Sheet Phase II) as possessing the ability to acquire the leadership skills, attitudes and knowledge required of a second lieutenant prior to graduating Phase II training and beginning Phase III training.

8-4. Phase III Requirements. The following events must be successfully completed prior to the end of Phase III.

a. Combat Water Survival Test – Must attempt the 3 event combat water swim test.

b. Obstacle or Confidence Course. Must conduct obstacle or confidence course training and make a valid attempt at each obstacle on the course.

c. POI Training – Must attend all Phase III POI training listed in the table below.

PHASE III		
Lesson Number	Lesson Title	Hours
<u>ADMINISTRATIVE</u> 6848	CIF Issue	2.5
6877	COC & Performance Counseling	15
6896	CIF Turn-in	12
6898	In/Outprocessing Procedures	3

6900	Graduation Formal	4
PHASE III		
Lesson Number	Lesson Title	Hours
6902	Graduation	4
6903	Swearing in Ceremony	1
6916	End of Phase Critique	1
<u>FIELD LDRSHIP & SPEC. TRNG</u> 1085	Conduct a Tactical TEWT OCS	8
6851	Confidence/Obstacle Course	5
6856	Combat Water Survival Test	5
6858	Leader's Reaction Course	5
6878	Field Leadership Exercise 2 (FLX 2)	168
TOTAL PHASE III HOURS		233.5

d. Leadership Reaction Course (LRC) – Must participate as a squad member and as a squad leader at LRC training. The Field Leadership Evaluation Report (FLER) is used to evaluate and counsel the squad leader for each station on their performance. This evaluation is in addition to the evaluation the candidate receives during FLX II, operations.

e. Leadership Position Evaluations – Must receive and complete a minimum of one leadership position evaluation during Phase III. Candidate must attain an “E” or an “S” on their FLX II operations evaluation to graduate Phase III. See Chapter 6 of this OC Guide for details concerning the Leadership Assessment Program.

f. Must be recommended by the OCS company commander (by signature on End of Course Summary Sheet Phase III) as possessing the leadership skills, attitudes and knowledge required of a second lieutenant prior to graduating Phase III and OCS.

8-5. Remedial Training.

a. Remediation retrains candidates who have failed to demonstrate task mastery or who have failed to obtain a passing score (70%) on an end-of-module exam. Remediation must be taken seriously by both the instructor and the candidate to ensure the candidate fully understands the material. Retesting does not occur until remedial training is completed. All remedial training and retesting must be reflected on the company / battalion training schedule and cannot be scheduled during other POI required training.

b. Remediation can be accomplished in a variety of ways. Assigned readings, one-on-one tutoring, additional supervised practice or a combination of the three. Remediation must not be scheduled during other scheduled academics or POI required training. There is no requirement for the instructor who originally taught the module to conduct the retraining.

c. Other candidates may be assigned as peer tutors. If a candidate needs additional assistance in mastering a skill, the instructor can select another candidate who has already demonstrated task mastery. Frequently, a peer tutor is more effective than an instructor or cadre member because they have the student’s perspective. The same candidate should not be selected more than once per phase to act as a peer tutor, unless they agree otherwise. This technique should be used sparingly and must be supervised by an instructor or cadre member.

Chapter 9
REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE

9-1. Requirements. The following is the list of required knowledge. The TAC Staff will inform the Officer Candidates of the suspense by which they must be able to recite each item verbatim.

a. Chain of Command.

Permanent Chain of Command

Commander in Chief	RTI Commander
Secretary of Defense	Battalion Commander
Secretary of the Army	Senior TAC Officer
Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff	Company Commander
Army Chief of Staff	First Sergeant
Chief, NGB	Platoon TAC Officer/NCO
State Adjutant General	

b. OCS Honor Code.

An Officer Candidate will not lie, cheat, or steal, nor tolerate those who do.

c. General Orders.

1. I will guard everything within the limits of my post and quit my post only when properly relieved.
2. I will obey my special orders and perform all my duties in a military manner.
3. I will report violations of my special orders, emergencies and anything not covered in my instructions to the Commander of the Relief.

d. Army Values.

- (1) Loyalty: Bear true faith and allegiance to the U.S. Constitution, the Army, and other soldiers.
- (2) Duty: Fulfill your obligations.
- (3) Respect: Treat people as they should be treated.
- (4) Selfless-Service: Put the welfare of the nation, the Army and your subordinates before your own.
- (5) Honor: Live up to all the Army values.
- (6) Integrity: Do what's right, legally and morally.
- (7) Personal Courage: Face fear, danger, or adversity (physical and moral).

e. LEADERSHIP DEFINED (FM 6-22). Leadership is influencing people-by providing purpose, direction and motivation-while operating to accomplish the mission and improving the organization

f. The Troop Leading Procedures.

- (1) Receive the Mission
- (2) Issue the Warning Order
- (3) Make a Tentative Plan
- (4) Initiate Necessary Troop Movement
- (5) Conduct Reconnaissance
- (6) Complete the Plan
- (7) Issue the Complete Order
- (8) Supervise

g. The Estimate of the Situation.

- (1) Detailed mission analysis.
- (2) Situation and courses of action.
- (3) Analyze courses of action; wargame.
- (4) Compare courses of action.
- (5) Decision.

h. The Five-Paragraph Operation Order.

TASK ORGANIZATION

- (1) SITUATION
- (2) MISSION
- (3) EXECUTION
- (4) SERVICE SUPPORT
- (5) COMMAND AND SIGNAL

i. SALUTE REPORT:

- S - Size
- A - Activity
- L - Location
- U - Uniform
- T - Time
- E - Equipment

j. Code of Conduct.

I am an American fighting man. I serve in the forces which guard my country and our way of life. I am prepared to give my life in their defense.

I will never surrender of my own free will. If in command I will never surrender my men while they still have the means to resist.

If I am captured I will continue to resist by all means available. I will make every effort to escape and will aid others to escape. I will accept neither parole nor special favors from the enemy.

If I become a prisoner of war, I will keep faith with my fellow prisoners. I will give no information or take part in any action which might be harmful to my comrades. If I am senior, I will take command. If not, I will obey the lawful orders of those appointed over me and will back them up in every way.

When questioned, should I become a prisoner of war, I am required to give only my name, rank, service number, and date of birth. I will evade further questions to the best of my ability. I will make no oral or written statements disloyal to my country and its allies or harmful to their cause.

I will never forget that I am an American fighting man, responsible for my actions, and dedicated to the principles which made my country free. I will trust in my God and in the United States of America.

k. Three Transmissions of a Call for Fire.

- (1) First transmission: Observer identification and warning order.

Example: H24 THIS IS N59, ADJUST FIRE, OVER

- (2) Second transmission: Target location.

Example: GRID CF123456, OVER

- (3) Third transmission: Target description, method of engagement method of fire and control.

Example: TANK IN OPEN, ICM IN EFFECT, OVER

I. 9-Line Medevac Request.

Line 1: Location of pickup site.

Line 2: Frequency and call sign at pickup site.

Line 3: Number of patients by precedence (Urgent, Priority, Routine, Convenience).

Line 4: Special equipment required.

Line 5: Number of patients by type (# litter & # ambulatory).

Line 6: Type of wound, injury, illness.

Line 7: Method of marking pickup site.

Line 8: Patient nationality and status.

Line 9: Landing Zone description.

m. Terrain Analysis (OACOK)

Obstacles

Avenues of Approach

Cover and Concealment

Observation and Fields of Fire

Key Terrain

n. METT-TC

Mission

Enemy

Troops

Terrain

Time Available

Civilian Considerations

o. Soldier's Creed

I am an American Soldier.

I am a Warrior and a member of a team.

I serve the people of the United States and live the Army Values.

I will always place the mission first.

I will never accept defeat.

I will never quit.

I will never leave a fallen comrade.

I am disciplined, physically and mentally tough, trained and proficient in my warrior tasks and battle drills.

I always maintain my arms, my equipment and myself.

I am an expert and I am a professional.

I stand ready to deploy, engage, and destroy the enemies of the United States of America in close combat.

I am a guardian of freedom and the American way of life.

I am an American Soldier.

APPENDIX A
PACKING LIST

SD OCS Clothing and Equipment Checklist

DEC 08

MINIMUM QUANTITY	ITEM DESCRIPTION	NOTES	PACKED
HOME STATE S-1 / ADMIN ISSUED ITEMS			
1 each	Identification Card, Military		
1 pair	Tags, Personnel ID w/ chain		
1 each	Drivers License (Mil / Civ)		
1 each	FM 3-21.8 (7-8) Infantry Rifle Platoon & Squad		
5 copies ea	Orders: PH 1 (PH II, PH III - if Accelerated)		
ISSUED CLOTHING			
2 each	Belt, Trousers		
2 pair	Boots, Combat, Desert		
1 pair	Boots, Wet Weather (overshoes)		
2 each	Cap, ACU w/name tape		
1 each	Trousers, ECWS (Gore-Tex™)		
1 each	Coat, Cold Weather, ACU or Jacket, Gore-Tex		
1 each	Coat, Wet Weather		
1 pair	Gloves, Shell, Black Leather w/ inserts		
6 each	Coat, ACU with Velcro Name Tapes & Flag		
1 each	Jacket, IPFU		
1 pair	Pants, IPFU		
1 each	Shirt, long sleeve, IPFU		
2 each	Shirt, short sleeve, IPFU		
2 each	Shorts, black, IPFU		
1 each	Cap. knit, black (watch cap) or Grey Fleece		
10 pair	Socks, Wool, Boot (Green or Black)		
6 pair	Trousers, ACU		
1 each	Trousers, Wet Weather		
10 each	Undershirt, Sand		
INDIVIDUAL EQUIPMENT			
1 each	Bag, Duffel		
1 each	Bag, Sleeping (Mummy or MSS)		
1 each	Bag, Waterproof		
1 each	Bag, Laundry		
1 each	Belt, Individual Equipment		
2 each	Canteen, Water, Plastic (1 qt)		
1 each	Case, First Aid with field dressing	Case not required w/ LBV	
2 each	Case, Small Arms	Not required w/ LBV	
1 each	Compass, Lensatic with case & Lanyard (FUNCTIONAL & MILITARY ISSUE)		
2 each	Cover, Canteen		
2 each	Cup, Canteen	Minimum of 1	

1 each	Entrenching Tool w/ Carrier		
1 each	Flashlight, (w/ all lenses and batteries)		
2 each	Frame, Strap, shoulder (ALICE) 1 LEFT & 1 RIGHT		
1 each	Helmet, PASGT (Kevlar OR ACH) (Without cover)		
1 set	Knee/Elbow Pads		
1 each	Poncho		
1 each	Liner, Poncho		
1 each	Map Case, Green or Camo		
1 each	Mat, Sleeping		
1 each	Ruck, ALICE, with frame (recommend LARGE)		
1 pair	Suspenders, individual equipment or Tactical Load Bearing Vest		
HOME STATE ISSUED ITEMS			
1 each	Bee-sting allergy kit (by prescription)		
5 each	Bag, Zip-Lock, Plastic (12 x 12)		
5 each	Bag, Zip-Lock, Plastic (8 x 8)		
5 each	Bag, Zip-Lock, Plastic (6 x 6)		
1 pair	Plug, Ear w/ case		
3 each	Pen, Black, ball-point		
2 each	Pen, Sharpie, fine point, black		
1 each	Ruler, 12" Clear		
1 each	Sewing Kit		
2 each	Book, Memo 3.5" x 4.5"		
1 each	Marker, Permanent, Black		
1 each	Notebook, Steno Type		
2 packs	Index Cards, 3" x 5" (100 per pack)		
1 set	Pens, Alcohol, super fine, red, blue, black, green		
1 each	Pen, cleaning (alcohol)		
2 each	Pencil, mechanical		
2 each	Coordinate Scale and Protractor		
1 each	Camouflage Compact or Stick		
1 each	Calamine Lotion		
1 each	Chigg-Away		
1 each	Foot Powder		
1 each	Insect Repellant		
1 each	Lipstick, Anti-Chap		
1 each	Pre-Sun 15, 4 oz		
1 each	Whistle, Plastic, Black or Dark Green		
1 each	Camelback (color per AR 670-1) OR 2qt canteen w/cover		
1 each	Athletic Supporter (Male) w/ cup		
3 each	Brassiere, Athletic/Sports type (Female)		
1 kit	Shoe Shine Kit, Desert boot Cleaning Kit		
1 pair	Shoes, Running (conservative in color)		
1 pair	Shoes, shower (conservative in color)		

COMMON ITEMS			
2 pair	Laces, Combat Boot (spares)		
25 feet	Parchute/550 cord		
5 pair	Mid Calf Socks, White, Running (no logos or stripes)		
1 role	Black electrical tape		
1 set	Sand Table Kit for Phase II & III		
1 pair	Eye Protection (PPE)		
2 each	Tabs, Blousing (Velcro)		
1 kit	Toilet Articles, (as required): toothbrush, toothbrush case, toothpaste, soap, soap dish, shaving gear, mirror, comb or small brush, feminine hygiene articles, dental floss, mouthwash, antiperspirant. No electric razors		
4 each	Towel, Bath, White or Brown		
2 each	Washcloth, White or Brown		
10 each	Underwear, White, Black, Brown or Sand		
3 each	Padlock, combination (SERVICEABLE, must fit on duffle bag)		
1 each	Watch, Wrist (Black/Green/Sand)		
1 pair	Blousing rubbers (elastic with hooks)		
10 each	Coat Hangers, Copper		
2 pair	Government Issued eyeglasses w/ strap (if required by prescrip; no contacts) 1 pr worn, 1 extra		
1 set	Civilian clothes (worn in transit)		
4 each	Battery, D cell (2 in flashlight)		
	Money to cover incidental and possible prescriptions drugs expenses – do not bring excessive amounts of money to training. Students need to have the financial capability to pay for any prescriptions drugs they may receive at OCS. Reimbursement will be thru TRICARE/LOD procedures/policies.		
OPTIONAL ITEMS			
1 pair	Boots, ECWS (Gore-Tex™) or Extra Pair of Boots		
3 each	Long Sleeve T-shirt, Sand		
	Cold Weather Under Armor Top and Bottoms	May replace Polypro	
2 each	Top, Underwear, Polypropylene		
2 each	Bottom, Underwear, Polypropylene		
1 each	Boonie Hat, ACU pattern	No name or rank	

The Following is a list of items prohibited at OCS:

1. Tobacco products, to include smokeless.
2. Alcohol.
3. Any supplements taken to enhance performance.
4. Medications not prescribed by a Physician.
5. Contact lenses.
6. Cosmetics.
7. Hair nets and curlers.
8. Perfumes, colognes, or after-shave.
9. Body sprays, Aerosol Products, lighters.
10. Electric or battery operated razors.
11. Digital/tape recorders, CD players, Walkman, MP3 players.
12. Radios, portable TV/ DVD players.
13. **Cellular phones.** *
14. Pagers, beepers.
15. Laptop/palmtop computers.
16. Global positioning devices.
17. Magazines.
18. Newspapers.
19. Bayonets, fixed-blade knives, or knives with a blade over 3”.
20. Perfumed or scented lotions (unscented lotions are not prohibited).
21. Any handheld electronic devices (i.e., video game players, palm pilot, organizers).
22. Adult material of any kind.
23. Vitamins.
24. Personal Firearms

* Cell phones may be authorized at a later date as a privilege for improving status. You may bring your cell phone to Ft. Meade, but it will probably be stored with your personal gear in a locked room initially.

APPENDIX B
CANDIDATE AUTOBIOGRAPHY

PREPARING THE OCS STUDENT AUTOBIOGRAPHY

B-1. SUBJECT AREA: Written Communication.

B-2. ASSIGNMENT: Write an OCS Student autobiography of 4-5 pages (1000 words max.)

B-3. ASSIGNMENT INFORMATION:

a. Substance: Generally speaking, a writer reflects upon and describes his/her life, or part of it, in an autobiography. For your first assignment as an OCS student, we ask that you write an OCS Student autobiography, focusing on that part of your life which has led you to consider becoming an Army Officer. Here are some suggestions for proceeding with this assignment:

(1) Present vital statistics: date, place of birth, places of residence, schools you have attended, family background, and prior military service or experiences.

(2) Describe special events in your life; relate circumstances and happenings that make you different, that help make you what you are, and that you expect your audience to find memorable.

(3) Tell what you expect to contribute to society through gaining an education and what you may contribute by completing OCS requirements and gaining a commission.

NOTE: One of your principle writing tasks is to develop a fluid, readable narrative of your life, so do not merely list responses to these suggested questions. Instead, weave your responses into a narrative story of your life and your expectations in life and how this relates to your goal of earning a commission in the military.

b. Format: Final paper will be typed or computer-printed on one side only. Number each page (except the first page-cover sheet) on the center bottom of the page. The cover sheet format is provided. Your autobiography will start on the second page and be numbered "1" in the numbering sequence of all the remaining pages.

c. Fasten a head and shoulders photo of yourself (3" x 5" or 4" x 6" photos or digital camera printouts on high-quality paper are acceptable) in uniform (ACUs) to the bottom of the cover sheet. Use "Scotch Magic Tape" to fasten photo to cover sheet. Local policy/SOP may require your class to schedule a date for all of you to take photos together, or you may wish to get together with classmates and take each other's picture.

d. Evaluation: OCS Staff members will evaluate your autobiography. The OCS Selection Board of Officers will read and review your autobiography to formulate initial opinions about you. Your autobiography will be judged on four criteria: content, organization, readability, and presentation. Evaluators will consider the following questions as they make their evaluation:

(1) Substance. How much specific detail have you used? (Generally, the more detail the better) How appropriate is the detail? How well does the reader get to "know" you, solely on the bases of your autobiography?

(2) Organization. Does your paper develop smoothly? Does each part relate well with the rest of your paper? Do you relate your earlier life to your present situation in college? Do your expectations regarding the future emerge clearly from what you reveal of your past and present?

(3) Style. Have you used effective transitions? Have you written directly? Have you chosen familiar, unpretentious vocabulary? Have you avoided long, cumbersome sentences? On the other hand, have you also avoided an extended series of very simply

structured sentences? Has your punctuation assisted rather than hindered or confused your reader? Overall, have you observed the conventions of standard written English?

(4) Correctness. Is your text carefully proofread, and free of typographical errors? Have used the proper format? Is your text neat, and free of smudges and wrinkles?

B-4. Cover Sheet Format

OCS Student Autobiography
By
NAME: (Last, First, Middle)
OCS Program (State)
OCS Class Number
Date Prepared

Candidate Photo

APPENDIX C
CLOTHING & EQUIPMENT DISPLAYS
ROOM DISPLAY

C-1. Wall Lockers

a. For inspections, wall lockers will have the doors open at 90 degree angles and the drawers of the three drawer chest will be terraced with the bottom drawer pulled out all the way, the middle drawer pulled out halfway, and the top drawer shut and secured unless otherwise directed by the TAC staff. There will be no dust or dirt in or on the wall locker.

b. The wall lockers will contain not more than 20 hangers and not less than 10. Use metal hangers. The open end of the hanger hook will open to the rear. Display a maximum of five empty hangers at the left end of the hanger bar.

c. Arrange clothing in the following manner from left to right, with buttons facing the left side of the wall locker. All clothing is displayed as if being worn. See figure C-1.

(1) OCS Ascots (Phase II – Intermediate and/or Senior Status). Draped around a hanger with all snaps closed. Display ascot to the left of IPFU Jacket and Trousers with ascot facing left.

(2) Army IPFU Pants and IPFU Jacket will be displayed to the left of the ACU uniforms inside the wall locker. The IPFU jacket and pants will be hung the same as the ACU's.

(3) ACU trousers and coat, hung on the same hanger (clean, minimum of 3 sets). Button all buttons, zip all zippers, and snap all snaps, as if wearing the garment. Hang trousers under the coat with the trouser cuffs to the right of the hanger and flush with the top of the trousers, with the fly of the trouser to the front of the wall locker. Patches will be dressed right to present a uniform appearance. The ACU uniforms will hung to the left of the field jacket.

(4) One coat, either field jacket or goretex, will be displayed on the far right of the wall locker. If the coat includes a pant, the pant will be hung on the same hanger and displayed the same as the ACU pants above.

d. IPFU Shorts and T-shirt outside of the wall locker.

(1) An IPFU uniform will be hung on the outside of the wall locker to dry after it is worn.

(2) Hang IPFU shorts on a hanger, waistband to the back, extended on hanger.

(3) Hang the IPFU shirt over the IPFU shorts.

(4) Place the hanger on the wall locker outside top edge so that it is facing the windows in the room.

(5) Center the hanger on the side of wall locker that is opposite the side of the bed.

e. Miscellaneous Displays.

(1) ACU patrol cap. Grounded, centered and flush with forward edge of shelf. The watch cap will be stored laying flat, under the ACU cap with the opening flush with the edge of the front of the wall locker.

(2) Map cases. Placed on the top of the 3 drawer chest inside the wall locker, displayed upright and to the rear of the counter area. Cover will be snapped, with snaps facing upward.

Strap will be neatly tucked underneath the case. Reference material and student handouts will be placed in front of the map case, stacked neatly and pushed to the left edge of the counter area of the 3 drawer chest inside the wall locker.

(3) Black leather gloves. Inserts neatly inside as shown, will be aligned with forward edge of shelf and grounded to left side of wall locker with thumbs to left.

(4) Hangers. With garments on them will be spaced three inches between hangers. Extra hangers, are hung on the far left side of the bar.

(5) Helmet. Place flush along the right side and front edge of the wall locker, front side of helmet facing the wall locker door. Remove the helmet cover and place green duct tape on the front of the helmet. Write last name on the green duct tape with a black marker. Snap the chinstrap and place underneath the helmet.

(6) Sleeping mat. Will be stored on the upper shelf inside the wall locker, towards the rear, centered, with the lip of the roll touching the top of the shelf.

(7) Load Bearing Equipment/Vest (LBE/V). Will be displayed over the top of the helmet on the top shelf of the wall locker when not being worn. Buckle will be snapped and shoulder straps/vest will lay on the top of the ammo pouches. Canteens will be emptied.

(8) Foot Gear. In the bay area will be grounded closest to the isle. Boots will touch the bedpost and be aligned with the imaginary line between the bedposts, followed by PT shoes and shower shoes. All shoes will be laced up (left over right) as worn, with the strings tucked inside the boots/shoes. In two person rooms, boots will be grounded to the right for the bottom bunk and to the left for the top bunk. They will be aligned as above. Boots will be clean. The boots will be rotated daily and will be marked with a white spot on bottom of boot near back of the heel.

(9) Towel. When used will be placed on a hanger and hung on the end of the bed. All towels will be folded the same, hung the same, and on the same color hanger.

(10) Laundry Bag. Will be hung at the foot of the bed and will not touch the floor. Bags will be hung, and tied the same.

(11) All clothes will be free of laundry tags, staples, strings, lint or other items not required. All uniforms, headgear and footgear will be kept in a high state of repair. Pockets of display uniforms will be kept empty, clean and buttoned. All uniform zippers, buttons, snaps, hooks will be fastened. Exceptions are the top button of the ACU jacket and raincoat/gortex. Velcro fasteners will be kept completely covered. All stickers and price labels will be removed from display.

(12) The Rucksack and Frame will be displayed to the right of the 3 drawer chest on the inside of the wall locker. The rucksack will be clean and displayed with the opening towards the back of the wall locker and the frame on the bottom. Authorized equipment per approved packing lists can be stored inside the rucksack.

(13) The duffle bags will be stored underneath the bunk. The duffle bag will be secured to the bunk with the same padlock used to lock the duffle bag. The duffle bag can contain extra equipment, clothing and civilian clothing used during transportation to and from OCS. The duffle bag will be clean and dry and kept secured and locked at all times. The duffle bag will face the direction corresponding to the wall locker of the individual that has the equipment and wall locker.

C-2. Three Drawer Chest Display

a. Top Drawer.

(1) This is the personal drawer. It will be used for miscellaneous valuables and will be locked at all times when unattended. If found unlocked by any of the TAC Staff, it will be inspected. This drawer is not to be used as a junk drawer. The Senior TAC may at any time, conduct a company inspection of the drawer, if circumstances warrant such an event.

(2) The personal drawer, wall lockers, or equipment becomes unattended when a candidate is not within arms reach of the drawer, wall locker or item.

b. Middle Drawer – Opened Exactly Halfway. See figure C - 2.

(1) A towel is folded to cover the entire bottom of the drawer.

(2) 1 towel. 6 inches wide, neatly rolled, grounded to the left and front of the drawer and placed so it unrolls to the rear.

(3) Wash cloth. Folded in quarters, grounded to the left side of drawer and centered between the towel and boot cleaning kit. Smooth fold to the front, double fold to the right.

(4) Shower Kit. Personal hygiene items for showers, shaving, tooth brush and paste, lotion, etc. This is not to be bulky, dirty or wet inside. All items are to be clean, neat and inspectable. Placed to the right and front of the drawer. The tongue of the zipper to the front of the drawer.

(5) Boot Cleaning Kit. These items are placed to the rear of the drawer and spaced evenly across the back of the drawer. They are to be clean and appropriate to the types of boots the OC has been issued and wears.

d. Bottom Drawer – Fully Open for Inspections. See Figure C - 3.

(1) A towel is folded to cover the entire bottom of the drawer.

(2) IPFU shorts. Tightly rolled individually and 6 inches wide, displayed grounded and to the back of the drawer.

(3) IPFU T-shirt. Tightly rolled individually and 6 inches wide, displayed grounded and in front of the IPFU shorts.

(4) Underwear. 3 each, tightly rolled individually and 6 inches wide, grounded to the left and in between the IPFU t-shirt and tan t shirts.

(5) Tan T-Shirts. A minimum of two t-shirts will always be displayed. T-Shirts will be individually and tightly rolled, 6 inches wide and displayed to the left and front of the drawer.

(6) ACU socks. A minimum of two pair displayed and grounded to the far right and rolled singularly.

(7) PT socks. A minimum of two pair of PT socks will be displayed and grounded to the front of the drawer, centered between the ACU socks and the tan t-shirts.

C-3. Clothing and Equipment. Labels equipment will be made with OD green tape, 2 inches wide. Labels for clothing will be done with black permanent marker. Labels, except the helmet,

map case, and rucksack, will consist of the OC's initials and last four numbers of their social security number.

a. Clothing. ACU jacket and trousers, coats, caps, and IPFU clothing will have the information written across the top of the sewn in tag unless the tag is missing, in which case a tape label will be placed where the tag would be. If the garment has two tags, the tag in the collar or waistband will be labeled. Underwear, T-shirts, towels, and washcloths will be labeled where marking can not be seen when worn or displayed.

b. Footgear. Boots, PT shoes, and low quarters (both left and right) will be labeled on the inner right side just below the rim. Shower shoes will have the label written on the heel. The label will be written in black permanent marker. The boots will be rotated daily and will be marked with a white spot on bottom of boot near back of the heel. See figure C – 16.

c. Helmets. Helmets, PASGT or ACH kevlar, will have the OC's full last name written on the label. The label will be placed on the front of the helmet with the name centered.

d. Equipment. All equipment will be labeled with the OC's initials and last four of their social security number. See figures C – 6 thru C – 17.

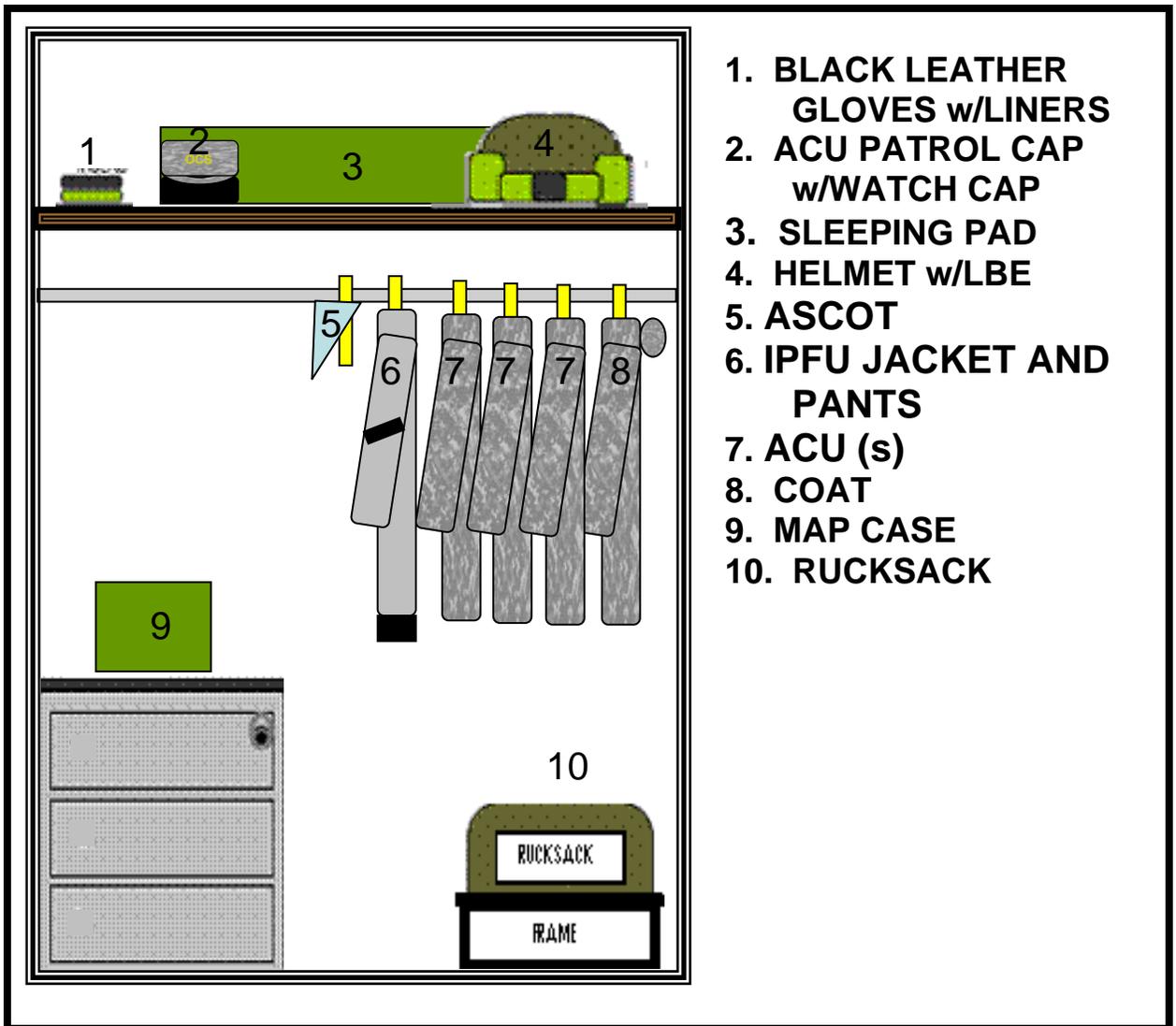


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FIGURE C - 2

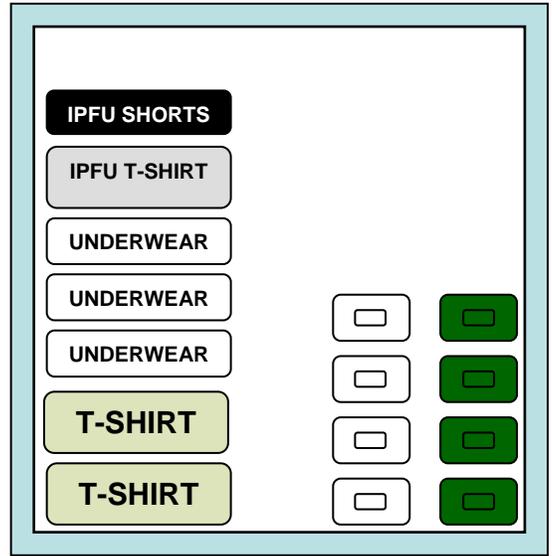
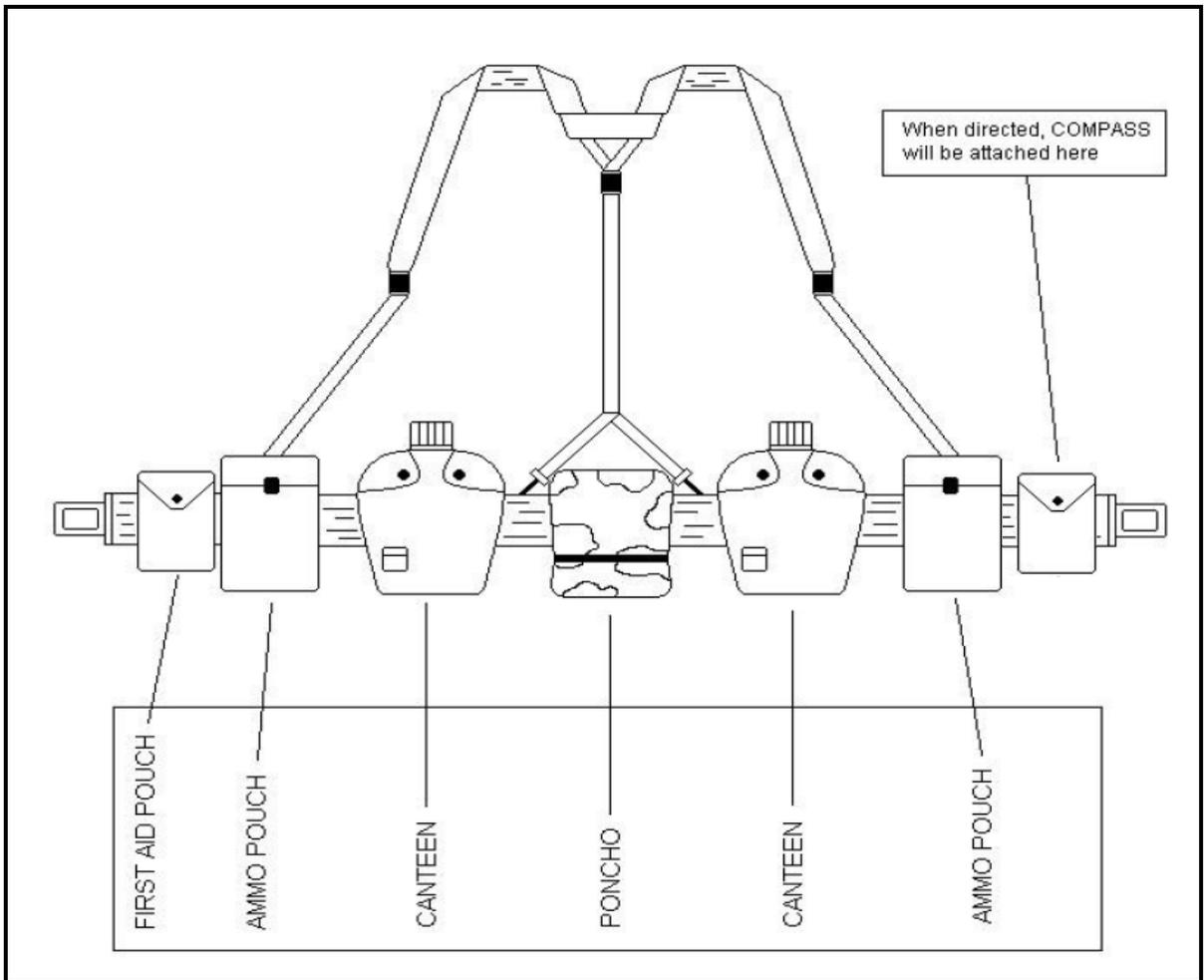
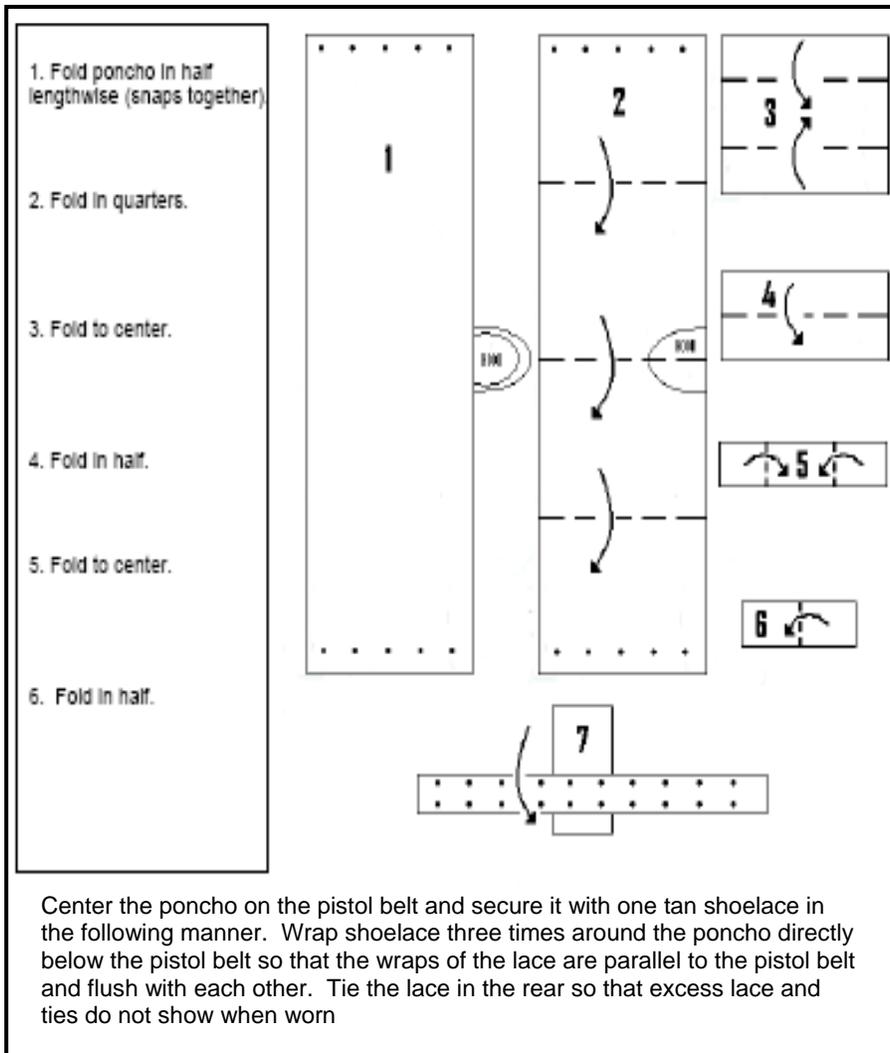


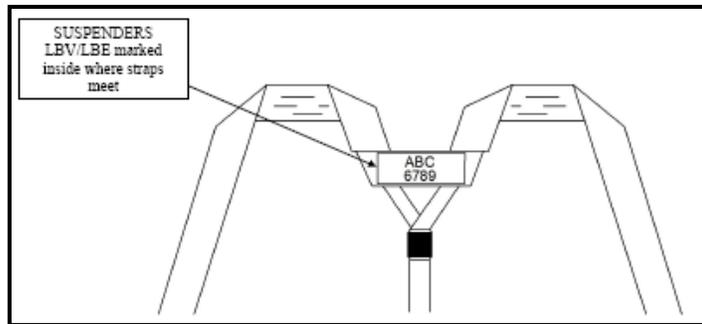
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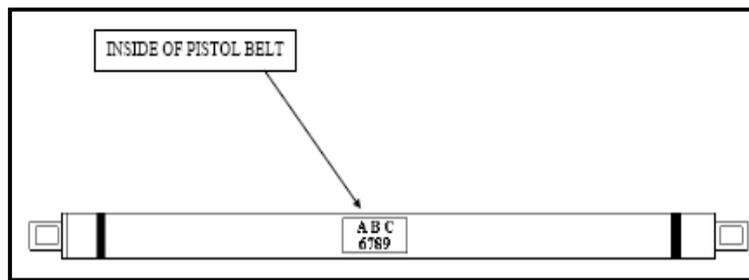
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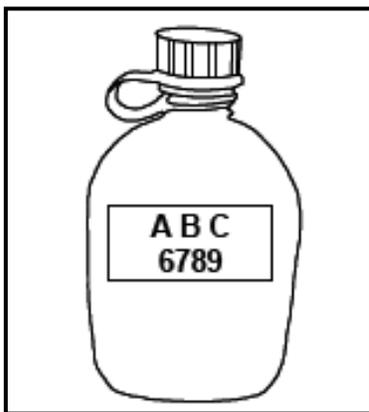
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FOLDING THE PONCHO**



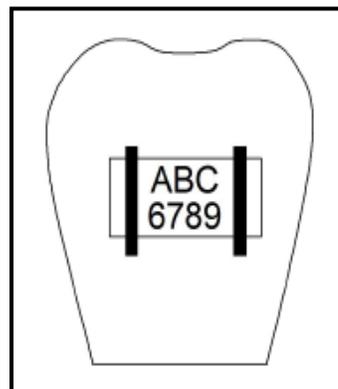
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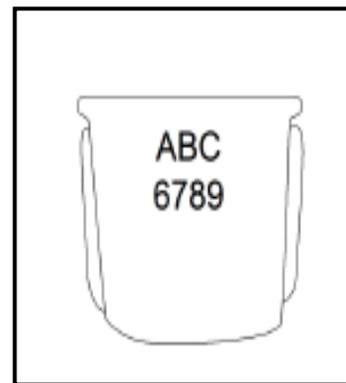
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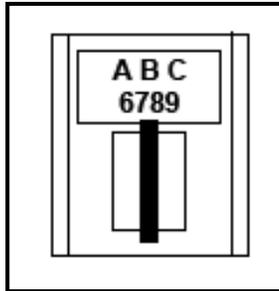
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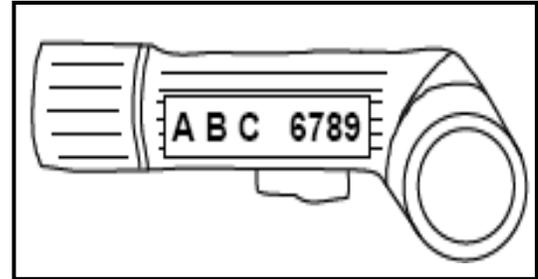
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LABELLING THE CANTEEN**



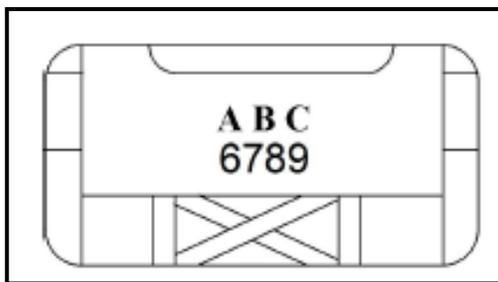
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LABELLING THE
CANTEEN CUP**



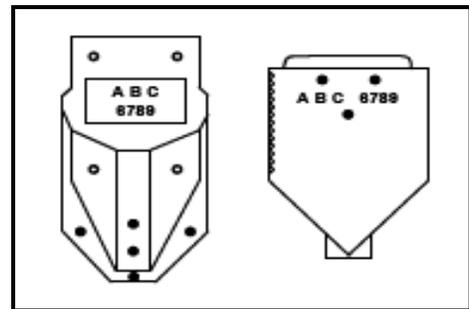
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LABELLING THE FIRST AID AND
COMPASS POUCHES**



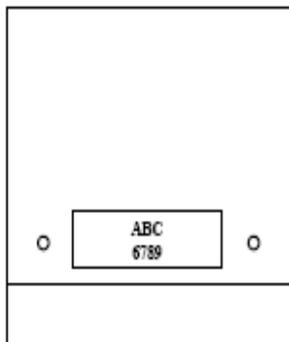
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LABELLING THE
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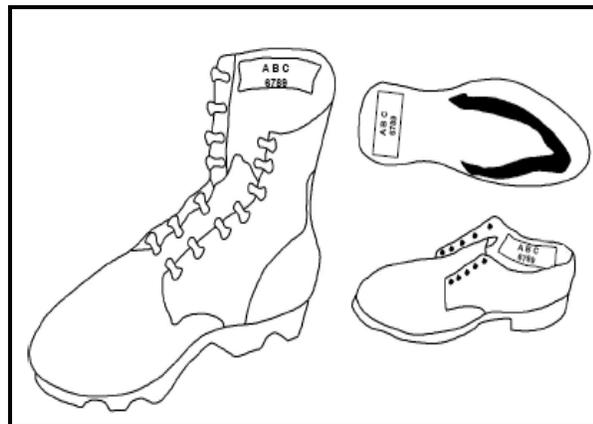
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LABELLING THE ALICE PACK**



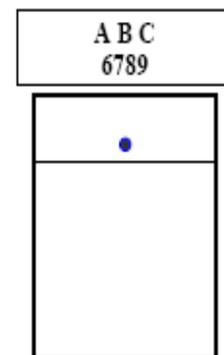
**FIGURE C - 14
LABELLING THE E-TOOL AND
CARRIER**



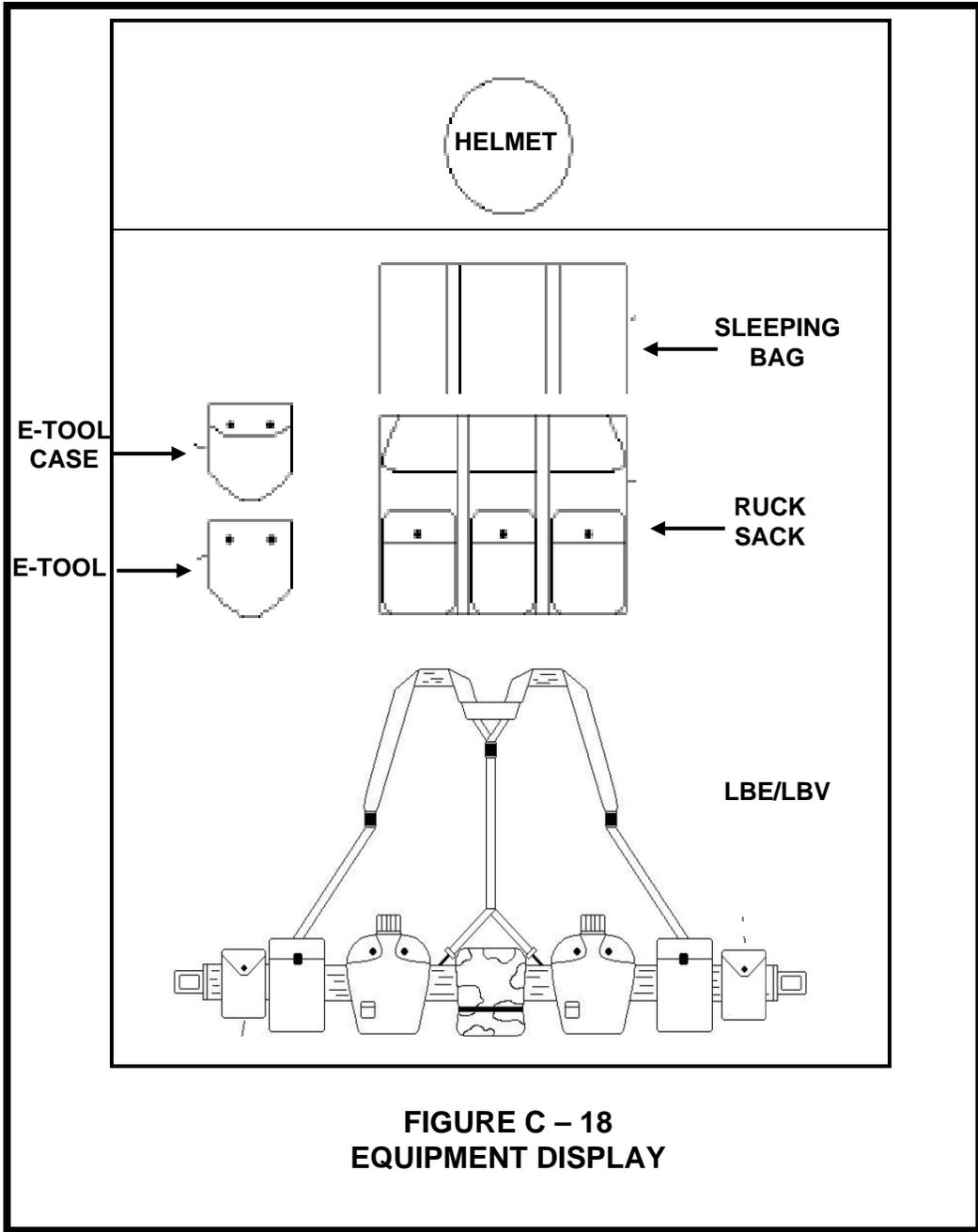
**FIGURE C - 15
LABELLING THE MAP CASE**



**FIGURE C – 16
LABELLING FOOT GEAR**



**FIGURE C - 17
LABELLING THE DUFFEL
BAG**



**FIGURE C – 18
EQUIPMENT DISPLAY**

APPENDIX D

CONTRABAND

D-1. Contraband. The following items are considered contraband and will be secured IAW local SOP. The TAC staff may grant use of some of these items during Intermediate or Senior Phase as phase privileges. See Appendix A for more information.

1. Tobacco products.
2. Alcohol.
3. Any supplements taken to enhance performance.
4. Medications not prescribed by a Physician.
5. Food (to include gum, candy, cough drops, mints, etc.) No food will be taken out of the DFAC or brought back from the field.
6. Contact lenses.
7. Irons.
8. Stoves.
9. Heat tabs.
10. Cosmetics.
11. Hair nets & curlers.
12. Perfumes, colognes, or after-shave.
13. Body sprays.
14. Electric or battery operated razors.
15. Digital/tape recorders, CD players, Walkman, MP3 players.
16. Radios, portable TV/ DVD players.
17. **Cellular phones.**
18. **Pagers, beepers.**
19. Laptop/palmtop computers.
20. Global positioning devices.
21. Civilian clothes.
22. Magazines and Newspapers.
23. Bayonets, fixed-blade knives, or knives over 3”.
24. Any lotion other than non-scented.

25. Any handheld electronic devices (i.e., video game players, palm pilot, organizers).

26. Adult material of any kind.

27. Vitamins.

a. Regarding items 1-4: These items could cause severe physical harm if they are used under the strenuous conditions placed on the candidate throughout the course.

b. This list is not all-inclusive. Items that are not listed above are subject to cadre discretion. If you have questions concerning a particular item ask your platoon TAC for additional guidance.

c. You will be verbally counseled on retaining any of these items. If any contraband is found on you or in your room at any time during the course you will be subject to disciplinary action.

APPENDIX E

GENERAL INSPECTIONS AND INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR STATUS

INSPECTIONS

E-1. **General.** TACs inspect candidates, rooms, and common areas daily. The TACs check for serviceability, adherence to the SOP, cleanliness, and required knowledge. During the program there is the possibility of the conduct are three formal inspections, one each conducted by the Senior TAC, Company Commander, and Battalion Commander (or RTI commander if no battalion commander is available).

E-2. **In-Ranks Inspection.** An in-ranks inspection, in accordance with FM 3-21.5, is conducted daily, normally at the beginning of each day. Particular attention is given to the condition of the candidate's military bearing, personal appearance, required knowledge and preparedness for the scheduled training events. The focus is to see if deficiencies are addressed and improved upon. Reoccurring deficiencies should be addressed by the TAC Staff.

E-3. **Common Areas.** Each platoon may be responsible for one or more common areas. TACs conduct daily and random inspections of common areas. The company and platoon chain of command is responsible for ensuring the common areas are cleaned.

E-4. **Candidate Rooms.** TACs conduct daily and random inspections of candidate rooms/living areas. Particular attention is given to all display items and the overall appearance of the room/living area.

E-5. **Formal Inspections.**

a. Senior TAC Inspection. This inspection is the first complete introduction in the maintenance and standards of OCS as prescribed in the SOP; it occurs during Phase I.

b. Company Commander's Inspection. This inspection is normally conducted early in Phase II and is one of the requirements to achieving intermediate status. The commander inspects the entire billets to include all personal equipment. The candidate chain of command is held responsible for the preparation. The Company Commander, 1SG, and Senior TAC conduct the inspection.

c. Battalion Commander's Inspection. This inspection is the "gateway" to senior phase. This inspection is conducted at the discretion of the Company Commander and Battalion Commander (or RTI Commander if no Battalion Commander is available) when they deem the Officer Candidates are ready to progress to senior status. The entire billets are inspected to include all personal equipment. It is a rigorous and demanding stand-by inspection. It focuses on the capabilities of the candidate chain of command to effectively plan, prepare and execute the inspection. The Battalion Commander and members of their staff conduct the inspection.

E-6. Intermediate Status. The TAC Staff and OCS TAC Company Commander constantly evaluate the OCS class for performance indicators to measure the class' preparedness for Intermediate Status. These indicators are:

a. Is the candidate chain of command able to anticipate, plan and execute tasks associated with day-to-day training without direction from the TAC Staff? Does the candidates chain of command work in a unified effort to accomplish the day-to-day training?

b. Can the candidate chain of command conduct uniform, in-ranks, and barracks inspections and take corrective action without direction from the TAC Staff?

- c. Do the candidates know the required knowledge?
- d. Is the appearance, bearing, and attitude of the class to standard are is the chain of command maintaining the standard without direction from the TAC Staff?
- e. Are the leadership evaluations reflecting higher ratings? Example would be are all or a greater percentage of the candidate chain of command receiving ratings of "S" on their LER's?
- f. Quantifiable indicators: Establishing a high academic average on the academic tests conducted. 95% Company average on all or a particular test is an example of a quantifiable or measurable indicator. APFT Scores: Does the class achieve a company average of 260 or higher on the APFT? Or, does each candidates improve by 20 point overall on their APFT? Road Marches: Are all candidates first time "Go's" on the 5, 7, or 10 mile road marches?
- g. Intermediate Status provides the candidates additional privileges, less TAC supervision, and a modified uniform per appendix C. Privileges are negotiated between the TAC Company Commander and the candidates chain of command.

E-7. Senior Status. The performance indicators for Senior Status are basically the same as the intermediate status, however there is generally no requirement from the candidate chain of command for guidance or direction from the TAC Staff at this point. The TAC Staff can re-address the quantifiable indicators again and determine higher levels of performance as goals. The overall focus for attainment of Senior Status is the overall independence of the OCS Class. Can the chain of command anticipate, plan, and execute all required training to standard? Is the candidate leadership motivated and formulating plans for future assignments as second lieutenants? Are all day to day tasks and administrative requirements accomplished to standard without any correction required? The candidate chain of command will need to formulate a plan to obtain their Senior Status, based on discussion with and expectations outlined by the OCS TAC Company Commander.

- a. Senior Status provides the candidates additional privileges, very little TAC supervision, and a modified uniform per appendix C. Candidates are treated similarly as a second lieutenant and afforded the same privileges.

E-8. Intermediate and Senior Status changes provide for additional privileges. However, with more privileges comes more responsibility to ensure training continues. Candidates can revert back to Basic or Intermediate Status at any time the TAC Company Commander decides there's regression in the candidate chain of command performance.

APPENDIX F

UNIFORMS AND INSIGNIA

F-1. General

- a. Candidate's appearance makes a statement about the individual's personal organization, pride, and attention to detail. Candidates will maintain the highest standards of appearance through proper wear and care of their uniforms.
- b. Candidates wear their uniforms as prescribed in AR 670-1, except as noted in this appendix.

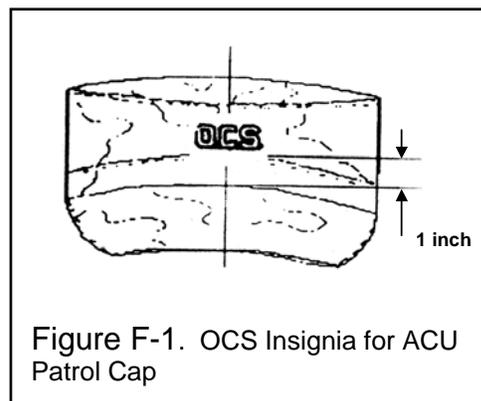
F-2. Insignia for the ACU.

a. ACU Patrol Cap: Place the subdued OCS insignia one (1) inch above the bill of the utility cap, centered on the seam. The last name tape will be worn centered on the hook and loop pads on the back of the cap. See figure F-1.

b. ACU Coat.

(1) Candidates will place a subdued OCS insignia centered on the front hook and loop-face pad of the ACU coat.

(2) Candidates who are serving in leadership positions will pin the non-subdued rank insignia centered on a blank velcro 2 inch by 2 inch ACU patch. The ACU patch will be centered on the upper left arm pocket, (lower portion of the pocket), of the ACU jacket. See figure F-4.



F-3. Insignia for the Field Jacket.

a. Candidates who are not serving in a leadership position will center the subdued OCS insignia on both sides of the field jacket coat collar. Place the insignia one (1) inch up from and perpendicular to the lower edge of the collar, with the periods of the insignia on the outside (see figure F-2).

b. Candidates who are serving in an NCO leadership position wear the appropriate non-subdued NCO rank on the right field jacket coat collar (see figure F-4). The non-subdued insignia is worn centered on the right collar with the centerline of the insignia bisecting the point of the collar and the bottom of the insignia. Position the insignia one (1) inch up from the collar point IAW standards for wear of enlisted collar insignia in AR 670-1. The subdued OCS insignia is worn on the left collar.

c. Candidates who are serving in officer leadership positions center the non-subdued rank insignia one (1) inch up and perpendicular to the lower edge of the right field jacket collar (see figure F-4). The subdued OCS insignia is centered one (1) inch up and perpendicular to the lower edge of the left field jacket collar (see figure F-3).

d. Recycled candidates or candidates in holdover status wear the non-subdued OCS insignia on both collars.

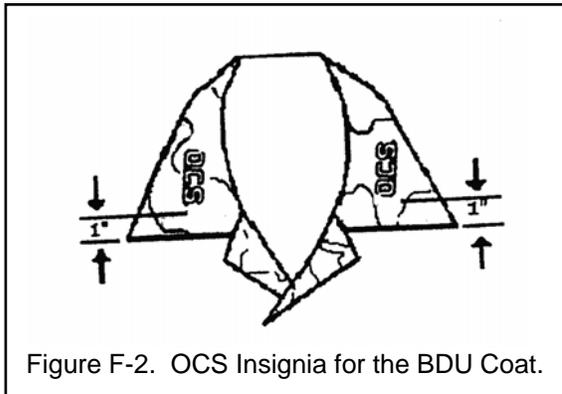


Figure F-2. OCS Insignia for the BDU Coat.

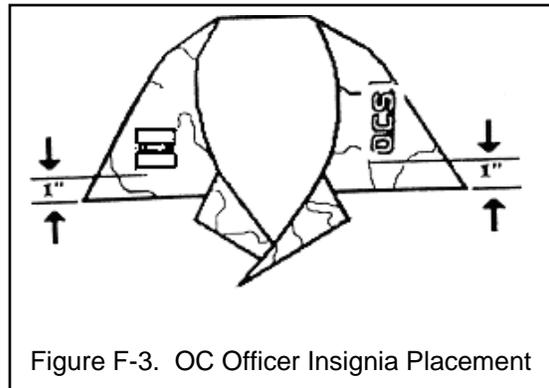


Figure F-3. OC Officer Insignia Placement

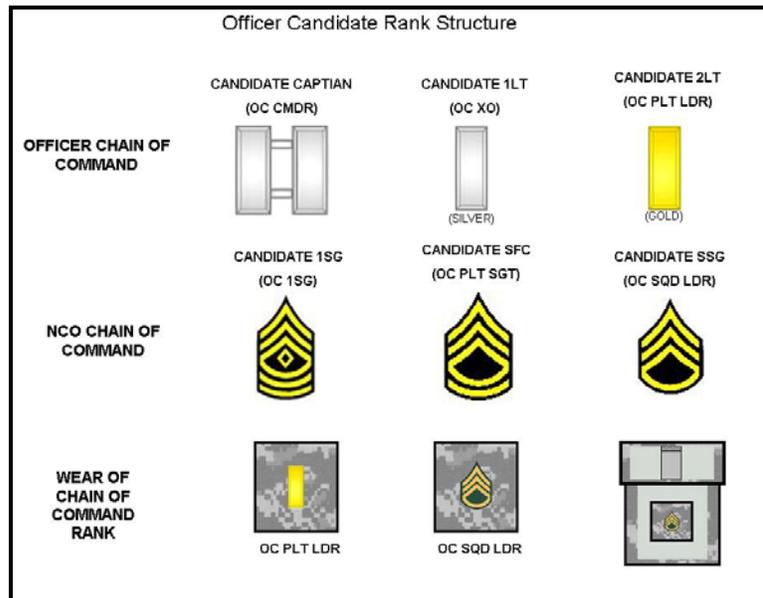


Figure F – 4 OC Leadership Positions and wear of Leadership Rank

F-4. Duty Uniform by Status.

a. Basic Status Duty Uniform: The Basic Officer Candidate (BOC) duty uniform consists of the ACU coat and trousers, undergarments, tan undershirt, black or olive drab socks, tan web belt, standard issue tan leather combat boots, LBE/LBV, and standard issue helmet worn without the camouflage cover or elastic retaining band, with the tape and name.

- (1) OCs will wear *only* the following items on their ACUs:
 - (a) Name tape, embroidered.
 - (b) US Army tape, embroidered.
 - (c) Subdued OCS insignia (sew-on insignia is unauthorized on field jacket's).

NOTE: Officer Candidates will not wear a unit shoulder patch, combat patch, or skill badges on their ACU/field jackets until attaining Senior Status.

(2) Candidates are authorized the wear of tan hot-weather (jungle) boots at the commander's discretion. Candidates must maintain both sets of initial issue leather combat boots

for inspection. All other boots are unauthorized (i.e. High-Techs™ or Tanker boots); however, issue boots with new soles (such as Vibram™ or “ripple” soles) are authorized.

(3) Candidates wear their identification tags around the neck at all times.

(4) Candidates carry their military identification cards in the right breast pocket at all times.

(5) Candidates wear the 1X1 inch alert tabs on the upper left arm pocket flap (See figures F-5 thru 8). Alert tabs are as follows:

- **RED:** Prior heat casualty.
- **BLUE:** Prior cold weather casualty.
- **YELLOW:** Bee sting allergy.
- **WHITE:** Medicine allergy.

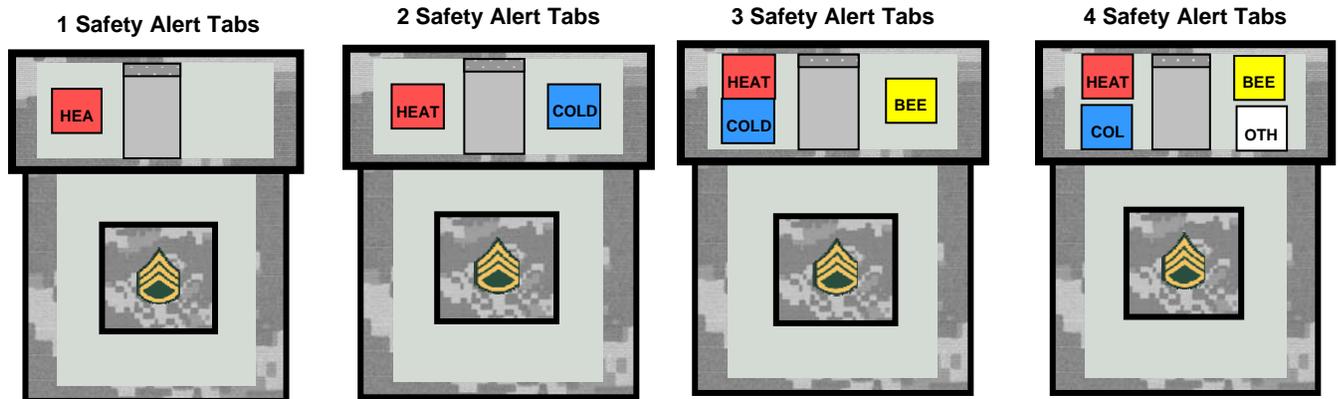


Figure F – 5

Figure F – 6

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Figure F - 8

b. Intermediate Status Duty Uniform: The Intermediate Officer Candidate (IOC) duty uniform consists of the ACU jacket and trousers, pistol belt with canteen and canteen cover on the right hip, patrol cap, and blue OCS ascot. The ACU uniform is worn in the same manner as the Basic Status Uniform.

(1) The blue ascot is an issue item from the OCS company/RTI. Supply sergeants may order the ascot under NSN 8455-00-916-8398.

(2) The ascot is worn with the crease centered and the ascot falling smoothly from the neck and tucked into the ACU coat. Candidates fold the neckband over twice before fastening the snaps or Velcro™ in order to present a neat appearance.

c. Senior Status Duty Uniform: The Senior Officer Candidate (SOC) duty uniform consists of the ACU jacket and trousers, and white OCS ascot.

(1) Wear the ACU as per Intermediate Status. The candidate's gaining unit patch may be worn on the left sleeve (accelerated candidates continue to wear “stripped” ACU).

(2) The white OCS ascot.

(a) The white ascot is produced by Ira Green, Inc. (UPC# 05383206475). Candidates will be issued the ascot by their OCS companies.

(b) Wear the white ascot with the crease centered and the ascot falling smoothly from the neck and tucked inside the ACU coat. Do not crease the OCS patch on the ascot. Candidates fold the neckband over twice before fastening the snaps or Velcro™ in order to present a neat appearance.

F-6. Miscellaneous.

a. Field Jacket. Depending on the time of year, the ACU/BDU field jacket or gortex jacket may be worn as part of the duty or field uniform. The "O.C.S." rank will be worn on the front lapel tab of the Gortex Jacket or on the collar of the BDU field jacket. Per AR 670-1. Wear black gloves with inserts when wearing the field jacket or gortex jacket.

b. ACU Patrol Cap. Candidates in basic status carry the ACU patrol cap in the left cargo pocket of the ACU pants at all times. It may be worn on a mission-by-mission basis at the commander's discretion.

c. Weapons. Candidates will carry a weapon throughout OCS. When carried at the ready position, candidates will always maintain positive control of the weapon by keeping one hand on the pistol grip. When required, clearing barrels will be utilized in designated areas.

c. Field Uniform. The field uniform is ACU with subdued OCS insignia. The LBE/LBV is worn and fastened. The stripped Kevlar helmet is worn unless otherwise directed. When the helmet is worn, snap the chinstrap so that it fits snugly on the chin. The free ends of the chinstrap are secured with black electrical tape. When authorized the ACU boonie hat may be worn. When worn the boonie hat will have the pin-on OCS insignia centered on the front of the hat.

d. Candidates eliminated from the course wear their former rank on the uniform IAW AR 670-1.

e. Candidates with full time ARNG jobs (i.e. technician status or AGR) wear the OCS uniform for their appropriate status at their jobs. The candidate's immediate supervisor may modify the candidate's uniform if the wear of certain uniform items are determined to pose a hazard or prevent the candidate from performing their job.

APPENDIX G

AFTER ACTION REVIEWS

G-1. General.

a. An after-action review (AAR) is a professional discussion of an event, focused on performance standards, that enables soldiers to discover for themselves what happened, why it happened and how to sustain strengths and improve on weaknesses. It is a tool leaders and units can use to get the maximum benefit from every mission or task.

Reference: TC 25-20,
*A Leader's Guide to After
Action Reviews* (1993).

b. AARs are not cure-alls for unit-training problems. Leaders must still make on-the-spot corrections and take responsibility for training their soldiers and units. However, AARs are a key part of the training process. The goal is to improve soldier, leader and unit performance.

c. Candidate chain of command will turn in a written AAR at the completion of tour of duty.

G-2. Types of After-Action Reviews.

a. All AARs follow the same general format, involve the exchange of ideas and observations and focus on improving training proficiency. How leaders conduct a particular AAR determines whether it is formal or informal.

b. Formal AAR. Leaders plan formal AARs at the same time they finalize the near-term training plan. Formal AARs require more planning and preparation than informal AARs. They may require site reconnaissance and selection, coordination for training aids, and selection and training of observers and controllers.

(1) Formal AARs are usually held at company level and above.

(2) During formal AARs, the AAR leader focuses the discussion of events on training objectives. At the end, the leader reviews key points and identified issues, and once again focuses on training objectives.

b. Informal AAR. Leaders usually conduct informal AARs for soldier and small unit training at platoon level and below. Leaders may use informal AARs as on-the-spot coaching tools while reviewing soldier and unit performance during training.

(1) Informal AARs provide immediate feedback to soldiers, leaders and units during training. Ideas and solutions the leader gathers during informal AARs can be immediately put to use as the unit continues training.

(2) Informal AARs maximize training value because all unit members are actively involved. They learn what to do, how to do it better, and the importance of the roles they can play in unit-task accomplishment.

c. The most significant difference between formal and informal AARs is the quantity and type of training resources and training aids required. Providing immediate feedback while the training is still fresh in the soldiers' minds is a significant strength of informal AARs.

G-3. After-Action Review Format.

a. Introduction and rules.

b. Review of training objectives.

c. Commander's mission and intent (what was supposed to happen).

- d. Opposing force (OPFOR) commander's intent (when appropriate).
- e. Relevant doctrine and tactics, techniques and procedures (TTPs).
- f. Summary of recent events (what happened).
- g. Discussion of key issues (why it happened and how to improve).
- h. Discussion of optional issues.
- i. Discussion of force protection issues (discussed throughout).
- j. Closing comments (summary).

G-4. After-Action Review Techniques.

- a. Use leading questions to guide the participants.
- b. Cut off inappropriate discussion, particularly excuses and doctrinal debates.
- c. Keep the review short and simple.
- d. Encourage all participants, not just the unit leaders, to contribute.
- e. Don't allow the participants to point fingers, attack, or humiliate each other.
- f. Let the participants identify their own mistakes, the facilitator does not critique.
- g. Guide the participating leaders to identify the major learning points and let them decide if they met the training objective standard.
- h. End the review with a concise summary of lessons learned and training objectives met and not met. **DO NOT CRITIQUE**. State the remedial training needs and the training objectives for the next exercise.

APPENDIX H

SAFETY AND RISK ASSESSMENT

H-1. **Purpose.** The purpose of risk management is to identify operational risks and take reasonable measures to reduce or eliminate hazards. Risk management is an integral and routine part of planning and mission execution. The Army expects leaders to create an environment in which the lives and well-being of soldiers are an integral part of the accomplishment of the mission.

a. There are two fundamental goals of Risk Management. They are to reduce and keep to a minimum personnel accidents and monetary losses, and provide a safe and healthy environment for those exposed to Army operations.

b. Army Policy on risk management. FM 5-19, Composite Risk Management (August 2006) directs leaders at all levels to effectively integrate into all Army plans, programs, decision processes, operations and activities the following principles.

(1) Decision-makers at every level will employ risk management approaches to effectively preclude unacceptable risk to the safety of personnel and property.

(2) Leaders take appropriate action to correct deficiencies.

(3) Performance standards for military and civilian managers will include accident prevention and occupational health responsibilities as a rating element.

c. Risk management is a systematic 5 step decision-making process by which leaders at all levels make military operations safer and more effective. The process is used to balance the mission needs against the potential losses. The goal of any leader is not to put training first or safety first, but to train safely. The key terms used in the risk management process are listed below.

(1) Hazard. A condition with the potential of causing injury to personnel, damage to equipment or structures, loss of material, or reduction of ability to perform a prescribed function.

(2) Risk. A possibility or chance of loss over a specific period of time or number of operational cycles.

(3) Risk Assessment. The process of detecting hazards and systematically assessing their overall risk.

(4) Risk Management. The process whereby leaders make management decisions and implement actions to reduce the effects of identified hazards.

(5) Gambling. A nonsystematic risk decision whereby the leader can make no reasonable prediction as to the results or outcome of the decision.

H-2. **The Three Tiers of Safety.**

a. Tier 1 – Command Level

(1) Provide a command climate that ties safety into force protection.

(2) Plan and resource for safety.

(3) Establish safety standards.

(4) Keep training consistent with abilities.

(5) Make risk acceptance decisions.

b. Tier 2 – Leader Level

(1) Reinforce command climate on safety.

- (2) Identify and eliminate or control safety hazards.
- (3) Train/emphasize/enforce performance to standard.
- (4) Assess hazards/risks.
- (5) Make risk decisions; supervise and follow-up.

c. Tier 3 – Individual Level

- (1) Take personal responsibility for safety/risk management.
- (2) Take immediate action for unsafe acts.
- (3) Modify your own risk behavior.
- (4) Perform to standards.
- (5) Be part of the “buddy” system.

H-3. The Rules of Risk Management. The 4 rules of risk management are listed below.

a. Integrate into training. Risk management is an integral part of training and execution of military operations. It is NOT a safety inhibitor. Risk management is not a separate process but is integrated into the Army planning process.

b. Accept no unnecessary risk. The key word in this rule is unnecessary. An unnecessary risk is any risk that if taken, will not contribute meaningfully to mission accomplishment. Leaders who take unnecessary risk are gambling with the lives of their soldiers.

c. Make risk decisions at the proper level. What is the right level? It is the level where the decision maker has the experience and maturity to make a good decision. Normally, this is the leader responsible for the mission; however, decisions should be made at the lowest possible level consistent with this rule.

d. Accept risks when the benefits outweigh the cost. Nothing that we do in the Army is risk free. Army leaders are in the risk taking business. If the outcome or benefit of any military operation is worth the risks involved, then the military leaders will accept those risks.

H-4. The Risk Management Process.

a. Identify the hazards. Leaders identify potential sources of hazard or risk soldiers could encounter. This applies to training and combat (using the factors of METT-T). Some of the factors to consider in hazard identification are weather, terrain and time for training or duration of the event.

b. Assess the hazards. Leaders must estimate what the effect will be (catastrophic, critical, marginal, etc.), and what is the probability of the hazard occurring (remote, likely, frequent, etc.). The goal of this step is to categorize the risk into the following categories: extremely high, high, medium, and low.

c. Make a decision. Leaders must make risk acceptance decisions by balancing the benefits of the operation against the risk associated with the mission. Additionally, leaders can only make risk acceptance decisions depending on the level of risk. Make the decision to accept risk at the appropriate level.

- (1) Extremely High Risk – Battalion Commander.
- (2) High Risk – OCS Company Commander.
- (3) Medium Risk - Senior TAC
- (4) Low Risk – Squad TAAC Officer/NCO

(5) Officer Candidates will work thru the TAC Staff on all risk assessments prior to the execution of training.

H-5. **Controls.** Army operations have a certain amount of risk involved; however, leaders can eliminate unnecessary risks and reduce the effect of the risk by implementing controls.

a. Implement controls. Leaders should ensure that these controls are implemented into plans, OPORDs, SOPs, training performance standards and rehearsals.

b. Supervise. The best decisions and controls serve little purpose if the leader fails to supervise and enforce controls and standards. Supervision must be an ongoing process before, during and after the entire phase of the operation.

H-6. **Forms.** The DA Form 7566, Composite Risk Management Worksheet (APR2005) will be used by candidates for the analysis of training events and to identify and reduce or implement risk mitigating measures. All candidate developed risk assessments will be approved by the TAC Staff prior to every training event. Risk Management Worksheets will be completed daily during leadership tours, additional worksheets will be completed for significant training events, such as PT sessions and foot marches.

RISK ASSESSMENT MATRIX						
		Probability				
Severity		Frequent A	Likely B	Occasional C	Seldom D	Unlikely E
Catastrophic	I	E	E	H	H	M
Critical	II	E	H	H	M	L
Marginal	III	H	M	M	L	L
Negligible	IV	M	L	L	L	L
E – Extremely High		H – High		M – Moderate		L – Low

APPENDIX I

CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY

The chain of command order will be posted by the TAC's no later than 1400 hours on the day of change of command ceremonies.

I-1. Positions.

a. Form the company in a line formation with the outgoing chain of command at their standard posts.

- (1) Company Commander. 12 steps to the front and centered on the company.
- (2) Executive Officer. Two steps to the rear of and directly behind the First Sergeant.
- (3) Platoon Leaders. Six steps in front of the first squad and centered on the platoon.
- (4) First Sergeant. Three steps to the rear of the last rank and centered on the company.
- (5) Platoon Sergeants. One step to the rear of the last squad and centered on the platoon.
- (6) Squad Leaders. Covered from front to rear on the extreme right of their respective squads.

b. Position the incoming chain of command as follows:

- (1) The company commander, executive officer and first sergeant are two steps behind and centered on the outgoing executive officer, from left to right respectively.
- (2) The platoon leaders fall in as the extreme left members of the first squad.
- (3) The platoon sergeants fall in as the extreme left members of the last squad.
- (4) The squad leaders fall in directly beside the outgoing squad leader.

c. The outgoing company commander gives the following command. **“Chain number _____, post.”** “Chain number _____” is the preparatory command and “post” is the command of execution. The following events will occur simultaneously.

- (1) The outgoing chain stands fast.
- (2) The incoming commanding officer, executive officer, platoon leaders and first sergeant march by the most direct route to a position one step to the left of their outgoing counterpart.
- (3) The incoming platoon sergeants execute an about face and march to a position one step to the left of the outgoing platoon sergeant.
- (4) The squad leaders stand fast.

d. Once the incoming chain leaves their platoon positions, the platoon members will not break ranks to fill in the spaces.

e. The outgoing company commander gives the command **“Center, face”**. “Center” is the preparatory command and “face” is the command of execution. All members of the incoming chain will execute a right face and all members of the outgoing chain will execute a left face.

f. The company commander gives the command **“Change, command”**. “Change” is the preparatory command and “Command” is the command of execution. The outgoing chain will remove their insignia of rank and will attach/pin the insignia of rank on the incoming chain.

g. The incoming company commander is now in charge. He gives the command **“Present, Arms”**. “Present” is the preparatory command and “arms” is the command of execution. At this time, all personnel in the outgoing and incoming chains render a salute. Everyone will hold the salute until the company commander orders **“Order, Arms”**. At this time, all personnel drop the hand salute and recover to the position of attention.

h. The new and old chains then simultaneously execute the following movements:

- (1) One 15” step to the right.
- (2) One 30” step forward.
- (3) One 15” step to the left.
- (4) Left face for the incoming chain. Right face for the outgoing chain.

i. The incoming company commander gives the command **“Chain Number _____, Post Out”**. “Chain number _____” is the preparatory command and “Post out” is the command of execution. The following events then occur:

(1) The outgoing company commander, executive officer and first sergeant march by the most direct route to their platoon and fall in on the extreme left of their platoon.

(2) The outgoing platoon leaders and platoon sergeants fall into the spaces held by the incoming chain.

(3) The squad leaders stand fast.

j. This concludes the change of command ceremony.

APPENDIX J

LEADERSHIP ASSESSMENT FORMS

J-1. LEADERSHIP OBSERVATION REPORT:

LEADERSHIP OBSERVATION REPORT				Roster #
1. NAME (LAST, FIRST MI)	2. RANK	3. POSITION	4. PHASE	5. DATE
6. UNIT ____ COMPANY ____ PLT ____ SQD			NATURE OF REPORT:	
7. LAST FOUR: POSITIVE		LEADERSHIP/SPOT NEGATIVE/SPOT		
ARMY VALUES / CORE LEADER COMPETENCIES / ATTRIBUTES				
Loyalty	Duty	Respect	ARMY VALUES Selfless-Service	Honor
				Integrity
				Personal Courage
CORE LEADER COMPETENCIES			ATTRIBUTES	
<u>Leads</u> Leads others Extends influence beyond the Chain of Command Leads by Example Communicates	<u>Develops</u> Creates a positive environment Prepares self Develops others	<u>Achieves</u> Gets Results	<u>Leader of Character</u> Army Values Empathy Warrior Ethos	<u>Leader with Presence</u> Military Bearing Physically Fit Composed, confident Resilient
			<u>Leader with Intellectual Capacity</u> Mental agility Sound Judgment Innovation Interpersonal tact Domain knowledge	
OBSERVATIONS AND REMARKS (TIME/EVENT/RESULTS)				

ARNGOCS Form 3

OBSERVATION AND REMARKS (TIME/EVENT/RESULTS) CONT.			
CORRECTIVE TRAINING/ COURSE OF ACTION TO BE TAKEN			
CADRE SIGNATURE	DATE	CANDIDATE SIGNATURE	DATE

ARNGOCS Form 3

J-3. FIELD LEADERSHIP EVALUATION REPORT (FLER).

FIELD LEADERSHIP PERFORMANCE EVALUATION REPORT											
CANDIDATE NAME (LAST, FIRST, MI)	LAST 4	CO/PLT/SQD	PHASE	DATE	POSITION						
E-S-N TROOP LEADING PROCEDURES											
RECEIVE THE MISSION		COMMENTS:									
ISSUE WARNINGDER		COMMENTS:									
MAKE A TENTATIVE PLAN		COMMENTS:									
START NECESS. MVMNT		COMMENTS:									
RECONNAISSANCE		COMMENTS:									
COMPLETE PLAN		COMMENTS:									
ISSUE OPORD		COMMENTS:									
SUPERVISE / REFINE		COMMENTS:									
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OBSERVATIONS AND REMARKS									
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RATER NAME (LAST, FIRST MI), RANK	RATER SIGNATURE	DATE							
CANDIDATE NAME (LAST, FIRST MI)	CANDIDATE SIGNATURE	DATE							

LEADERSHIP EVALUATION REPORT

PART I - ADMINISTRATIVE DATA					
CANDIDATE NAME (Last, First MI)	LAST 4	CO/PLT/SQD	PHASE	DATE	POSITION
RATER'S NAME / RANK / POSITION	PERIOD COVERED	FROM DAY MONTH YEAR		TO DAY MONTH YEAR	
PART II - EXPLANATION OF RATING SYSTEM					
SCALE					
E (Excellent)		S (Satisfactory)		N (Not Satisfactory)	
PART III - DUTY DESCRIPTION					
PART IV - PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (ARMY VALUES, CORE LEADER COMPETENCIES, AND LEADER ATTRIBUTES IAW FM 6-22)					
ARMY VALUES	ACTS IAW		REMARKS		
LOYALTY	Y	N			
DUTY	Y	N			
RESPECT	Y	N			
SELFLESS SERVICE	Y	N			
HONOR	Y	N			
INTEGRITY	Y	N			
PERSONAL COURAGE	Y	N			
<i>Comments mandatory on a DA Form 4856 for all "NO" entries</i>					

LEADERSHIP EVALUATION REPORT

In pages 2 thru 6 comments must be made on at least two Leads Competencies, at least two Develops Competencies, and at least one Achieves Competencies. Each evaluated competency must be complemented by at least one Attribute. See Appendix A, FM 6-22 Army Leadership.

**PART IV - PERFORMANCE EVALUATION CONTINUED
Core Competencies - LEADS (must evaluate at least two Leads Competencies)**

<i>Leads Others</i>	RATING			REMARKS
	E	S	N	
Established and imparts clear intent and purpose				
Uses appropriate influence techniques to energize others				
Conveys the significance of the work				
Maintains and enforces high professional standards				
Balances requirements of mission with welfare of followers				
<i>Extends Influence Beyond the Chain of Command</i>	RATING			REMARKS
	E	S	N	
Understands sphere of influence, means of influence, and limits of influence				
Builds trust				
Negotiates for understanding, builds consensus, and resolves conflict				
Builds and maintains alliances				
CANDIDATES LAST NAME				

LEADERSHIP EVALUATION REPORT

PART IV - PERFORMANCE EVALUATION CONTINUED

Core Competencies - LEADS (must evaluate at least two Leads Competencies)

<i>Leads By Example</i>	RATING			REMARKS
	E	S	N	
Displays character by modeling the Army Values consistently through actions, attitudes, and communications				
Exemplifies the Warrior Ethos				
Demonstrates commitment to the Nation, Army, unit, Soldiers, community, and multinational partners				
Leads with confidence in adverse situations				
Demonstrates technical and tactical knowledge and skills				
Understands the importance of conceptual skills and models them to others				
Seeks and is open to diverse ideas and points of view				
<i>Communicates</i>	RATING			REMARKS
	E	S	N	
Listens actively				
Determines information-sharing strategies				
Employs engaging communication techniques				
Conveys thoughts and ideas to ensure shared understanding				
Presents recommendations so others understands advantages				
Is sensitive to cultural factors in communication				
CANDIDATES LAST NAME				

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PART IV - PERFORMANCE EVALUATION CONTINUED
Core Competencies - DEVELOPS (must evaluate at least two Develops Competencies)

<i>Creates a Positive Environment</i>	RATING			REMARKS
	E	S	N	
Fosters teamwork, cohesion, cooperation, and loyalty				
Encourages subordinates to exercise initiative, accept responsibility, and take ownership				
Creates a learning environment				
Encourages open and candid communications				
Encourages fairness and inclusiveness				
Expresses and demonstrates care for people and their well-being				
Sets and maintains high expectations for individuals and teams				
Accepts reasonable setbacks and failures				
<i>Prepares Self</i>	RATING			REMARKS
	E	S	N	
Maintains mental and physical health and well-being				
Maintains self awareness: employs self understanding and recognizes impact on others				
Evaluates and incorporates feedback from others				
Expands knowledge of technical, technological, and tactical areas				
Expands conceptual and interpersonal capabilities				
Analyzes and organizes information to create knowledge				
Maintains relevant cultural awareness				
CANDIDATES LAST NAME				

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PART IV - PERFORMANCE EVALUATION CONTINUED

Core Competencies - DEVELOPS (must evaluate at least two Develops Competencies)

<i>Develops Others</i>	RATING			REMARKS
	E	S	N	
Assesses current developmental needs of others				
Fosters job development, job challenge, and job enrichment				
Counsels, coaches, and mentors				
Builds team or group skills and processes				

PART IV - PERFORMANCE EVALUATION CONTINUED

Core Competencies - ACHIEVES (must evaluate at least one Achieves Competencies)

<i>Gets Results</i>	RATING			REMARKS
	E	S	N	
Prioritizes, organizes, and coordinates taskings for teams or other organizational structures/groups				
Identifies and accounts for individual and group capabilities and commitment to task				
Designates, clarifies, and deconflicts roles				
Identifies, contends for, allocates, and manages resources				
Seeks, recognizes, and takes advantages of opportunities to improve performance				
Makes feedback part of work processes				
Executes plans to accomplish the mission				
Identifies and adjusts to external influences on the mission or taskings and organization				

CANDIDATES LAST NAME	
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PART IV - PERFORMANCE EVALUATION CONTINUED

Attributes

(each of the evaluated Core Leader Competencies must be complemented with at least one Attribute)

<i>A Leader of Character</i>	RATING			REMARKS
	E	S	N	
Army Values				
Empathy				
Warrior Ethos				
<i>A Leader with Presence</i>	RATING			REMARKS
E	S	N		
Military bearing				
Physically fit				
Confident				
Resilient				
<i>A Leader with Intellectual Capacity</i>	RATING			REMARKS
E	S	N		
Agility				
Judgment				
Innovative				
Interpersonal tact				
Domain knowledge				
CANDIDATES LAST NAME				

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PART V - PERFORMANCE RECOMMENDATIONS and SUMMARY OF COUNSELING

Overall Evaluation

E (Excellent)

S (Satisfactory)

N (Not Satisfactory)

Summary of Counseling and Recommendations

Candidate's Plan for Improvement

Follow-Up

Rater's Signature

Date
Signed

Candidate's Signature

Date
Signed

J-5. LEADERSHIP IN-BRIEFING.

LEADERSHIP EVALUATION IN-BRIEF					
PART I - ADMINISTRATIVE DATA					
CANDIDATE NAME (Last, First, MI)	LAST 4	CO/PLT/SQD	PHASE	DATE	POSITION
RATER'S NAME / RANK / POS		<i>FROM: DAY / MONTH / YEAR</i>		<i>TO: DAY / MONTH / YEAR</i>	
PART II - EXPLANATION OF RATING SYSTEM					
SCALE					
OVERALL NET ASSESSMENT (Circle one) E (Excellent) S (Satisfactory) N (Not Satisfactory)					
PART III – DUTY DESCRIPTION					
PART IV - CRITICAL EVENTS / EXPECTATIONS					

(FRONT)

LEADERSHIP EVALUATION IN BRIEF	
PART V - SUMMARY	
Date and Summary of Counseling:	
Candidate's Comments on Expectations:	
Rater's Signature and Date:	Candidate's Signature and Date:

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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: ARNG OCS Student Evaluation Plan (SEP)

1. Purpose. This document serves as the Student Evaluation Plan (SEP) as required by TR 350-70 Chapter VI Section 7-5 paragraph a. All information is extracted from the ARNG OCS Course Management Plan (CMP) May 2008

2. Requirements. TRADOC 350-70 and TRADOC PAM 350-70-5 requires the SEP be provided in writing and explains evaluation methods, exams, retesting policy and graduation requirements. **The SEP plan should be posted in common areas for the students to review.**

3. Testing. Each testable module will follow the train, review and test methodology. Candidates must pass all written examinations or retests with a score of 70% or higher. Students failing an exam will be counseled in writing on a DA 4856, Developmental Counseling Form, retrained and retested. The OC who passes the retest is awarded a minimum score of 70% regardless of actual score they receive; both scores are annotated on the End of Course Summary.

Only one retest will be given per test except under exceptional circumstances. Exceptions to the retest policy must be recommended by the Company Commander and approved by the Battalion Commander.

a. Any candidate that fails a cumulative of 3 written examinations will automatically be placed on ACADEMIC PROBATION. The Candidate will be counseled on a DA 4856, Developmental Counseling Form, explaining the consequences of continued academic failure. A fourth failure will result in a recommendation to the Battalion Commander for possible relief from the course.

b. Candidates who miss or cannot actively participate in 12 or more hours of scheduled training may be recommended for recycle. Only the Battalion Commander can make exceptions to this policy.

4. Leadership Position Evaluations. Each student will receive and complete a minimum of one leadership position evaluation during phase I and Phase II. Phase III the candidate will receive an evaluation during the LRC and FLX II operations. Leadership evaluation

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and counseling in OCS measures observed performance and potential. Assessment is purposely subjective using Attributes and Core Leader Competencies from FM 6-22, Army Leadership. The scale to assess the candidates performance is, Excellent, Satisfactory and Needs Improvement (E-S-N) Prior to attending Phase III consolidated training, the OCS Company Commander must consider each candidate to possess the potential to acquire the leadership skills, attitudes, and knowledge needed to become a successful newly commissioned Second Lieutenant. Candidates not considered by the OCS Company Commander to possess this potential are counseled in writing and recycled or relieved from the OCS program.

5. Counseling. Keen observation of candidate performance and detailed, caring counseling is the cornerstone of OCS training. This training / counseling are where the candidate acquires the leadership skills and attitudes that enable him / her to become a successful officer. The Platoon Trainer uses the counseling tools provided in the OCS Platoon Trainer Guide and counsels candidates IAW the OCS Leadership Assessment Program (LAP) provided in Chapter 11 of the CMP and the OCS Platoon Trainer guide. It is imperative that Platoon Trainer and NCOs skillfully use the LAP tools and counseling process to impart leadership skills and knowledge on the officer candidates.

6. **Phase I.** The following training events and tests must be successfully completed prior to the end of Phase I to be a graduate of this phase.

a. Examinations. Must pass all four Phase I exams or retests. Candidate must score 70% or greater on each exam. Phase I exams include: Training Management, Applied Map Reading, Land Navigation Day Practical, and Land Navigation Night Practical. All exams and retest must be completed prior to the end of Phase I.

b. Five mile foot march. Conducted in Phase I, along a suitable, five mile route. Uniform is ACUs, boots, Kevlar helmet, LCE / LBV (with two full canteens at the start), weapon, and rucksack. Rucksack must weigh from 35-40 pounds at the beginning and completion of the foot march. Officer candidates must complete the five mile foot march without assistance in 1 hour and 45 minutes. Successful completion of the five mile foot march is a Phase I requirement. A five mile foot march retest must be completed by the candidate within 1 hour and 45 minutes without assistance in Phase I before the candidate is credited with completing Phase I. The failure of a five mile foot march will be annotated on a DA Form 4856, Developmental Counseling Form.

c. Peer evaluation # 1 is completed at the end of Phase I.

d. Warrior Tasks and Battle Drills (WTBD). Candidates must instruct at least one of the WTBDs and demonstrate task mastery through skill application of all WTBDs. Candidates must receive a "Go" on all WTBDs and have documented evidence of task mastery on each task.

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e. Program of Instruction (POI) Training. Candidates must attend all POI training.

f. APFT/Height/Weight. All students will take and pass an APFT 60 days prior to the start of Phase I, per the CMP chapter 14. All students will meet and maintain height and weight standards IAW AR 600-9.

g. Leadership Position Evaluations. All students must have a minimum of one leadership position and be counseled using the Leadership Evaluation Report (LER).

7. **Phase II.** The following training events and tests must be successfully completed prior to the end of Phase II to be a graduate of this phase.

a. Examinations. Must pass all eight Phase II exams or retests. Candidate must score 70% or greater on each exam. Phase II exams include: Operations, Tactics, Call for Fire, Leadership, Military Justice, Heritage and History, Supply Activities and Elements of Military Intelligence. All exams and retest must be completed prior to the end of Phase II.

b. Seven-mile foot march. Must complete the seven mile foot march without assistance within 2 hours and 30 minutes. Uniform must be the same as the 5 mile foot march. Candidate must complete the 7 mile foot march to move on to Phase III. The failure of a 7 mile foot march will be annotated on a DA Form 4856 Developmental Counseling Form. Retest is authorized and is conducted during Phase II.

c. Ten-mile foot march. Must complete the ten-mile foot march without assistance within 3 hours and 30 minutes. Uniform must be the same as the 5 mile foot march. Candidate must complete the 10 mile foot march to move on to Phase III. The failure of a 10 mile foot march will be annotated on a DA Form 4856 Developmental Counseling Form. Retest is authorized and is conducted during Phase II.

d. Peer evaluation # 2 and # 3 – Peer evaluation # 2 is completed in the middle of phase II and peer evaluation # 3 is completed at the end of phase II.

e. APFT. Traditional candidate must pass standard APFT IAW FM 21-20 within 60 days of Phase III start date. For Accelerated course, APFT must be completed within 20 days of Phase III start date.

f. Three Mile Formation Run. Candidates must complete a three mile formation run without assistance. Candidates are not authorized to walk at anytime during the run; if this occurs, the individual will be considered a failure in this event. Uniform will be the IPFU. The failure of the 3 mile formation run will be annotated on a DA Form 4856 Developmental Counseling Form. Retest is authorized and is conducted during Phase II.

g. Program of Instruction (POI) Training. Must attend all Phase II POI training.

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h. Leadership Position Evaluations. All students must have a minimum of one leadership position and be counseled using the Leadership Evaluation Report (LER). Candidate must receive an “E” or an “S” to graduate Phase II.

8. **Phase III.** The following training events must be successfully completed prior to the end of Phase III to be a graduate of this phase and the OCS course.

a. Combat Water Survival Test. Must attempt the Combat Water Survival Test IAW Chapter 10 of the CMP.

b. Obstacle Course. Must perform the obstacle course (conditioning or confidence) training and make a valid attempt at each obstacle on the course IAW Chapter 10 of the CMP.

c. Leadership Reaction Course (LRC). Must participate as a squad member and as a squad leader at LRC training IAW Chapter 10 of the CMP. Candidate will receive a Field Leadership Evaluation Report (FLER).

d. Leadership Position Evaluations. Candidate will receive 2 Leadership evaluations. One for the LRC and One for FLX II Operations. Candidate must receive an “E” or an “S” on the FLX II operations evaluation to graduate Phase III. The evaluation will be completed on a Field Leadership Evaluation Report (FLER).

e. Program of Instruction (POI) Training. Must attend all Phase III POI training.

f. Must be recommended by the OCS Company Commander (by signature on End of Course Summary Sheet Phase III) as possessing the leadership skills, attitudes and knowledge required of a newly commissioned Second Lieutenant prior to graduating Phase III and OCS.

9. Academic Evaluation Report (AER). The ARNG End of Course Summary is used to track the completion of all test scores, and training events in all phases of OCS.

10. Relief and Recycle from the OCS Course.

a. Non-academic. See diagram on Enclosure 1 for Non-academic relief and recycle. This includes Leadership, motivational and disciplinary relief from the current phase of training and /or the OCS Course.

b. Academic relief. See diagram on Attachment 2 for academic relief and recycle. Academic relief and recycle are conducted when a candidate fails an exam and retest with a score below 70% or after the 4th test failure.

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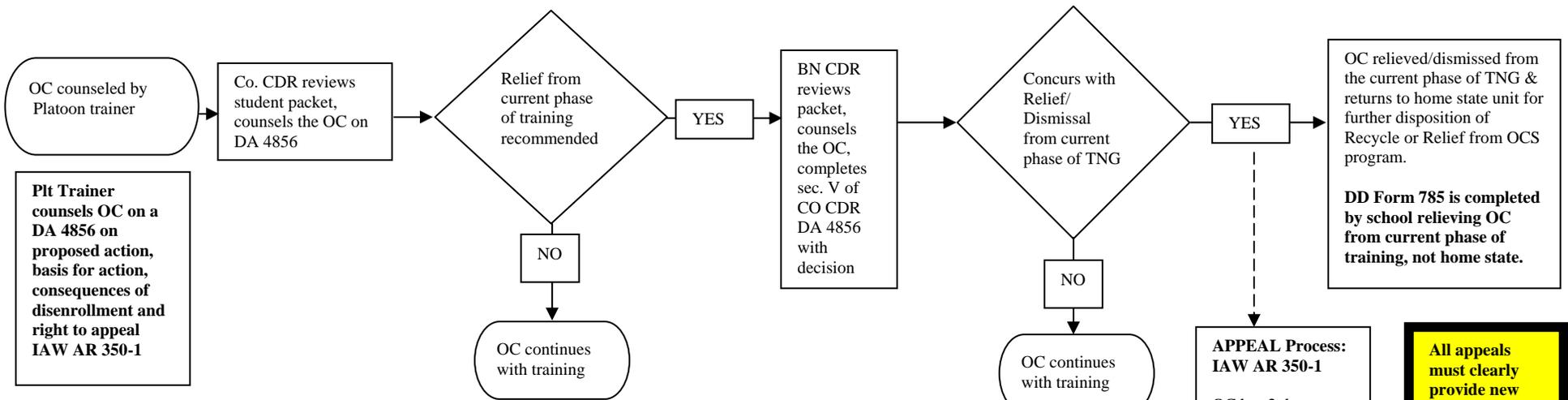
c. Appeal process. See diagram on Attachment 1

2 Encls

1. Non Academic relief/recycle,
Appeal Process
2. Academic relief/recycle

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Plt Trainer counsels OC on a DA 4856 on proposed action, basis for action, consequences of disenrollment and right to appeal IAW AR 350-1

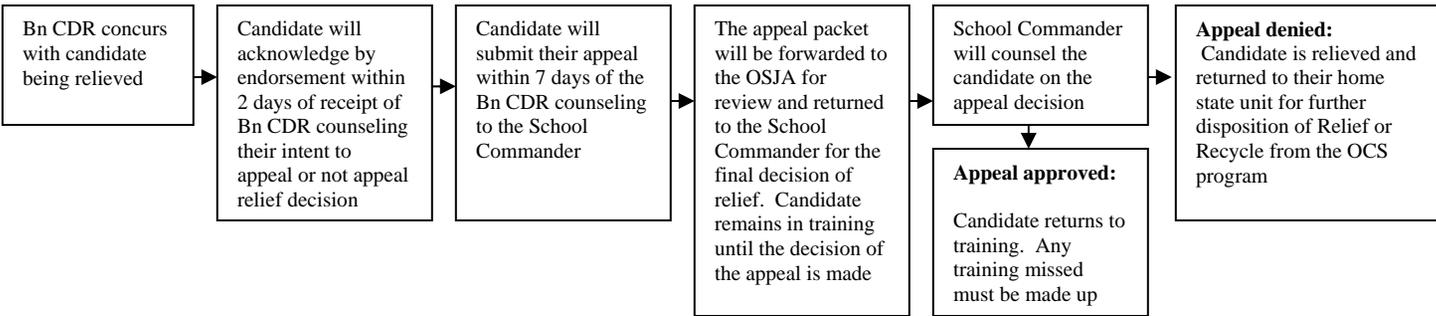
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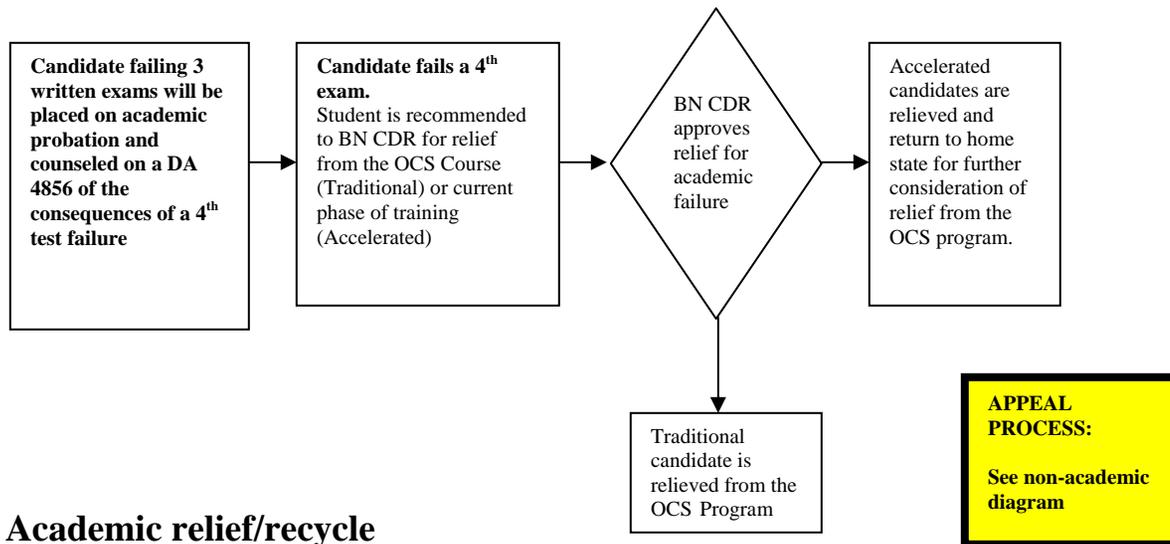
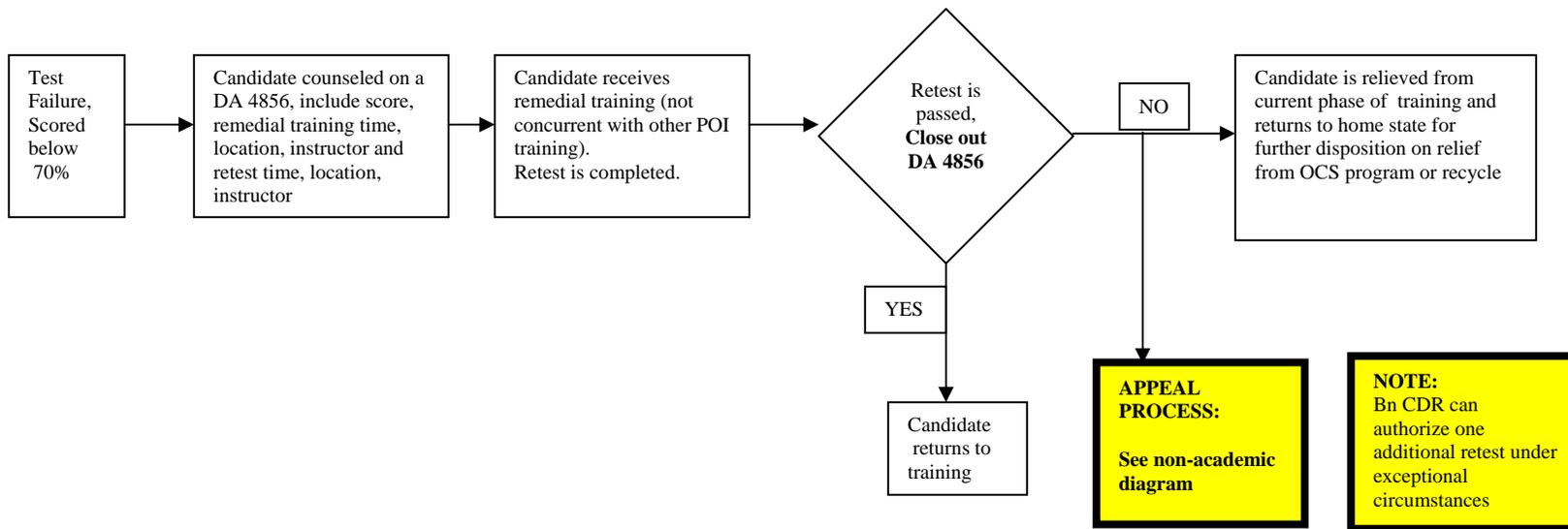
Non-Academic

APPEAL PROCESS: IAW AR 350-1
 OC has 2 days to acknowledge & 7 days to submit to School Commander. The 7 day process starts with the Bn Cdr counseling.
 Appeal is forwarded to OSJA to determine legal sufficiency of dismissal action.
 School Commander makes final decision once packet is returned from OSJA

All appeals must clearly provide new evidence not previously considered by the Approving Authority.

APPEAL PROCESS





Academic relief/recycle

M16 RIFLE (5.56MM)

Weapons Readiness

a. GREEN:

- (1) Weapon on Safe
- (2) **Empty Magazine** inserted in weapon
- (3) Bolt forward, ejection port cover closed

b. AMBER:

- (1) Weapon on Safe
- (2) **Magazine with ammunition** inserted in weapon
- (3) Bolt forward, **NO round in chamber**, ejection port cover closed.

c. RED:

- (1) Weapon on safe
- (2) **Magazine with ammunition** inserted in weapon
- (3) **Round chambered**, ejection port cover closed.

Unloading and Clearing Procedures

- 1.) Orient weapon in a safe direction (Clearing container if available).
- 2.) Remove the magazine from the weapon.
- 3.) Attempt to place weapon selector lever on SAFE.
- 4.) Lock bolt to rear (ensure weapon is on SAFE).
- 5.) Inspect the receiver and chamber to ensure no ammunition is present.
- 6.) With NO ammunition in chamber or receiver, allow the bolt to go forward.
- 7.) Aim weapon into clearing container, rotate selector lever to SEMI, squeeze the trigger.
- 8.) Charge weapon once.
- 9.) Place selector lever on SAFE.

Soldier's Creed

I am an American Soldier.

I am a Warrior and a member of a team.

I serve the people of the United States and live the Army Values.

I will always place the mission first.

I will never accept defeat.

I will never quit.

I will never leave a fallen comrade.

I am disciplined, physically and mentally tough, trained and proficient in my warrior tasks and battle drills.

I always maintain my arms, my equipment and myself.

I am an expert and I am a professional.

I stand ready to deploy, engage, and destroy the enemies of the United States of America in close combat.

I am a guardian of freedom and the American way of life.

I am an American Soldier.