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COMMANDANT OF MIDSHIPMAN INSTRUCTION 3591.1C

From: Commandant of Midshipmen, U.S. Naval Academy

Subj: UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY SMALL ARMS MARKSMANSHIP
TRAINING

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 3591.1F
(b) Chief of Bureau of Navigation ltr Flt. Tr. A5- 6(4)/OL11 of 21 May 1929
(c) NAVSEAINST 8370.2D

1. Purpose. To state the policy and define the scope of small arms training at the U.S. Naval Academy (USNA) and to assign responsibilities to ensure support for the various marksmanship programs.

2. Cancellation. COMDTMIDNINST 3591.1B.

3. Scope and Applicability. This instruction applies to midshipmen at the USNA comprising the Brigade of Midshipmen.

4. 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.

5. 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 4/C Midshipmen will have the opportunity to qualify with a minimum marksman score during plebe summer. Midshipmen may also exercise marksmanship skill during Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) rifle and pistol matches/qualification as

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established by reference (b). In this case, 1/C 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 for midshipmen 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, Service Rifle/Service Pistol team, Trap and Skeet team, and the Infantry Skills Team (IST). The IST trains exclusively to compete in the annual Sandhurst Competition held at the United States Military Academy in April each year. The advanced shooting teams train and compete on collegiate, national, and international levels.

c. Commandant of Midshipmen Approved Training. This category includes the Infantry Squad with Autonomous Teammates (SWAT), Semper Fi club, and any other Commandant-directed training or competitions. The SWAT Challenge (SWAT-C) is an Office of Naval Research project that studies the implementation and utility of autonomous unmanned systems in squad level tactics. The Semper Fi club supports the United States Marine Corps training pipeline. Shooting skill sets are incorporated into training plans and evolutions.

6. Assignment of Responsibility

a. Commandant of Midshipmen

(1) Coordinate practice periods and movement orders/excusal lists and as requested from the various program sponsors (responsible officer: Commandant of Midshipmen's Logistics Officer).

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

(3) Coordinate 4/C regiment marksmanship training and maintain associated records.

b. Deputy Commandant for Professional Development

(1) Budget for range supplies and equipment to support the Midshipmen Service Rifle/Service Pistol, Combat Arms, Trap and Skeet, and Infantry Skills teams year-round.

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

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

(4) Designate Range Safety Officers (RSO) to conduct midshipmen marksmanship training programs on the outdoor shooting facilities, per reference (a). Provide list of qualified RSOs to Commanding Officer, Naval Support Activity Annapolis (NSAA).

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(5) Acquire and store government-issue small arms and ammunition for midshipmen programs and assist the advanced program officer representatives and coaches in obtaining government-owned small arms and equipment to support marksmanship programs.

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

(7) Make 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) Schedule and provide water transportation.

c. Bancroft Hall First Lieutenant

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

(2) Hold required inventories per reference (c) of the government-owned small arms used and/or stored on the indoor ranges.

(3) Budget 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

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

(2) Ensure 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.

7. Action. The Marksmanship Training Unit Officer is responsible for annual review and update of this instruction.

8. Records Management

a. Records created as a result of this instruction, regardless of format or media, must be maintained and dispositioned for the standard subject identification codes (SSIC) 1000 through 13000 series per the records disposition schedules located on the Department of the Navy/Assistant for Administration (DON/AA), Directives and Records Management Division (DRMD) portal page at <https://portal.secnav.navy.mil/orgs/DUSNM/DONAA/DRM/Records-and-Information-Management/Approved%20Record%20Schedules/Forms/AllItems.aspx>.

b. For questions concerning the management of records related to this instruction or the records disposition schedules, please contact your local records manager.

9. Review and Effective Date. Deputy Commandant for Professional Development will review this instruction annually on the anniversary of its effective date to ensure applicability, currency, and consistency with Federal, DoD, SECNAV, and Navy policy and statutory authority using OPNAV 5215/40.



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