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SUBJECT: FEMALE STUDENTS FOR THE UNITED STATES ARMY MANEUVER CENTER OF EXCELLENCE (MCOE) RANGER COURSE ASSESSMENT

NARR/(U) PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE IS TO SEEK ARMY-WIDE SUPPORT OF ELIGIBLE FEMALE STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MCOE RANGER COURSE ASSESSMENT(DECISION REGARDING EXECUTION OF ASSESSMENT WILL BE MADE IN JANUARY 2015).

1. (U) BACKGROUND: AS PART OF THE ARMY SOLDIER 2020 INITIATIVE TO ENSURE THE BEST-QUALIFIED SOLDIERS HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE IN ANY POSITION WHERE THEY ARE CAPABLE OF PERFORMING TO STANDARD, THE MCOE MAY CONDUCT A RANGER COURSE ASSESSMENT IN 3RD QTR FY15 (EXACT DATES TBD).

1.A. (U) MCOE MAY CONDUCT A RANGER COURSE ASSESSMENT TO INFORM FUTURE DECISION MAKING.

1.B. (U) FEMALE VOLUNTEERS SELECTED TO ATTEND THE RANGER COURSE ASSESSMENT (EXACT CLASS TBP) WILL BE REQUIRED TO MEET ALL COURSE PERFORMANCE STANDARDS AND TRAINING REQUIREMENTS.

2. (U) ARMY COMMANDS (ACOMS), ARMY SERVICE COMPONENT COMMANDS (ASCCS), AND DIRECT REPORTING UNITS (DRUS) WILL CONDUCT A RECRUITING EFFORT TO IDENTIFY FEMALE VOLUNTEERS FOR THE RANGER COURSE ASSESSMENT.

3. (U) PREREQUISITES FOR ENTRY INTO THE RANGER COURSE ASSESSMENT CAN BE FOUND IN THE ARMY TRAINING REQUIREMENTS AND RESERVATION SYSTEM (ATRRS). ADDITIONAL STUDENT INFORMATION AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE AIRBORNE AND RANGER TRAINING BRIGADE (ARTB) WEBSITE UNDER THE STUDENT INFORMATION LINK

([HTTP://WWW.BENNING.ARMY.MIL/INFANTRY/RTB/](http://www.benning.army.mil/infantry/rtb/))

3.A. (U) ADMINISTRATIVE RESTRICTIONS PROHIBITING WOMEN FROM ATTENDING THE RANGER COURSE ARE SUSPENDED FOR SELECTION INTO THE RANGER COURSE ASSESSMENT.

3.A.1. (U) THE RANGER COURSE ASSESSMENT IS OPEN TO ALL FEMALE VOLUNTEERS IN THE GRADES E4-04.

3.A.2. (U) FEMALE SOLDIERS MUST BE VOLUNTEERS. FEMALE SOLDIERS WILL NOT BE DIRECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE RANGER COURSE ASSESSMENT.

3.A.3. (U) ALL FEMALE VOLUNTEERS MUST HAVE AN END TERM OF SERVICE (ETS) NO EARLIER THAN 01 OCTOBER 2016.

3.A.4. (U) FEMALE VOLUNTEERS MUST COMPLETE AN APPROVED RANGER PHYSICAL EXAMINATION (DD FORM 2807-1, DD FORM 2807-2, AND DD FORM 2808) AND AUDIOGRAM (DD FORM 2216) PERFORMED IAW AR 40-501, CHAPTER 8. FEMALE VOLUNTEERS MUST PROVIDE COPIES OF ALL LABORATORY OR SPECIALIZED CONSULTATIONS SIGNED BY A DOCTOR AND DENTIST, DATED WITHIN 18 MONTHS OF COURSE START DATE. VOLUNTEERS MUST MEET MEDICAL FITNESS STANDARDS IAW AR 40-501, CHAPTERS 2, 5-3, AND 5-4. ADDITIONALLY, VOLUNTEERS MUST PROVIDE A CURRENT COPY OF MEDPROS THAT INCLUDES A ROUTINE ADULT + H1N1 MODULE AND A ROUTINE IMMUNIZATION SUMMARY.

- 3.A.5. (U) FEMALE VOLUNTEERS WILL BE ADMINISTERED A PREGNANCY TEST DURING IN-PROCESSING. POSITIVE TESTS WILL RESULT IN DISENROLLMENT.
- 3.A.6. (U) ALL FEMALE VOLUNTEERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO ATTEND THE US ARMY NATIONAL GUARD, RANGER TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT COURSE (RTAC) CONDUCTED AT FT BENNING, COLUMBUS, GA PRIOR TO ENROLLMENT IN THE RANGER COURSE ASSESSMENT CLASS.
- 3.A.7. (U) ALL RTAC COURSE (ATRRS) RESERVATIONS, IN SUPPORT OF THE RANGER COURSE ASSESSMENT, WILL BE COORDINATED THROUGH THE US ARMY INFANTRY SCHOOL (USAIS).
- 3.A.8. (U) ALL FEMALE VOLUNTEERS WILL HAVE A COPY OF THEIR COMMANDERS VALIDATION LETTER FOR IN-PROCESSING. IN-PROCESSING PREREQUISITE INFORMATION, INCLUDING AN EXAMPLE COMMANDERS VALIDATION LETTER, CAN BE FOUND ON THE ARTB WEB SITE UNDER THE STUDENT INFORMATION LINK ([HTTP://WWW.BENNING.ARMY.MIL/INFANTRY/RTB/](http://www.benning.army.mil/infantry/rtb/)).
- 3.A.9. (U) THE COMMANDERS VALIDATION LETTER WILL CERTIFY ALL PARTICIPANTS ARE PROFICIENT ON RANGER TASKS AND RANGER ASSESSMENT PHASE REQUIREMENTS, INCLUDING: THE RANGER PHYSICAL ASSESSMENT (49 PUSH-UPS, 59 SIT-UPS, 5-MILE RUN IN 40 MINUTES, and 6 CHIN-UPS); 12-MILE FOOTMARCH IN 3 HOURS; THE COMBAT WATER SURVIVAL ASSESSMENT (CWSA); AND LAND NAVIGATION. THE 12-MILE FOOTMARCH IS CONDUCTED IN THE ARMY COMBAT UNIFORM, BOOTS, FIGHTING LOAD CARRIER (FLC), PATROL CAP, AND RUCKSACK WEIGHING A MINIMUM OF 35 LBS (WITHOUT WATER) WHILE CARRYING AN INDIVIDUAL WEAPON.
- 3.B. (U) VOLUNTEER IDENTIFICATION AND ENROLLMENT TIMELINE.
- 3.B.1. (U) UNITS WILL PROVIDE USAIS THE NUMBER OF POTENTIAL ASSESSMENT VOLUNTEERS NLT 3 NOV 14.
- 3.B.2. (U) UNITS WILL PROVIDE USAIS STANDARD NAME LINE INFORMATION OF ASSESSMENT VOLUNTEERS NLT 1 DEC 14.
- 3.B.3. (U) DETAILED SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND INFORMATION WILL BE PUBLISHED IN A SUPPLEMENTAL MESSAGE. ALL ATRRS RANGER COURSE SEATS FOR THIS ASSESSMENT WILL BE HELD AND MANAGED BY THE USAIS.
- 3.C. (U) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
- 3.C.1. (U) FEMALE VOLUNTEERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO COMPLETE THE 90-DAY RANGER COURSE PREPARATION PROGRAM ON THE ARTB WEB SITE ([HTTP://WWW.BENNING.ARMY.MIL/INFANTRY/RTB/](http://www.benning.army.mil/infantry/rtb/)).
- 3.C.2. (U) ALL WOMEN WHO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE AND GRADUATE FROM THE RANGER COURSE WILL RECEIVE A GRADUATION CERTIFICATE AND BE AWARDED, AND AUTHORIZED TO WEAR, THE RANGER TAB. UNTIL FUTURE INTEGRATION DECISIONS ARE MADE AND REQUIREMENTS UNDER TITLE 10 US CODE, SECTION 652 ARE SATISFIED, FEMALE GRADUATES WILL NOT RECEIVE THE ASSOCIATED RANGER SKILL IDENTIFIERS OR BE ASSIGNED TO RANGER CODED UNITS OR POSITIONS.
4. (U) FUNDING INFORMATION FOR ASSESSMENT PARTICIPANT ATTENDANCE AT RTAC AND THE RANGER COURSE ASSESSMENT WILL BE PUBLISHED IN A SUPPLEMENTAL MESSAGE.
5. (U) POINTS OF CONTACT (POCS).
- 5.A. (U) INITIAL REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WILL BE SENT TO THE USAIS AT USARMY.BENNING.TRADOC.MBX.OCOIWEB@MAIL.MIL OR BY VOICE MESSAGE AT (706) 545-0458; DSN 835-0458
- 5.B. (U) INDIVIDUAL POCS (FOR FUNDING, ORDERS, AND ATRRS) WILL BE IDENTIFIED IN SUPPLEMENTAL MESSAGES.
6. (U) EXPIRATION DATE OF THIS MESSAGE WILL BE 365 DAYS FROM ISSUANCE DATE.