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COMMANDANT OF MIDSHIPMAN INSTRUCTION 3591.1A

Subj: UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY SMALL ARMS MARKSMANSHIP
TRAINING

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1. Purpose. To state the policy and define the scope of small arms training at the United States Naval Academy (USNA) and to assign responsibilities to ensure support for the various marksmanship programs.
2. Cancellation. COMDTMIDNINST 3591.1
3. Background. The safe and effective use of small arms is a basic professional military skill required of Navy and Marine Corps officers. Reference (a) outlines the intent to support small arms marksmanship from basic training through the most advanced competitions. Future officers shall maintain personal proficiency in the use of firearms. Further, they shall be qualified to promote and evaluate small arms training in the fleet. Additionally, advanced small arms qualification and competition programs develop skills similar to those experienced in combat situations, and serve as an opportunity to develop skilled small arms instructors, coaches, and program managers for the Naval service. 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.
4. Discussion. USNA marksmanship programs are divided into the following three categories:
 - a. Basic Training. Basic marksmanship training is intended to educate every Midshipman in the basic use of small arms per reference (a). This program ensures each Midshipman has the capability to safely and effectively use small arms to protect life and government property in combat and security situations.

All Fourth Class Midshipmen will have the opportunity to qualify with a minimum marksman score during plebe summer. Midshipmen may also exercise marksmanship skills during Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) rifle and pistol matches/qualification as established by reference (b). In this case, First Class Midshipmen may voluntarily participate and be eligible to receive awards for first through third place in both the service rifle and service pistol competitions.

b. Advanced Training. Advanced marksmanship training is designed to develop and increase personal knowledge of small arms marksmanship above the basic level, and includes competition. The advanced marksmanship programs include the Varsity Rifle team (Naval Academy Athletic Association (NAAA) sponsored), International Pistol club (Physical Education/Athletics sponsored), Combat Arms team, High Power Rifle team, and the Trap and Skeet team. The advanced shooting teams train and compete on collegiate, national, and international levels.

c. Commandant of Midshipmen Approved Training. This category includes the Infantry Skills Team (IST), Semper Fi Club, and any other Commandant-directed training or competitions. The IST trains exclusively to compete in the annual Sandhurst Competition held at the United States Military Academy in April. Semper Fi Club supports the United States Marine Corps training pipeline. Shooting skill sets are incorporated into training plans and evolutions.

5. Assignment of Responsibility

a. Commandant of Midshipmen. The Commandant of Midshipmen is responsible for:

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

(2) Maintaining the records of Midshipmen qualifications and awards in Midshipmen personnel records (responsible officer: Midshipmen Personnel Officer and Company Officers).

(3) Coordinating Fourth Class regiment marksmanship training and maintaining associated records.

b. Director, Division of Professional Development. The Director, Division of Professional Development is responsible for:

(1) Budgeting for travel, per diem, registration fees, and equipment to support the midshipmen High-Power Rifle, Combat Arms, and Trap and Skeet teams year round, as well as both the Varsity Rifle and International Pistol team during out of season periods, and therefore not under the direction of NAAA.

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

(3) Maintaining and scheduling the outdoor rifle and pistol ranges to support basic, advanced, and Commandant-approved training programs.

(4) Designate Range Safety Officers to conduct midshipmen marksmanship training programs on the outdoor shooting facilities, per reference (a).

(5) 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.

(6) Budgeting for all range equipment, targets, government weapons' spare parts and materials necessary for maintenance of the outdoor ranges and shooting programs.

(7) Making available gun-smithing services, functional testing, and accuracy testing for government and NAAA-owned small arms used by Midshipmen for training and/or competition.

(8) Scheduling and providing water transportation.

(9) Messing when requested for marksmanship programs.

c. Bancroft Hall First Lieutenant. The Bancroft Hall First Lieutenant is responsible for:

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

(2) Holding required inventories per reference (c) 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.)

d. Officer Representative and Coaches of Naval Academy Small Arms Programs. Officer Representative 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) Ensuring 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.

6. Review Responsibility. The Marksmanship Training Unit Officer is responsible for the annual review and update of this instruction.


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