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SECTION 1: EVENT OVERVIEW

A. Virtual Drill Competition

1. The National Convention Drill Competition remains the leading competition for all Pershing Rifles and Pershing Angels Companies. This event is operated for undergraduate Rifleman and Angels from various colleges and universities. **(Due to high schools and universities falling under different categories of COVID-19 mitigation, Blackjack units will not be authorized to compete with undergraduate students.)** Alumni will be allowed to participate in all drill events offered and will be judged in a separate category from undergraduates.
2. Due to current events, the 2021 NATCON drill competition will utilize an online drill competition format. The winners will be announced after submission and judging of all videos are complete.
3. This SOP will include all information pertinent to the competition and necessary for preparation and competition. Along with rules and regulations there will be information on the management of the event by The Pershing Rifles Group.
4. No person may compete without proper submission of all required dues and registration fees with confirmation from the member organization. Therefore, a functional commander's email and WIFI is required to compete.
5. All competitors, instructors, and supporters are subject to comply with all of the rules and procedures of this SOP. Any items not specifically covered by these regulations are at the sole judgement, discretion, and determination of the Head Judge and the PRG CEO.
6. It is possible unforeseen items may arise that are not directly covered by these rules. If this were to occur, ruling will be made to maintain the spirit of the rules herein and to provide to all of the competitors the fairest and impartial competition possible. If the unforeseen item falls under a scoring or judging issue, the Head Judge will make the ruling. If the unforeseen item falls under an administrative or registration issue, the PRG CEO will make the ruling. In any case where this occurs, their decision is non-reviewable, cannot be protested, and will stand as final judgement.

B. Best Rifleman Competition

1. The Best Rifleman Competition is unique to Pershing Riflemen. This competition has become a supplemental competition to measure and prove the physical fitness and endurance of all Rifleman and respective companies. This event is operated for undergraduate Rifleman from various colleges and universities. Pershing Rifles Alumni will be allowed to

participate in the Best Rifleman Competition and will be judged in a separate category from all undergraduates.

2. Due to current events, the 2021 Best Rifleman competition will be conducted individually or on a company level and results submitted through an online platform. The winners will be announced after submission is complete.
3. Company Commanders must sign off on each submission from the respective company.
4. This SOP will include all information pertinent to the competition and necessary for preparation and competition. Along with rules and regulations there will be information on the management of the event by NSPR.
5. Registering online indicates acknowledgement of the SOP. No person may compete without proper submission of all required dues and registration fees with confirmation from the member organization. Therefore, a functional commander's email and WiFi is required to compete.
6. All competitors, instructors, and supporters are subject to comply with all of the rules and procedures of this SOP. Any items not specifically covered by these regulations are at the sole judgement, discretion, and determination of the head judge and the NSPR CSM.
7. It is possible unforeseen items may arise that are not directly covered by these rules. If this were to occur, the NSPR CSM will make a ruling to maintain the spirit of the rules herein and to provide to all of the competitors the fairest and impartial competition possible. In any case where this occurs, their decision is non-reviewable, cannot be protested, and will stand as final judgement.

C. Society Meetings

1. Society meetings include the society meeting, the legislative meeting, the new company orientation, and the NHQ staff interviews. These meetings are operated by the undergraduate NHQ staff from various colleges and universities.
2. Due to current events, the 2021 society meetings will be conducted on an online platform. Alumni and advisors are not permitted to attend these meetings.
3. All active riflemen are required to be present at the society meeting. During the society meeting all awards will be announced as well as hearing from the NHQ staff members about the year in review.
4. All company commanders and senior leaders are required to be present at the legislative meeting. The budget will be presented to the leaders and

there will be reports from NHQ staff as well as RCOs. The meeting will be concluded by the National Commander Nomination.

5. All new companies chartering in the spring of 2021 are required to be present at the new company orientation. All company leadership is welcome to attend if finances and fundraising is a topic of interest.
6. All Riflemen who have submitted an application for NHQ staff will be given a time slot to conduct an interview.
7. Failure to attend any of the events listed on the official schedule by the designated individuals without a prior validated excuse from the NSPR National Commander will result in disciplinary action. Companies not in attendance will not meet the requirement of NATCON attendance to maintain an active company status **regardless of participation in the Best Rifleman Competition or the virtual drill competition**. Carefully review the schedule and information in this guide to ensure attendance awareness. For events that require the Company Commander to be present, in the absence of the CO, the ranking senior representative of the company should attend.

D. Participation Requirements

1. In order to compete for the title of Varsity Rifles, a company must compete in every event offered in the virtual drill competition excluding solo or duet routines.
2. Any company can submit any number of teams for any number events in the drill competition. Any company can submit any number of individuals for best rifleman competition.
3. In order to maintain active company status and earn the participation and attendance at NATCON, each company must have **at minimum one team** submission into the drill competition OR **at minimum one rifleman** compete in the Best Rifleman Competition **IN ADDITION TO** meeting all society meeting attendance requirements. Solo and duet submissions will not count towards a company's participation and attendance.
4. Failure to meet these participation requirements will result in a loss of active company status. If a company is unable to meet participation requirements, companies must notify the NATCOM NLT **10MARCH2021** and situations will be reviewed on a case by case basis. In any case where this occurs, the decision is non-reviewable, cannot be protested, and will stand as final judgement.

SECTION 2: VIRTUAL DRILL COMPETITION SOP

A. Competition Overview

1. The drill competition is an online, YouTube video URL submission. The entry fee must be paid upon registration by 10MARCH2021. A competition password will be posted on the Pershing Rifles Group and all member organizations websites and social media pages on 30MARCH2021. The URL submission window will open from 31MARCH2021 until 7APRIL2021. **If your YouTube video URL is late, it will not be entered into the competition nor will your entry fee be returned; no exceptions.** Competitors will yell out the password before starting their routine. This will ensure the videos are fresh and not prerecorded in advance. **URLS WILL BE SUBMITTED TO ORGANIZATION COMMANDERS.**
2. When submitting URLs to commanders, a uniform subject line will be used to ensure the submission is not overlooked or lost. Failure to use the correct format may result in video submissions not being submitted for judging. The subject line will be as follows:
 - a. 2021 NATCON, Company Designation, Event, Team Number
 - b. Company Designation will be written as Company X-X (i.e. Company A-0).
 - c. Event will be the title of the event performed (i.e. Unarmed Regulation).
 - d. Team Number will designate how many teams are submitted. If only one team is submitted, it will be Team 1.

B. Entry Costs and Deadlines

- a. All competitors will pay the same entry fee per team with an option of a company fee.
- b. Registration for all solo competitors is \$5
- c. Registration for all duet competitors is \$10
- d. Registration for all team events (unarmed regulation, armed regulation, color guard, and exhibition) is \$15
- e. The registration deadline is 10MARCH2021.
- f. An entry into the virtual drill competition will only be considered official when all members of the respective company have paid individual dues to maintain status as an active member **regardless of if all riflemen are participating in the event.** If a company does not have 100% active members dues paid before submission of competition video, **it will not be entered into the competition nor will entry fees be returned; no exceptions.**

- g. A company fee of \$60 will cover five (5) team entries. Each additional team entry will be \$15. This does not include solo and duet competitors as these are individual competitions.
- h. All proceeds will go toward the purchase, engravement, and shipping of all trophies, plaques, and or medals for this event.

C. Events

- a. The team events offered are unarmed regulation, armed regulation, exhibition, and color guard. In order to be eligible for Varsity Rifles, a company must register and compete in all team events.
- b. Team events must have a minimum number of 3 riflemen with no maximum number. Number of riflemen will not impact the scoring of the event and will not cause any advantage or disadvantage to having less or more riflemen on each team.
- c. The individual events offered are solo and duet exhibition.
- d. See NATCON Scoresheet document for event commands.

D. Uniform

- a. Company competition uniforms must be worn. No exceptions.

E. Rules

- a. Individuals are only authorized one rifle. Commanders are only authorized one sabre. No outside props or extra rifles will be allowed.
- b. Exhibition routines must be between 3 - 5 minutes long. Regulation and color guard routines must follow the commands in the above document. Competitors will begin outside of the drill area, march onto the drill area, report in, and yell out the password. Time will start when the password is yelled out and time will stop once the competitors have reported out and left the drill area.
- c. The drill area for regulation and exhibition events will be 85x85 ft. The drill area for color guard events will be 65x65 ft. The drill area for solo and duet events will be 30x30 ft. The competitors may enter and exit the drill area wherever they wish at the start and end of the routine.
- d. See NATCON Scoresheet document for event commands.

F. Judging

- 1. Judging during any exhibition event is obviously quite subjective. However, all judges are asked to look primarily at the mechanics of the routine as well as the "snap" the competitor presents -- while also reviewing with equal intensity the overall style and flow of the performance. Keeping with military tradition is an important factor to this competition. While the degree of difficulty a competitor displays is also a strong consideration in judging, flawless perfection will not be overlooked.

2. Judges are knowledgeable and trained within the skills that make up quality exhibition and regulation drill. The judges for this competition are from River City Drill.
3. Founded in 2015, River City Drill is a civilian-run organization based in Louisville, Kentucky that focuses on building up the activity through coaching, judging, and competing. Their members have captured 2 Solo Exhibition National Championships, 10 Top Five placements in Solo and Tandem at Daytona Nationals, 2 placements at the All-Army National Championships, a JROTC 7th Brigade Championship, and dozens of other awards and accolades ranging from Daytona Nationals to independent Solo Exhibition competitions.
4. Their members have judged JROTC and independent competitions across Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois, as well as online competitions which have become increasingly popular due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition to volunteering at these competitions, RCD organizes two annual exhibition competitions in Louisville which regularly compose upwards of 30 of the Nation's best High School and professional drillers. Because of the connections they have made, they have constructed the most elite and knowledgeable judging corps possible for this year's event.

G. Scoring

1. First through third place awards will be given for all team events.
2. First through third place awards will be given for all solo and duet events.
3. Varsity Rifles award will be given to the company with the highest scores that competed in all team events.

SECTION 3: BEST RIFLEMAN COMPETITION SOP

A. Competition Overview

- a. The Best Rifleman Competition is an online submission. The entry fee must be paid upon registration by 10MARCH2021. A video of each event, two screenshots of a run tracking app (i.e. Strava, Nike Run, Under Armor) showing the run and ruck event, and the scoresheet will be submitted. Scoresheets will be signed by the Company Commander. Submissions will be sent to the NSPR CSM for review. The submission window will open from 10MARCH until 07APRIL2021. **If your submission is late, it will not be entered into the competition nor will your entry fee be returned; no exceptions.**
- b. See "Best Rifleman Competition Instructions" for scoresheet.
- c. When submitting URLs to the NSPR CSM, a uniform subject line will be used to ensure the submission is not overlooked or lost. Failure to use the

correct format may result in submissions not being reviewed or judged.

The subject line will be as follows:

- i. 2021 Best Rifleman Competition, Company Designation, Name
- ii. Company Designation will be written as Company X-X (i.e. Company A-0).
- iii. Name will be the name of the rifleman.

B. Entry Costs and Deadlines

- a. All competitors will pay the same entry fee per individual.
- b. Registration for competitors is \$5.
- c. The registration deadline is 10MARCH2021.
- d. An entry into the Best Rifleman Competition will only be considered official when all members of the respective company have paid individual dues to maintain status as an active member **regardless of which riflemen is participating in the competition**. If a company does not have 100% active members dues paid before submission, **it will not be reviewed nor will entry fees be returned; no exceptions.**
- e. All proceeds will go toward the purchase, engravement, and shipping of all trophies, plaques, and or medals for this event.

C. Events

- a. The first portion of the test will be the ACFT consisting of six events. These events are described below. All six events must be completed in one session, observing no more than five minutes of rest between each exercise. After the ACFT, participants may rest one full day and complete the six mile ruck the following day.
- b. Deadlift: (MDL) Deadlift the maximum weight possible three times, observing proper form and without releasing the bar after each repetition.
- c. Standing Power Throw: (SPT) Throw a ten pound ball backward and overhead for maximum distance. The Rifleman's feet may not cross the line drawn behind them to measure distance.
- d. Hand-Release Push-up: (HRP) Complete as many hand-release push-ups as possible in two minutes.
- e. Sprint-Drag-Carry: (SDC) Conduct 5 x 50 meter shuttles for time - sprint, drag, lateral, carry and sprint.
- f. Leg-Tuck: (LTK) Complete as many leg tucks as possible; maintain a relative vertical posture while moving the hips and knees up and down without excessive swinging.
- g. Two Mile Run: Complete a two mile run on a generally flat course.
- h. Six Mile Ruck: Complete a six mile ruck with 35 pounds(dry weight) on a generally flat course. This event will be conducted in PT gear.

D. Uniform

- a. This event will be conducted in PT gear.

E. Rules and Procedures

- a. The competition events will follow the rules and regulations of the Army ACFT.
- b. All six events must be completed in one session, observing no more than five minutes of rest between each exercise. After the ACFT, participants may rest one full day and complete the six mile ruck the following day.

F. Judging

- a. All submissions will be sent to the NSPR CSM including the items listed above. The appropriate measure of each event will be recorded on the score sheet found in the above mentioned document. All submissions will be reviewed and scored by the NSPR CSM.

G. Scoring and Timing

- a. The competition events will follow the scoring guidelines of the Army ACFT.
- b. The scoring of the ruck event can be found in the above mentioned document.

SECTION 4: CONTACT INFORMATION

The Pershing Rifles Group and member organization staff members (NHQ and Pershing Angles) will be available to answer questions or assist in attendance in any manner needed via email.

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