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From: Superintendent

Subj: U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY SMALL ARMS MARKSMANSHIP TRAINING

- Ref:
- (a) USNAINST 1747.1
 - (b) COMDTMIDNNOTE 1710; Subj: ROUTINE FOLLOWED BY ATHLETIC SQUADS (published annually)
 - (c) OPNAVINST 5530.14B (NOTAL)
 - (d) OPNAVINST 3591.1B (NOTAL)
 - (e) MCO 3574.2G (NOTAL)
 - (f) MCO 3591.2J (NOTAL)
 - (g) COMDTMIDNINST 1520.1N
 - (h) Chief of Bureau of Navigation ltr A5-6(4)/OL11 of 21 May 1929 (NOTAL)
 - (i) Superintendent USNA ltr 74310-CS-WAM of 30 Oct 1929 w/Naval Academy Order No. 28-29 attached (NOTAL)
 - (j) NAVEDTRA 37300A (Midshipmen Summer Training Manual) (NOTAL)
 - (k) OPNAVNOTE 1530; Subj: MIDSHIPMEN SUMMER TRAINING PROGRAM (published annually)
 - (l) NAVSTAINST 8000.2F (NOTAL)

1. Purpose. To state the policy and define the scope of small arms training at the Naval Academy (USNA) and to assign responsibilities to ensure support for the various marksmanship programs. This instruction amplifies the sections of reference (a) that pertain to small arms organizations and further implements reference (b).

2. Background. One of the most basic military skills required of Naval and Marine Corps officers is the safe and effective use of small arms. References (c), (d), (e), and (f) clearly state the intentions of the Chief of Naval Operations and the Commandant of the Marine Corps to support small arms marksmanship from basic training through the most advanced competitions for security and fleet readiness. USNA supports those goals and believes future officers should maintain personal proficiency in the use of firearms. Further, they should also be qualified to promote and evaluate small arms training in the fleet. It is also recognized that advanced small arms qualification and competition programs place mental pressures on the individual

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similar to those experienced in combat situations, and serve as a breeding ground for future skilled small arms instructors, coaches, and program managers for the naval service. In view of this, USNA conducts a multi-level small arms program to enhance midshipmen military knowledge and competitive spirit, as well as providing necessary future basic weapons handling expertise to the fleet.

3. Discussion. USNA marksmanship programs can be generally divided into three categories:

a. STANDARD TRAINING, which includes programs intended to educate every midshipman in the basic use of small arms. These programs will be designed and conducted to make sure each midshipman has the capability of safely and effectively using small arms to protect life and government property in combat and security situations. Standard training programs will include Fourth Class Summer Marksmanship Training, as per reference (g), and the Secretary of the Navy Rifle and Pistol Trophy Competition/Qualification, as established by references (h) and (i).

b. ADVANCED TRAINING, which allows highly motivated individuals to increase their personal knowledge of small arms marksmanship above the basic level and to compete. These individuals will provide a high level of expertise to advance Naval Academy and fleet small arms programs. Certain advanced small arms programs are also considered professional summer training electives within the intent of reference (j). These include national-level competitions for the Naval Academy Small Bore Rifle Team, Pistol Team, High-Power Rifle Team, Combat Pistol Team, Shotgun Team, and other special small arms programs approved by the Commandant of Midshipman.

c. PERSONAL PROFICIENCY TRAINING, which includes training completed during personal time for increased military proficiency or recreation. Individual training will include the Semper Fi club, Bulldog, Company Officer sponsored training, recreation with personal firearms and other similar programs approved by the Commandant of Midshipmen. Funding will be provided by the individual or, when available, by the club or organization providing the training.

4. Assignment of Responsibility

a. The Superintendent is responsible for:

(1) Establishing and maintaining a Naval Academy Marksmanship Committee (NAMC) to review, monitor, and make

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recommendations for midshipmen small arms training. The committee will be chaired by the Director of Professional Development and will consist of Naval, Marine Corps, and civilian marksmen from the Annapolis Naval Complex. The NAMC will solicit opinions from subject matter experts outside the Annapolis Naval Complex, as required, to ensure state-of-the-art small arms training.

(2) Providing publicity for Naval Academy small arms marksmanship programs and competitions (responsible officer: Public Affairs Officer).

b. The Commandant of Midshipmen is responsible for:

(1) Reviewing the findings and recommendations of the NAMC for approval and acting upon them as practicable to ensure proper execution of small arms training at the Naval Academy.

(2) Coordinating practice periods and movement orders/excusal lists, per reference (a), and as requested from the various program sponsors (responsible officers: Midshipmen Activities Officer and Movement Officer).

(3) Maintaining the records of midshipmen qualifications and awards in midshipmen personal records (responsible officer: Midshipmen Personnel Officer and Company Officers).

(4) Coordinating 4/C Regiment marksmanship training and maintaining the associated records.

c. The Director of Professional Development is responsible for:

(1) Chairing the NAMC.

(2) Budgeting for travel, per diem, registration fees, and equipment to support the Midshipmen High-Power Rifle, Combat Pistol, and Shotgun Teams year round, as well as both the Varsity Small-Bore Rifle Team and the Varsity Pistol Team during those periods when they are out of season, and therefore not under the direction of the Naval Academy Athletic Association (NAAA) (responsible officer: Training Officer).

(3) Coordinating the SECNAV Trophy Competition and maintaining the associated records.

(4) Designating an officer to direct, coordinate, monitor and record USNA small arms programs.

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(5) Screening, in conjunction with the respective officer representative/coach, and scheduling members of advanced small arms programs for marksmanship summer training electives, as per reference (k) (responsible officer: Training Officer).

d. The Commanding Officer, Naval Station, Annapolis, MD, is responsible for:

(1) Maintaining and scheduling the outdoor rifle and pistol and shotgun ranges to support Standard, Advanced and Personal Proficiency Training programs (responsible officer: NAVSTA Weapons Training Officer).

(2) Designating and training Range Officers to conduct midshipmen small arms programs on the Naval Station ranges, per reference (1) (responsible officer: NAVSTA Weapons Training Officer).

(3) Acquiring and storing government issue small arms and ammunition, for midshipmen programs and assisting the advanced programs' officer representatives and coaches in obtaining government-owned small arms and equipment to support marksmanship programs (responsible officer: NAVSTA Weapons Training Officer).

(4) Budgeting for all range equipment, targets, government weapon's spare parts and materials necessary for maintenance of the outdoor ranges and shooting programs (responsible officer: NAVSTA Weapons Training Officer).

(5) Making available gunsmithing services, functional testing, and accuracy testing for government and NAAA owned small arms used by midshipmen for training and/or competition (responsible officer: NAVSTA Weapons Training Officer).

(6) Scheduling and providing water transportation (responsible officer: NAVSTA Operations Officer).

(7) Messing when requested for marksmanship programs (responsible officer: NAVSTA Supply Officer).

e. The Director of Athletics (NAAA) is responsible for:

(1) Budgeting for travel, per diem, registration fees, and equipment/repair parts for NAAA owned firearms, for the

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USNA Varsity Small Bore Rifle Team and Pistol Team when they are "in-season" (the winter sports season) and competing under National Collegiate Athletic Association and National Rifle Association rules respectively.

(2) Providing publicity for the Small Bore Rifle and Pistol Teams (responsible officer: NAAA Publicity Officer).

f. The First Lieutenant, Bancroft Hall, is responsible for:

(1) Maintaining the indoor ranges of USNA, and coordinating normal maintenance and repairs with the Public Works Department.

(2) Holding an annual inventory of the government-owned small arms used and/or stored on the indoor ranges.

(3) Budgeting for all equipment not directly related to shooting used on the Bancroft Hall indoor ranges (e.g., lockers, furniture, carpet, vacuum cleaners, etc.).

g. Officer Representatives and Coaches of Naval Academy Small Arms Programs are responsible for:

(1) Coordinating the practice periods, movement orders, budget, supply requests, and any other pertinent aspect of their individual programs with the applicable addressees.

(2) Making sure qualified midshipmen members of their programs will be available to provide expertise/coaching for the SECNAV competitions and/or conduct standard midshipmen small arms training programs, as necessary.

5. Action. Addressees will comply with the provisions of this instruction.


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