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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: **Change 1** to Letter of Instruction (LOI) 23-27 - New York Army National Guard (NYARNG) – 44th Annual Adjutant General’s Combat Marksmanship Skills Competition

1. REFERENCE. 2023 Official Match Program (OPM) for the NYARNG 43rd Annual Adjutant General’s combat marksmanship skills competition (“TAG Match”)
2. PURPOSE. Provide information and instructions regarding the 44th Annual TAG Match scheduled for **06-10 September 2023** at Camp Smith Training Site (CSTS), Cortlandt Manor, New York.
3. GENERAL. The TAG Match is an annual event conducted by the NYARNG to promote excellence in marksmanship training and competition. Marksmanship sustainment training exercises offer Service Members the opportunity to test their marksmanship skills and weapon systems in a battle focused environment. It also provides feedback for the individual and team selections to compete at the next higher levels. The Army’s Excellence-In-Competition (EIC) will be conducted during the TAG Match.
4. TASKING. Registration for both individual and team are now open and will be closed on 01 August 2023. The TAG Match Check-in will take place on **Wednesday, 06 September 2023**, from 1200 to 1800 in BLDG 500. Signs will be posted at the entrances for room number. All participants must check in during this time. QR Code for individual and team Registrations are included in Enclosure 2 and 3 (2023 Official Match Program).
5. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.
 - a. Units are responsible for the selection, preparation and training of their participants. Additional guidance for the match, to include required and optional equipment, is provided in Enclosure 1 (2023 Official Match Program).
 - b. There will be a “pre-registration’ for 2023 to establish firing orders prior to the event. Anyone pre-registered that does not check in the day of registration will be removed. Walk-ins (only on the day of registration) will be accommodated on a case-by-case basis. Pre-registration should be submitted by 01 August 2023. Instructions

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and forms for pre-registration are included in the Official Match Program (OMP).

c. Enclosure 1 defines the requirements for competing as an individual or a team. Individual shooters can be classified as "open" or "novice" competitors. Teams are comprised of four shooters with at least one shooter classified as "novice".

d. Funding. All NYARNG competitors will be on valid military pay and travel orders. Funding for the event is the responsibility of a participant's unit. Competitors other than NYARNG personnel must be on paid or non-paid orders and should consult their chain of command for orders and funding guidance.

e. Billeting is available for all competitors in the Enlisted Barracks. Competitors are responsible for supplying their own linens, as well as the maintenance and clearing of assigned billets. Government meals are not provided.

f. Weapons must be transported in GSA, tactical vehicles or rental vehicles. Maximum use of GSA vehicles for travel is encouraged. If GSA vehicles are not available, POV travel may be authorized at the convenience of the Government. Fund Managers at every level should determine if a rental vehicle is more economical than POV mileage. A statement of Non-Availability will be required for all non GSA travel.

g. TAG Match will comply with all applicable laws including the NY Secure Ammunition Firearms Enforcement (SAFE) Act.

h. NY Air National Guard (NYANG) are invited to participate in the 44th NYARNG TAG Match. They will be responsible to transport their own competitors, their assigned weapons and individual equipment to and from CSTS NY.

i. NY Guard members can participate in TAG Match only if they carry a valid NY State pistol permit. The permit must list the privately owned weapon that they are firing. The weapon must meet the match requirements as noted in Enclosure 1. NY Guard members may not use or possess a magazine capable of holding more than ten rounds.

6. Top 20 Winners will be recognized and mentored to compete at the next level. The MAC1 regional Match is usually scheduled at Camp Ethan Allen, VT in the second week of August each year. One or more Teams from the MAC1 will advance to the Wilson P. Wilson (WPW) or at the National Level. That opportunity is only applied to Members of the NYARNG and NYANG.

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7. The primary point of contact is SFC Pierre Sume the NYARNG State Training
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1 Enclosure
1. FY23 Official Match Program

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