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Training

COMPETITIVE MARKSMANSHIP

Summary. This regulation provides general information pertaining to the National Guard Marksmanship Training Program.

Applicability. This regulation applies to all ARNG personnel, unless otherwise indicated.

Impact on Unit Manning System. This regulation does not contain information that affects the Unit Manning System.

Supplementation. This regulation may not be supplemented without prior approval of NGB-ARO.

Internal Control System. This regulation is not subject to the requirements of AR 11-2. It does not contain internal control provisions.

Interim changes. Interim changes are not official unless they are authenticated by the Executive, NGB. Interim changes will be destroyed on their expiration dates unless sooner superseded or rescinded.

Suggested improvements. The proponent agency of this regulation is the National Guard Bureau. Users of this regulation are invited to send comments or suggested improvements on DA Form 2028 (Recommended Changes to Publications and Blank Forms) to NGB-ARO-M, Washington, DC 20310-2500.

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1. Purpose

This regulation establishes the National Guard Marksmanship Training Program. Detailed procedures pernent to this program are contained in NGB Pamphlet 350-6/ANGP 50-57.

2. Objectives

Objectives of the National Guard Marksmanship Training Program are--

a. To raise the quality of individual marksmanship training within the National Guard.

b. To promote and develop a high degree of instructor capability, to promote training interest and increase proficiency in the use of individual service weapons.

c. Within a very limited number of unusually receptive and capable Guardsmen, develop the highest levels of marksmanship skills necessary to successfully represent the National Guard in Open, Army, National, and International competitions.

d. Improve firing techniques and equipment associated with competitive firing.

e. Maintain the National Guard in a position of national leadership in competitive marksmanship.

f. Assist in attaining United States leadership in international shooting by developing precision marksmen for U.S. International and Olympic Competitions.

3. Command emphasis and cooperation of commanders.

Commanders at all levels--during times of peace--are prone to forget the final conclusive element of all ground combat engagements is the capability of troops to deliver, on call, devastating and deadly accurate fire from their service weapons. The ability of any command to deliver such fire is the ultimate goal of training riflemen and is in fact the sole reason for all of the previous labor and expenditure of funds incurred in the recruiting, equipping, administering, feeding, training, and moving of soldiers into a theater of operations. The importance of any and all steps toward achieving this final goal should be of uppermost concern to the commander of troops. Consequently, in order to emphasize training of such an important nature, it is desired that every commander actively and effectively cooperate when a member of his or her command is afforded opportunities to participate in the Marksmanship Training Program.

*This regulation supersedes NGR 350-6, 13 December 1974.

4. Responsibilities

a. The Adjutant General. Each State AG will appoint on orders a State marksmanship coordinator, selected from among interested and qualified field grade officers, in order to facilitate liaison between the National Guard Bureau and the States. Officers or warrant officers other than field grade may be appointed but must have a request for exception from the National Guard Marksmanship Training Unit (NGMTU) on file. Two copies of orders will be forwarded to NGB-ARO-M and the NGMTU. Orders will include mailing address and telephone number for communication purposes. Job descriptions and duties are outlined in NGB Pam 350-6/ANGP 50-57.

b. State marksmship coordinator (SMC). The SMC will have specific and direct responsibility for the competitive marksmanship program within the State. Duties and responsibilities are contained in NGB Pam 350-6/ANGP 50-57.

c. Commanders. Commanders at all levels will--

(1) Use competition to stimulate training interest.

(2) Encourage personnel to participate in competitive matches whenever possible.

(3) Encourage off-duty practice as a supplement to scheduled training.

(4) Make National Guard-owned or controlled ranges available for controlled off-duty practice.

(5) Review policies relating to weapons and ammunition use, storage, transportation, and security to ensure availability for use.

(6) When a scheduled NGB or State-sponsored marksmanship event occurs on the date of a scheduled unit training assembly, commanders may--

(a) Grant constructive attendance.

(b) Consider the training as appropriate and carry individual present.

(c) Grant split unit training assemblies or equivalent training in addition to that authorized in NGR 350-1.

Decision of the commander will be based on status of the individual participating in the marksmanship activity (IDT, ADSW, etc.) and the needs and requirements of the unit. This authorization applies to members of unit combat squads, State rifle and pistol squads, the Army area squads, and the All National Guard squads while practicing for, or participating in competitive marksmanship events sponsored by Department of the Army, FORSCOM, TRADOC, and the National Guard Bureau. The geographic location of the competitive marksmanship event has no bearing on this authorization. Individuals participating in the Competitive Marksmanship Program must meet the training objectives in NGR 350-1.

d. Individual participants. Participants in the marksmanship program must be constantly aware that they are representatives of their units, their States, and the National Guard. Consequently, they will--

(1) Act in an honorable and sportsmanlike manner at all times.

(2) Attend all required official meetings, conferences, formations, and ceremonies.

(3) Conform carefully to higher headquarters, local post, and match regulations.

(4) Display proper military and general courtesies.

(5) Maintain a proper military appearance.

5. General policies

In addition to the command emphasis, cooperation, and responsibilities specified above, the following general policies relative to the program are established:

a. The element of competition will be used as a stimulus to individual proficiency by giving recognition to outstanding individual and unit performance at unit, State, and national levels for both qualification and competitive firing.

b. Military transportation is authorized for movement to and from competitive marksmanship activities.

c. Unit commanders and unit technician personnel should be alert for unusually interested or qualified marksmen and present them to the State marksmanship coordinator for possible additional training or advancement to instructor or competitor status.

6. The competitive program

The approved and funded National Guard Marksmanship Training Program is in NGB Pam 350-6/ANGP 50-57; it consists of--

a. Indoor competitive program.

b. Outdoor competitive program.

c. Correlative support program.

7. Match Data System

Members of the National Guard who participate in the outdoor program and receive any support (weapons, ammunition, equipment, etc.) will enroll in the Match Data System. See NGB Pam 360-6/ANGP 50-57.

8. All National Guard rifle, pistol, smallbore and international shooting squads.

Under the provisions of AR 920-30/AFR 50-17 and this regulation, one National Guard Rifle, Pistol, Smallbore and International Shooting Squad will be selected annually to represent the entire National Guard in competition. See NGB Pam 350-6/ANGP 50-57.

9. Funding

Federally funded support for the Competitive Marksmanship Program will be announced annually by the Chief, NGB.

10. Security and accountability
Security and accountability of weapons and ammunition during the execution of this program will be in accordance with NGR 190-11 with detailed guidance provided in NGB Pam 350-6/ANGP 50-57 and NGB Pam 350-3.

11. National Guard Marksmanship Training Center. The National Guard Marksmanship Training Center is a field operating activity under the jurisdiction of the Chief, NGB and under the general supervision of the Chief, Organization and Training Division (NGB-ARO). The center is responsible for the unit qualification and competitive marksmanship programs. Specifically, the following are functions of the Marksmanship Training Center:

a. Advise the Chief, NGB of States' adherence to policies, directives, and regulations pertaining to individual qualification and competitive marksmanship activities with small arms.

b. Assist States, through the NGMTU in their coordination with the SMCs and the small Arms readiness training sections (SARTS), by ensuring that training material and equipment are available to improve qualification and competitive marksmanship training and youth programs to keep States abreast of the lastest information, training aids, devices, requirements, and techniques.

c. Assist National Guard Bureau in the review, acquisition, and testing of training aids and devices in support of individual marksmanship.

d. Coordinate, support, and evaluate courses of instruction for clinics and workshops which are designed to improve the quality of marksmanship training in the National Guard in both qualification and competitive activities, with emphasis on "train the trainer."

e. Coordinate through NGB with other organizations such as TRADOC, FORSCOM, DA, and interservice organizations on matters relating to marksmanship training to ensure the needs and requirements of the National Guard are known and considered.

f. Develop and implement programs that enhance individual qualification training.

g. Develop and implement through NGMTU, programs for unit level competition with small arms that enhance individual qualification training.

h. Develop and implement, through NGMTU, plans, policies, and programs for training and competition of the All National Guard Rifle, Pistol, and Smallbore squads.

i. Develop international and Olympic competition programs whereas the highest level of marksmanship ability possible in a select number of individuals to successfully represent the National Guard and the United States in international competitions is manifested.

j. Coordinate with other services through the NGMTU the scheduling and conduct of major marksmanship events, such as Army Area, U.S. Army Championships, and Interservice Championships.

k. Ensure publicity of the general accomplishments of the National Guard Marksmanship Program with emphasis on achievements that promote nationwide interest and pride in the National Guard, and ensure the NGMTU publicizes the accomplishments of individuals during competitions.

l. Serve as the subject matter expert on all questions regarding marksmanship training and related activities within the Army and the Air National Guard.

m. Prepare and submit the Marksmanship Training Center annual budget (which includes NGMTU programs) for the support of the Marksmanship Training Program.

n. Approve NGMTU recommendations of each State's annual plan and advise NGB of ammunition requirements to support the plan.

o. Assist NGB in the review and prioritization of marksmanship ranges contained in the Five-Year Range Development Programs.

p. Assist NGB in the review and modification of individual weapons STRAC standards.

12. National Guard Marksmanship Training Unit. The The NGMTU's general missions are--

a. Advise the Chief, NGB of States' adherence to policies and directives and regulations pertaining to individual qualification marksmanship training in the Army and the Air National Guard.

b. Assist State marksmanship coordinators with training material and equipment to improve the qualification and competitive marksmanship program.

c. Prepare and submit to NGB, through the Marksmanship Center, for approval, plans, policies, and budgets for the operation and conduct of the National Guard Marksmanship Program.

d. Support the All National Guard squads with logistical, administrative, finance, and armament services.

e. Provide information resulting from test and evaluation of weapons, ammunition and equipment with emphasis on improving the competitive marksmanship program.

f. Conduct Youth Outreach programs which feature marksmanship.

g. Publicize the accomplishments of the National Guard participants in competitive marksmanship with emphasis on achievements that promote nationwide interest and pride in the National Guard.

h. Administer the NGB Competitive Marksmanship Program.

i. Develop courses of instruction for and conduct schools, clinics, and workshops that are designed to improve the quality of marksmanship training in the National Guard in both qualification and competitive activities, with emphasis on "train the trainer."

j. Coordinate, through the Marksmanship Center, with other organizations such as TRADOC, FORSCOM,

and DA on matters relating to marksmanship training to ensure the needs and requirements of the National Guard are known and considered.

k. Develop, implement, and conduct programs for unit level competition with small arms that enhance individual qualification training.

l. Develop and implement plans, policies, and programs for training and competition of the All National Guard squads.

m. Develop the highest level of marksmanship ability possible in a select number of individuals to successfully represent the National Guard and the United States in international competition.

n. Coordinate with other services the scheduling and conduct of major marksmanship events, such as Army Area, U.S. Army Championships, and Interservice Championships. Schedule and provide the National Guard's portion of support to conduct these activities.

o. Provide information resulting from tests and evaluation of weapons, ammunition, training aids, devices, and other equipment with emphasis on improving both individual qualification and competitive marksmanship.

p. Serve as the subject matter expert on all questions regarding marksmanship training and related activities within the Army and the Air National Guard.

q. Review each State's annual plan and advise NGB of ammunition requirements to support the plan.

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