

**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
DELTA COMPANY, 2<sup>ND</sup> BATTALION  
1<sup>ST</sup> SPECIAL WARFARE TRAINING GROUP (AIRBORNE)  
FORT BRAGG, NORTH CAROLINA 28310

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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: United States Army Special Operations Command (USASOC) Sniper Competition

1. **GENERAL:** The 2011 USASOC Sniper Competition will be hosted by the Special Forces Sniper Course (SFSC), D 2-1 SWTG (A), Fort Bragg North Carolina. The competition is a five day event designed to physically and mentally challenge sniper teams from USASOC and Federal Law Enforcement Agencies in all aspects of sniper operations.
2. **PURPOSE:** The USASOC Sniper Competition is a combat oriented event intended to challenge the skill level, training methodology and knowledge of all participants. Competition events are designed to challenge comfort zones, test capabilities and identify training shortfalls.
3. **DATES:** 5-9 December 2011.
4. **PARTICIPATION:** Each man in a two-man sniper team must be assigned as a sniper in an operational unit within their organization. Teams must register no later than 1 November 2011 utilizing the provided registration form (Enclosure 1). Please include an email address and contact number to facilitate competition updates. ***All teams must register at BLDG O-3555, Range 37, Ft. Bragg NC @ 1300, 5 December 11.***
5. **WEAPONS:** Teams are required to bring a primary sniper rifle, an observer rifle and pistols (1 per shooter). Rifle calibers are limited to 5.56mm, 7.62mm or 300 WM. Pistol calibers are limited to 9mm, .40 or .45 caliber. ***Competitors may use any weapon or scope configuration they choose in the authorized calibers.*** All competitors may store weapons in the Range 37 Arms Room. Weapons stored in the arms room must be locked in hard cases and clearly marked with the competitors' information. An armorer will be available during the competition. It is highly recommended that teams bring spare parts for unit specific weapons, equipment, and maintenance items.
6. **AMMUNITION:** The below ammunition will be provided to competitors:
  - a) AA11, M118LR 7.62mm
  - b) A191, 300WM
  - c) A363, 9mm ball
  - d) Teams bringing ammunition require 200 rounds per weapon system.
  - e) Ammunition shipping address:  
D Co, 2<sup>nd</sup> BN, 1<sup>st</sup> SWTG (A)  
Range 37, Building O-3550  
Ft. Bragg, NC 28310

7. UNIFORM/EQUIPMENT: The competition uniform is per individual unit SOP for range fire. Enclosure 2 is the *recommended* packing list for the competition. Competitors are encouraged to bring the equipment they use while conducting sniper operations. **Mandatory equipment** is highlighted on the packing list.

8. RANGE SAFETY: Take all commands from the Range Safety Officer. Do not load or unload weapons until told to do so. Any unsafe act may disqualify a team from further competition. A Negligent Discharge will result in immediate disqualification.

9. AWARDS BANQUET: The Awards Banquet will be hosted by the Special Forces Association, Chapter 62 on 09 December 11. Participation is part of the competition and attendance is mandatory. Casual/Professional attire is recommended. The Awards Banquet is no cost for competing teams and family members.

10. LODGING: Competitors must arrange for lodging at nearby facilities. Limited barracks space is available on a case by case basis.

11. MEALS: Competitors will be responsible for their own meals during the competition. It is highly recommended that all participants bring food and beverage containers for use during the competition.

a. TRANSPORTATION: It is recommended participating units provide competitors with airfare, lodging, rental car and per diem for the competition. Recommend competitors utilize Fayetteville Regional Airport and pick up rental vehicles for transportation to Ft. Bragg.

12. VISITORS: All visitors must register with the Special Forces Sniper Course before attending the events. Tactical transportation will be provided as required. No POVs are authorized on Ft. Bragg ranges. Notify the SFSC NCOIC immediately if unit commanders or General Officers will attend any portion of the competition in your behalf.

13. COACHES: Coaches *are not* authorized.

14. MEDIA: Media will be present during the competition. All media personnel have been approved by the USASOC Public Affairs Office. All media will respect the wishes of competitors that do not wish to be interviewed, filmed or have photos taken. Any competitor that does not wish to be involved in media coverage should identify themselves during the initial competition brief.

15. This memorandum is subject to change. Any changes will be communicated directly to the competitors after receipt of competitor registration forms NLT 1 November 2011. POCs for this memorandum are listed below:

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2 encls

1. Registration Form

2. Packing list

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## **Enclosure 1 - Registration Form**

*Due NLT, 01 November 2011*

(Please email to [sean.kirkwood@us.army.mil](mailto:sean.kirkwood@us.army.mil) or [kirkwoos@soc.mil](mailto:kirkwoos@soc.mil), fax to ATTN: 1SG Kirkwood @ 432-6651 or mail to 1SG Kirkwood, D 2-1 SWTG, Ft. Bragg, NC 28310)

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### **SHOOTER INFORMATION**

UNIT: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Shooter Name \_\_\_\_\_ Sniper Rifle Type \_\_\_\_\_ Serial # \_\_\_\_\_

Special Forces Sniper Course \_\_\_\_\_ US Army Sniper School \_\_\_\_\_ USMC Sniper School \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Duty Position \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Competition Experience \_\_\_\_\_

T-shirt size \_\_\_\_\_

# Family members attending banquet \_\_\_\_\_

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### **OBSERVER INFORMATION**

UNIT: \_\_\_\_\_

Spotter Name \_\_\_\_\_ Observer Rifle Type \_\_\_\_\_ Serial # \_\_\_\_\_

Special Forces Sniper Course \_\_\_\_\_ US Army Sniper School \_\_\_\_\_ USMC Sniper School \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Duty Position \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Competition Experience \_\_\_\_\_

T-shirt size \_\_\_\_\_

# Family members attending banquet \_\_\_\_\_

## Enclosure 2 - Packing List

### 1. Equipment:

a. The following is a list of *recommended* equipment for the *shooter*:

- 1) **\*Sniper rifle**
- 2) Rifle sling
- 3) **\*Pistol- 9mm, .40 cal or .45 ACP with all accessories and equipment**
- 4) Night vision (PVS 22, PVS 26 etc.)
- 5) Ghillie suit
- 6) Field Uniform
- 7) Compass/GPS
- 8) Flashlight
- 9) Rucksack or Assault Pack
- 10) Camelback
- 11) LBE, LBV, RACK, or other tactical load carrying system
- 12) **\*Body armor/Plate carrier**
- 13) **\*Ballistic helmet**
- 14) Individual Night Vision Devices

b. The following is a list of *recommended* equipment for the *observer*:

- 1) **\*Observer rifle**
- 2) Rifle sling
- 3) **\*Pistol- 9mm, .40 cal or .45 ACP with all accessories and equipment**
- 4) Night vision (PVS 22, PVS 26 etc.)
- 5) Ghillie suit
- 6) Field Uniform
- 7) Compass/GPS
- 8) Flashlight
- 9) Spotting scope
- 10) Laser Range Finder
- 11) Rucksack or Assault Pack
- 12) Camelback
- 13) **\*Body armor/plate carrier**
- 14) **\*Ballistic helmet**
- 15) LBE, LBV, RACK, or other tactical load carrying system
- 16) Individual Night Vision

### **\*MANDATORY EQUIPMENT**

2. Teams are encouraged to bring all equipment utilized during operations. Competitors will operate in urban and rural environments while moving with all required equipment. Competition events are combat oriented, conducted day and night in all conditions.

3. Contact 1SG Kirkwood @ 910-432-9771 or [kirkwoos@soc.mil](mailto:kirkwoos@soc.mil) with questions.