



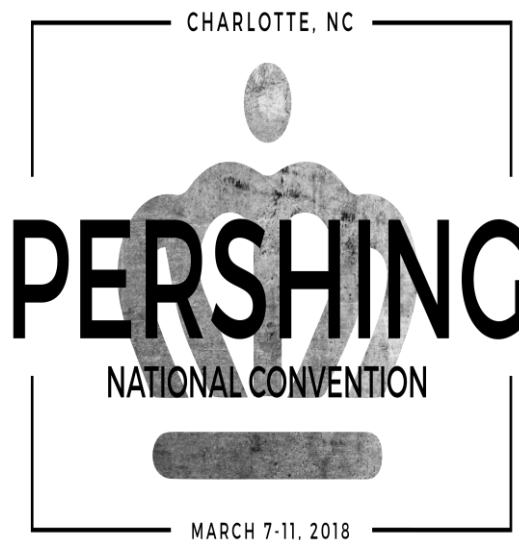
The National Shield



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P/R National Commander's Message



P/R Major General Carrie Viscanti:

I would like to start by welcoming everyone back from summer vacation. I know many of you had training this summer and I would like to congratulate those of you that completed basic camp, advanced camp or any other training. Now it's time for a new semester of Pershing Rifles to start. The National Headquarters has been working hard this summer to get everything for the year and we're ready to hit the ground running. I know many of you have already started operations for the semester and I am very impressed from what I have heard thus far.

With that, there are a few things I would like to discuss. First are the company commander's calls. It is very important that we have 100% attendance at these calls, as the information that is put out is vital to the operations of every company. With the next call on 15OCT17 being FCC, it is very important that everyone is there.

Next is Intake. With the semester starting, most companies are beginning their intake processes. While we all strive to uphold the standard that is Pershing Rifles, it is also important that we are upholding policies set forth by both the National Headquarters and your host universities. Times are changing and we must learn to adapt with them or we will fail as an organization.

Finally, NATCON. This year NATCON will be taking place in Charlotte, North Carolina from 8-11MAR18. There was some confusion on this last year so I would like to make it very clear now. Every school will attend NATCON this year. Excusals will only be issued in extreme circumstances. NATCON is a very important event for our organization and the experience you will gain cannot be replaced by anything else. I would also like to challenge every company to participate in at least one event at the drill competition this year. The drill competition was always my favorite part of NATCON and I would love to see everyone take part.

I see a bright future ahead for Pershing Rifles, but it's not going to come easy. It's going to take hard work and dedication, but I know we can do it. We need to start looking at the future and begin working for those riflemen who will come after us. For too long we have taken one step forward and two steps back and it's time for that to change. I will work each and every day in order to improve this society but my efforts alone will not be enough. Change starts at the bottom with each company and their individual riflemen. So, it is up to every one of us to work hard each day to help improve the society. If we can do this, we can take Pershing Rifles further than anyone believed possible.



(Above): Giving back to those affected by Hurricane Harvey, O-4 joins forces with their fellow Pershing Angels at their college's water drive.



(Above): From Company G-7, Kansas State University, P/R 1LT Kimberly Koblas and P/R BG Maximilian Curtis work hard while recruiting future riflemen at the new Air Force Cadet Orientation.



(Above): Company B-1, University of Dayton, presents the colors at a Cincinnati Reds' baseball game.



(Above): As the new academic year approached, Company R-4, Norfolk State University, helped with the university's move-in day.

NATCON UPDATE

"The National Headquarters is excited to announce one of the most significant annual events in recent memory. On March 8 - 11, 2018, the National Society of Pershing Rifles will join alongside the other Pershing Rifles Group organizations for our National Convention in Charlotte, North Carolina. This year will be one you do not want to miss! The Society will have an amazing discounted room rate at a 4-star resort hotel. The Great Wolf Lodge, located in Concord, will be offering a \$99.00-night rate 3 days before, 3 days after, and throughout the event. The Great Wolf offers rates normally beginning at \$250.00 per night on weekdays. Companies that are on Spring break will be able to enjoy an indoor water park, and unlimited entertainment venues within walking distance. The Great Wolf Lodge has more features than any hotel the Society has engaged in past NATCONs.

All companies must ensure that they are exploring every opportunity to raise funds during the fall semester for travel to the National Convention. Every company is required to attend NATCON, and with a deal like this, now is the time to act. If you need assistance with fundraising, please do not hesitate to reach out to the G3 NHQ Operations Officer at Operations@PershingRiflesSociety.org. You may also contact the PRG for support with alumni efforts or sponsorships at PRG@thePRGroup.org.

Over the years, Pershing Rifles has never wavered in our commitment to the highest ideals of the military profession, as exemplified by General of the Armies John J. Pershing. Please join us as we honor an American hero, who's name we all bear...**PERSHING RIFLEMEN.**"



Above: The outside view from Great Wolf Lodge, where the society will be staying at during NATCON.

Bottom Left: During free time, after a long day of work, riflemen can visit the lodge's waterpark located inside the resort!

Unit Management Systems(UMS)



"The Unit Management System (UMS) is an administrative system designed to assist the National Society of Pershing Rifles in tracking membership status and facilitating dues payments, event registration, and the ability to track unit equipment assigned to individual members. Designed in 2015, the Unit Management System is intended to serve as the Pershing Rifles' single source for tracking active and alumni membership in the National Society of Pershing Rifles and its alumni association.

The Pershing Rifles Group has been hard at work over the summer months developing a new Unit Management System (UMS). The system will be rolled out in various phases throughout the fall, the first of which is the online store, which went live on Wednesday, September 7, 2016. You can view the store and make purchases by going to <https://theprgroup.org/membership/join/#join>

In the coming weeks and months, various other features will go live, including a new system for registering, paying dues, and managing memberships."

Please be advised that the new UMS will be used to submit USRs.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Riflemen,

As the new semester has started, it is essential to keep the dates in your calendars! To be a better company, you all should be ahead of the deadlines and plan these dates accordingly! Please keep the following dates in mind:

Unit Strength Report (USR)- 07 October 2017

* Please note that Unit Strength Reports (USRs) are still due to the G1 Administration Officer(administration@pershingriflessociety.org) by the deadline noted above.

Dues Payments- 31 October 2017

****NATCON Company Attendance Plan- 01 December 2017**

Company Inspection Reports- 24 January 2018

Company Visits NLT- 31 January 2018

NATCON Registration- 02 February 2018

National Convention Accountability Report-09 February 2018

New Riflemen Dues Payment- 15 February 2018

*See "Membership Fees" article for details

Awards Submissions Deadline- 23 February 2018

National Legislative Call Dates:

1. **15 October 2017 **FCC****

Membership Fees:

As the new year bestowed onto us, it is a reminder that this year will still have dues!

Active members will be paying a \$55 cost per person, while new members will only have to pay 50% of the dues!

It is important to know that all members WILL be paying dues at www.theprgroup.org

"A competent leader can get efficient service from poor troops, while on the contrary an incapable leader can demoralize the best of troops." -General John J. Pershing





Pershing Rifles Ribbons & Awards



National Commander's Award



Regimental Commander's Award



Membership



National Staff



Regimental Staff



Lifesaving Award



Gold Achievement Medal



Silver Achievement Medal



Bronze Achievement Medal



Best Regiment



Most Improved Regiment



Best Company



Most Improved Company



National Postal Rifle Match 1st



National Postal Rifle Match 2nd



National Postal Rifle Match 3rd



Service Ribbon



John J. Pershing
Memorial Drill Meet Participation



National Postal Rifle
Participation



National Postal PT
Participation



Regiment Best Pledge



Company Best Pledge

Based on PRF-010, the P/R Standard Operating Procedures dated 2007

The Pershing Rifles Membership Ribbon



The design of the P/R Membership Ribbon is identical to the Army Good Conduct Medal (except it is blue rather than red), which denotes exemplary conduct at all times. It is worn on the left breast of the uniform.

The current Pershing Rifles Membership Ribbon was created by the US Army Institute of Heraldry in May 1951 to replace a pre-World War II designed blue ribbon with a ¼" white stripe on each side that was deemed to be too similar to the Italian War Cross.

The US Army Institute of Heraldry provided official written approval for the wear of the Pershing Rifles Membership Ribbon on 14 May 1951. Air Force Instruction 36-2903, AFROTC Supplement states that the Pershing Rifles Membership Ribbon "may be worn on the AFROTC cadet uniform in precedence according to AFR OTCI 36-2011 and AFROTCVA 36-3."

ANTI-HAZING POLICY

The National Society of Pershing Rifles will not tolerate ANY hazing, especially in the initiation procedures for any Pershing Rifles pledges at any chartered Pershing Rifles unit. This applies to both mental and physical hazing.

Hazing is defined as any conduct whereby one Pershing Rifleman, regardless of rank, causes another member or pledge to suffer or be exposed to an activity that is cruel, abusive, humiliating, or oppressive. Hazing includes, but is not limited to, any form of initiation or congratulatory act that involves physically striking another to inflict pain, piercing another's skin in any manner, encouraging another to excessively consume alcohol, or encouraging another to engage in illegal, harmful, demeaning or dangerous acts. In addition to physical contact, hazing can also be verbal or psychological in nature.

If at any time a Pershing Rifleman or pledge, regardless of rank, finds a violation to this directive, he or she is to report the violation to the National Commander. A Pershing Rifleman active or alumni who have been found guilty of hazing will be stripped of all rank and rights of a Pershing Rifleman, will be permanently expelled from the Society and considered for legal action.



Public Affairs Announcement:

P/R CPT Christopher Scanlan,

Did your company or regiment did anything interesting? Want to show of your company? This is your chance! Email us at PublicAffairs@pershingriflessociety.org And we'll show it off in front of the entire society! This can be anything from drill pictures/videos, helping your company's community, and everything else in between! We would love to give you all a shout out!

WANTED:

The National Staff for Pershing Rifles is wanting quality riflemen to apply for the following jobs!

Deputies: In charge of assisting vital roles on the NHQ staff and making sure the mission success is completed.

NCOIC: In charge of commanding the society at NATCON and conducting tap out.

If you are interested, please contact the National Commander via email at commander@pershingriflessociety.org