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SUBJ/ALARACT 001/2021 - 2021 GAINNEY CUP – BEST SCOUT SQUAD  
COMPETITION

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3/5/7//DAMO-ZA/DAMO-ODO/ATZB-CG//

1. (U) REFERENCES:

1.A. (U) ARMY REGULATION 1-50, ARMY CONFERENCE POLICY, 2 JULY 2018//

1.B. (U) DCMO MEMORANDUM, SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE  
CONFERENCE GUIDANCE, VERSION 4.0, 26 JUNE 2016//

1.C. (U) TRADOC POLICY LETTER 16, TRADOC CONFERENCE AND  
COMPETITION EVENT POLICY, 15 AUGUST 2016//

1.D. (U) ARMY TRAINING CIRCULAR 3-20.0, INTEGRATED WEAPONS TRAINING  
STRATEGY (IWTS), 18 JUNE 2019//

2. (U) ON BEHALF OF MG DONAHOE, COMMANDER, U.S. ARMY MANEUVER  
CENTER OF EXCELLENCE (USAMCOE), THE U.S. ARMY ARMOR SCHOOL  
(USAARMS) WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND AN INVITATION TO UNITS TO  
PARTICIPATE IN THE 2021 GAINNEY CUP BEST SCOUT SQUAD COMPETITION,  
WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE FROM 20 to 26 FEBRUARY 2021 AT FORT BENNING,  
GEORGIA.

3. (U) THIS CHALLENGING EVENT IS OPEN TO ALL CAVALRY-SCOUT SOLDIERS  
SERVING IN ARMORED, STRYKER, AND INFANTRY ORGANIZATIONS, ACTIVE  
DUTY, ARMY NATIONAL GUARD (ARNG), AND INTERNATIONAL TEAMS.

4. (U) THIS YEAR'S FIELD WILL HAVE TWENTY-ONE (21) TEAMS. THE U.S. ARMY  
ARMOR SCHOOL RETAINS THE AUTHORITY TO DETERMINE PARTICIPATION  
AND ALLOCATION OF COMPETITIVE TEAM SLOTS.

4.A. (U) DUE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE CAP RESTRICTIONS ON  
CONFERENCE AND EVENT ATTENDANCE, THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONNEL  
AUTHORIZED TO ATTEND THE COMPETITION FROM EACH PARTICIPATING UNIT  
IS CAPPED AT EIGHT (8) PERSONNEL (INCLUDES SIX (6) COMPETITORS AND  
TWO (2) COMMAND TEAM/POST REPRESENTATIVES). REGARDLESS OF  
FUNDING SOURCE, NO ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL ARE AUTHORIZED IN A  
TEMPORARY DUTY (TDY) STATUS.

4.B. (U) COMPETITORS MUST ARRIVE AS A FULLY TRAINED SQUAD HAVING A  
VALID INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS QUALIFICATION CARD FOR THE M4 CARBINE AND  
M17 PISTOL IAW TC 3-20.40 OR PARTNERED NATION EQUIVALENT, BE WITHIN  
ARMY HEIGHT & WEIGHT STANDARDS, AND BE ABLE TO CONDUCT CALL FOR  
FIRE MISSIONS.

5. (U) COVID-19 MITIGATION

5.A. (U) DUE TO THE COVID-19 ENVIRONMENT, COMPETITORS IN THE 2021 GAINNEY CUP WILL CONDUCT A 14 DAY QUARANTINE AT FORT BENNING BILLETTS. THIS COURSE OF ACTION PROVIDES THE LEAST RISK TO COMPETITORS AND THE FORT BENNING COMMUNITY WHILE ALLOWING FOR A CLEAN COMPETITION TO TAKE PLACE.

6. (U) NO LATER THAN (NLT) 15 SEPTEMBER 2020, ALL INVITED ORGANIZATIONS MUST RSVP TO THE POINT OF CONTACT IN PARAGRAPH 9A IN ORDER TO CONFIRM THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE 2021 GAINNEY CUP. ORGANIZATIONS COMPETING IN THE EVENT WILL TRANSFER AMMUNITION TO THE FBGA ACCOUNT IAW INSTRUCTIONS IN PARAGRAPH 8B NLT 23 NOVEMBER 2020 TO ENSURE FORECAST FOR THIS EVENT (ENSURE AMMUNITION DRAWN FROM FY21 ALLOCATION). THE GAINNEY CUP IS A HIGHLY PUBLICIZED EVENT RECEIVING CONSTANT MEDIA ATTENTION. BY REGISTERING FOR THE EVENT, TEAMS ARE AGREEING TO BE FILMED, PHOTOGRAPHED, AND INTERVIEWED BY AUTHORIZED MEDIA SOURCES THROUGHOUT THE EVENT.

7. (U) INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE CERTIFICATION MEMO ARE LOCATED ON THE COMPETITION WEBSITE (ADDRESS IN PARAGRAPH 8C) AND DUE NLT 15 DECEMBER 2020. UNITS ON THE DISTRIBUTION LIST BUT NOT ON THE INVITATION LIST THAT WISH TO ATTEND MUST COORDINATE PRIOR APPROVAL FROM THE USAARMS.

7.A. (U) COMMANDER, U.S. ARMY FORCES COMMAND: TWELVE (12) TEAMS.

7.B. (U) COMMANDER, U.S. ARMY PACIFIC COMMAND: TWO (2) TEAMS.

7.C. (U) COMMANDER, U.S. ARMY EUROPE: ONE (1) TEAM.

7.D. (U) DIRECTOR, ARMY NATIONAL GUARD: TWO (2) TEAMS.

7.E. (U) INTERNATIONAL UNITS: FOUR (4) TEAMS. FIRST INTERNATIONAL UNITS TO RSVP WILL FILL THESE SLOTS.

7.F. (U) PLEASE SEE THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE COMPETITION WEBSITE FOR A DEFINITION AND BREAKDOWN OF A SCOUT SQUAD.

8. (U) SUSTAINMENT.

8.A. (U) DUE TO BUDGET RESTRAINTS, THE FOLLOWING RESTRICTIONS APPLY TO ATTENDEES:

8.A.1. (U) ALL COMPETITORS WILL STAY IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY MANEUVER CENTER OF EXCELLENCE (USAMCOE) BARRACKS.

8.A.2. (U) TEAMS LOCATED WITHIN 450 MILES OF FORT BENNING, GA, WILL TRAVEL BY RENTAL CAR OR GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATIVE (GSA) VEHICLE. AIR TRAVEL IS NOT AUTHORIZED.

8.A.3. (U) THE USAMCOE WILL PROVIDE BILLETING AND CLASS I FOR COMPETITORS AT FORT BENNING THROUGHOUT THE COMPETITION. COMPETITOR MEALS AND INCIDENTAL EXPENSES (M&IE) ARE ONLY AUTHORIZED ON TRAVEL DAYS.

8.A.4. (U) TEMPORARY DUTY COSTS ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PARENT UNIT.

8.B. (U) UNITS MUST PROVIDE THEIR OWN AMMUNITION THROUGH THEIR MAJOR COMMAND. CONTACT YOUR MACOM G3 (FORSCOM, NGB, ETC.) THROUGH YOUR UNIT AMMO MANAGER TO MOVE ALLOCATIONS TO USAMCOE. AMMUNITION MUST BE TRANSFERRED BY 23 NOVEMBER 2020 FROM UNITS' FISCAL YEAR 2021 ALLOCATIONS TO ENSURE USAMCOE CAN FORECAST FOR THE COMPETITION. FOR QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS, CONTACT THE USAMCOE AMMUNITION MANAGER, MR. DAVID (MONTANA) HAAS, AT EMAIL: DAVID.W.HAAS10.CIV@MAIL.MIL OR COMM: (706) 545-5457, OR THE 316TH CAVALRY BRIGADE AMMUNITION MANAGER, SFC JOSHUA E. EVERETT, AT EMAIL: JOSHUA.B.EVERETT.MIL@MAIL.MIL OR COMM: (706) 545-8658.

8.C. (U) AMMUNITION REQUIREMENTS, ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS, PRE-REQUISITES, PACKING LIST, TASKS, CONDITIONS, AND STANDARDS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE COMPETITION WEBPAGE, [HTTPS://WWW.BENNING.ARMY.MIL/ARMOR/GAINEYCUP](https://www.benning.army.mil/armor/gaineycup). COMPETITORS ARE REQUIRED TO BRING ALL EQUIPMENT AS LISTED ON THE PACKING LIST.

9. (U) POINTS OF CONTACT FOR THIS ACTION:

9.A. (U) USAARMS POC, LTC LANE BOMAR AT COMM: 706-626-2306 OR EMAIL: LANE.A.BOMAR.MIL@MAIL.MIL.

9.B. (U) 316 CAVALRY BRIGADE S3, MAJ WILLIAM W. LASSITER AT COMM: 706-545-8660 OR EMAIL: WILLIAM.W.LASSITER.MIL@MAIL.MIL.

10. (U) THIS ALARACT MESSAGE EXPIRES ON 26 FEBRAURY 2021.