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MEMORANDUM FOR Attendees to Officer Candidate School (Phase 1), Camp Nett at Niantic, CT

SUBJECT: Officer Candidate Welcome Letter

1. I would like to welcome you to the Officer Candidate School (OCS) Phase 1. During OCS you will be taught fundamental leadership skills and Officership. You will face physical and mental challenges designed to instill professional ethics and reinforce your determination while concurrently evaluating your leadership potential. The goal of this arduous process is to be commissioned as a Second Lieutenant.

2. This letter is designed to help you prepare for your training during Phase 1 at Camp Nett at Niantic, CT. It provides much of the information critical to understanding the resources and individual efforts required of you to successfully complete the training. You must be familiar with the OC SOP prior to the start of your Phase 1 training (Enclosure 1).

3. We will provide cadre and resources for all training. The two primary concerns throughout the conduct of OCS are safety and mission accomplishment. Training safely will be your first priority. Mission accomplishment during this training and evaluation program will only be achieved through TEAMWORK. Understanding of the unique situation we as a nation and an Army are facing due to the COVID-19 pandemic is critical during this process. Be flexible and pay special attention to all guidance from OCS cadre and support staff to ensure safety requirements are met at all times.

4. OBJECTIVE. The objective of Phase 1 is to provide a program of instruction to orient and teach basic professional skills in order to set the foundation for success while attending OCS.

5. MISSION. The mission of Phase 1 training is to train the officer candidates by developing and assessing their performance and leadership potential in preparation for Phase 1. Tasks to be trained and tested during Phase 1 include: land navigation, six mile ruck-march, Army Training Management Systems, WTBD's, and Military Leadership. Additionally during Phase 1, we will also ensure that all administrative tasks are completed.

6. OCS DATES: Phase 1: 10 July 2020 – 24 July 2020

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7. IN-PROCESSING. On 10 July, all officer candidates will report to Camp Smith NY Building 502 and then will travel by Government Bus and report to Camp Nett at Niantic and in-process in building 60 (Nett Hall) no later than 1200hr. Uniform for in-processing is APFU. Candidates will carry all necessary paperwork to Phase 1 for in-processing. A list of medications with a Doctor's note must be provided to OCS Staff during in-processing. All students will be medically screened and receive height/weight screening. Candidates not medically cleared will be returned to their home state. Because of recent developments with COVID-19 and the nature of the OCS in-processing, not all candidates will arrive at the same time. A timeline will be distributed to each state cadre with the in-processing schedule. While in processing, it is critical that all Candidates remain in designated spaces and maintain social distancing until cleared to move on. Follow all guidance from cadre and medical personnel.

8. BILLETING. Candidates will receive their billet assignments during in-processing. Linen, bed liners, and pillows will be provided. All personnel must provide their own toiletries and towels. Due to COVID-19, an adjusted billeting arrangement will be generated. Strict adherence to all billeting assignments and guidance is required to maintain appropriate social distancing.

9. DINING. Meals will be provided for Phase 1. If you have special dietary or religious needs you will need to coordinate prior to arrival with your home state. Verification will be conducted during in-processing. You MUST identify special meal requirements at that time.

10. PAY. Your chain of command will be responsible for your pay during Phase 1 OCS. All identified pay problems will be resolved through the chain of command during Phase 1. All students should be receiving pay at the grade of E5 for Phase 1 OCS.

11. TOBACCO POLICY. Candidates will not use any tobacco products while at OCS.

12. ALCOHOL/DRUG POLICY. Candidates will not consume alcohol while at OCS. If using an authorized prescription drug, disclose information to medical staff during in-processing. Over the counter drugs will be collected by the staff during in-processing as well.

13. WEAPONS. Weapons and ammunition are prohibited. Knives or Gerber style tools are authorized as long as their blades do not exceed 3 inches.

14. PERSONAL PROPERTY. You are responsible for the security of your personal property. Do not bring jewelry, electronics or large sums of money to OCS. Candidates are required to bring 3 padlocks for securing their personal property. Candidates should bring a debit card and \$50 in cash to cover any emergency that may arise.

15. UNIFORM. Uniform will be worn IAW AR 670-1 and the Officer Candidate Guide. A face mask or other covering will be added to the duty uniform when appropriate.

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16. EQUIPMENT. Only equipment identified on packing list is authorized for Phase 1. Anything deemed not authorized to be locked up until completion of Phase 1. Refer to packing list (Enclosure 2).

17. CIVILIAN ATTIRE. Civilian clothing is not authorized during Phase 1.

18. APPEARANCE. Strict military appearance will be adhered to IAW AR 670-1.

19. PHYSICAL FITNESS. Candidates must be in excellent physical condition upon arrival at Phase 1 to succeed with this high intensity training program. Candidates should already have established a personal physical fitness program. If not, START IMMEDIATELY. Your physical fitness program should include vigorous outdoor exercise in warm weather (i.e. road marching with a rucksack) to become acclimated to physical exertion.

20. LAUNDRY. Laundry service will be provided starting on the 15th of July. Candidates to be issued a mesh bag in which their clothing will be laundered.

21. DISCIPLINE. Each officer candidate is subject to their individual State's Code of Military Justice. Administrative actions are designed to enforce and maintain the high standards required of officer candidates.

22. SAFETY /RISK MANAGEMENT. Candidates are expected to provide constant vigilance on safety during training. Special attention to flu like or other possible COVID-19 symptoms are to be reported immediately to cadre and/or medical staff. Escalation process for these symptoms will be explained during in processing. Be mindful of social distancing guidance, personal hygiene, sanitization of common use areas, and mask use and enforce all guidance with peers.

23. IDENTIFICATION (ID) CARD AND IDENTIFICATION TAGS. Candidates must have their ID card and ID tags prior to arrival at Phase 1. ID tags will be worn and ID card will be carried during all training.

24. WEATHER. The temperature during summer will vary from the mid 60's at night to the mid 90's during the day and can be hot and humid.

25. CLOTHING/ EQUIPMENT. A complete packing list is attached in the OC Guide. All items marked for Phase 1 are mandatory. All clothing and equipment should be appropriately marked with your last name and last 4 of your SSN.

26. SUBJECTS TO REVIEW. You should review ADRP 6-22 (Military Leadership), TC 3-21.5 (Drill and Ceremony), FM 3-21.8 (The Infantry Rifle Platoon and Squad), and FM 3-25.26 (Map Reading and Land Navigation) prior to your arrival at Phase 1 OCS.

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27. TRANSPORTATION: Students must travel to Camp Smith in POV or public transportation. Do not report to Camp Nett at Niantic on your own. Upon arrival at Camp Smith we will transport you to Camp Nett CT for Phase 1.

Physical address of Camp Nett at Niantic: 38 Smith Street, Niantic, CT 06357.

Parking at Camp Smith is authorized ONLY behind building 508.

28. EMERGENCY CONTACT: The American Red Cross can deliver notification of an emergency such as the death or serious illness of an immediate family member (parent, sibling, child or spouse) as well as the good news of the birth of a service member's child or grandchild. Be sure your family member has the following information before calling the Red Cross: Full legal name of the Soldier, rank, branch of service, social security number, date of birth, military unit address and location of training. The American Red Cross will confirm the information before notifying the Soldier. Phone number is 877-272-7337.

29. DEPARTURE: Out-processing to take place on 24 July, estimated release time 1000hrs.

30. Point of contact is the 2nd BN (OCS)/106th REG (RTI) OCS Course Manager, SFC Everitt P Speros, at 914-945-7449 or reveritt.p.speros.mil@mail.mil .

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