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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

28APR2025

SUBJECT: Pre-Ranger Course Standards for Attendance and Performance

1. While the Pre-Ranger Course is designed to prepare Soldiers for the rigors of Ranger School, Soldiers planning to attend the Pre-Ranger Course are expected to be able to pass all tested events upon arrival to the Course and have all required items as depicted on the cover sheet for the Pre-Ranger Course packet.
2. Tested Events:
 - a. RPFA 2.0 (Day 1 and Day 16)
 - b. All seven tested Ranger Tactical Tasks
 - c. 12-mile road march (15:00/mile or less, 45lb ruck sack, FLC, and weapon)
 - d. Land Navigation (Day 2,3, 14, and 15)
 - e. Combat Water Survival Assessment (Day 1)
3. RPFA 2.0
 - a. Students are expected to pass Phase 1 in 12:15 or less.
 - b. Students are expected to pass Phase 2 in 32:00 or less.
 - c. Students are expected to perform six chin ups at minimum.
 - d. Failure to pass these events will result in a drop from the course.
 - e. There are zero authorized retests for the RPFA 2.0.
4. Ranger Tactical Tasks
 - a. Students will be trained on all seven tested events throughout the course.
 - b. Students will be tested on all seven tasks during the final week of the Pre-Ranger Course.
 - c. Students will be recycled into the next Pre-Ranger Course class if they fail to pass five of the seven tasks, at a minimum.
 - d. Students are authorized one retest for each tested Ranger Tactical Task.
5. 12-mile Road March
 - a. Students will conduct the event with a 45lb rucksack wearing OCPs with a rifle, FLC, and headlamp. The rucksack will contain packing list items as determined by the ARTB ruck march packing list standards.
 - b. Students must meet each mile gate within 15:00 or they will be dropped.
 - c. Students must reach the finish line within 3:00:00 or less or they will be dropped.
 - d. There are zero authorized retests for the 12-mile road march.
6. CWSA
 - a. Students are expected to be able to perform basic swimming techniques.
 - b. Students are authorized two retests for each CWSA event.

7. Land Navigation

- a. Students will be assessed on four separate tests after receiving two blocks of instruction on basic land navigation and will be provided an opportunity to confirm their pace count before each assessment.
- b. Students must achieve 15/19 total points on land navigation across the four assessments to pass.
- c. Students who fail to achieve 15/19 total points will be recycled into the next Pre-Ranger Course class.
- d. There are zero authorized retests for land navigation.

8. Patrolling Phase

- a. Depending on class size, Students will be provided at least two graded leadership roles throughout the patrolling phase.
- b. Patrols are executed at the squad level and will be given blocks of instruction on all relevant doctrine to Ranger School patrols IAW ARTB course POI and all classes will adhere to FM 3-21.8 and TC 3-21.76.
- c. Students will not be withheld from attending Ranger School for unsatisfactory performances on Patrols but will receive feedback on their tactical skills and leadership attributes and competencies IAW ARTB Observation Report rubric at the completion of each patrol.

9. School Packets and Airborne Ranger Physicals

- a. Students will not be admitted entry into the Pre-Ranger Course if they report to the Day 0 brief without a completed phase one physical.
- b. It is the responsibility of the home unit to ensure Soldiers report to the Pre-Ranger Course with a completed phase one physical and is encouraged to confirm the packet status with LaPointe Health Clinic.
- c. Pre-Ranger Course reserves the authority to drop students for any packet deficiency identified throughout the Pre-Ranger Course.

10. Disciplinary Infractions and Droppable Offenses

- a. Students are expected to demonstrate unwavering discipline, respect, and attention to detail at the Pre-Ranger Course. Students who fail to do so will receive correction action.
- b. Students will receive SPOT Reports for actions to include, but not limited to:
 - i. Disrespect to Cadre and Peers
 - ii. Misuse and Abuse of Camp Hinsch facilities and Pre-Ranger Course equipment.
 - iii. Loss of OCIE or sensitive items.
 - iv. Failing to conform to Pre-Ranger Course standards and Army Regulations.
- c. Students who receive three major minus SPOT Reports are subject to being dropped from the Pre-Ranger Course.
- d. Students who demonstrate lack of integrity or motivation will be removed from the Pre-Ranger Course and receive a six-month restriction of return and will require an O-6 approval waiver in memorandum format.

11. Pre-Ranger Course Recycle Policy

- a. Students can be recycled for the Pre-Ranger Course for a wide variety of reasons. Students who receive a recycle status will not be required to stay at Camp Hinsch for the duration of the Pre-Ranger Course. This is commonly referred to as being a “reinsert”.
- b. Students are authorized to recycle for the following events:
 - i. Failing to receive a slot (walk-on or ATRRS) into Ranger School due to ARTB reaching max capacity.
 - ii. Failing to achieve 15/19 land navigation points.
 - iii. Failing the final RPFA. (Must pass the first RPFA)
 - iv. Family emergency such as spouse surgery, pending birth of child, death of immediate family member, etc.
 - v. Medical injury sustained after completion of Pre-Ranger Course, but before they report to Ranger School. (Week 3)
- c. Students who fail Ranger School will be able to receive two Pre-Ranger Course recycles. If a student fails Ranger School a third time after their recycle, they must return as a student.
- d. Students who fail to get into Ranger School due to slot availability are not limited in recycling opportunities for the Pre-Ranger Course but must immediately return to the next Pre-Ranger Course class.
- e. Students who fail at Ranger School must return to the Pre-Ranger Course within two Pre-Ranger Course classes to qualify for recycle.
- f. Students who recycle Pre-Ranger Course must immediately return to the Pre-Ranger Course, or they will return as a student.
- g. If a student recycles Pre-Ranger Course, they are required to conduct the following events:
 - i. Both RPFAs
 - ii. Land Navigation assessments 1-4
 - iii. 12-mile Road March
 - iv. All RTT training and final assessment.
 - v. CWSA
 - vi. At discretion of Pre-Ranger Course, recycles will conduct patrols.
- h. If a student fails to report to training on time, it is the discretion of the Pre-Ranger Course OIC and NCOIC to determine if the student is dropped from the Pre-Ranger Course.
- i. Units are not authorized to pull their Soldiers on a recycle status for official duties, even if they are not staying at Camp Hinsch, without approval from the Pre-Ranger Course OIC and NCOIC.

- j. Fort Campbell Soldiers must have six months' retainability to the 101st Airborne Division from the start of their expected Ranger School class.
- k. Fort Campbell Soldiers must have nine months' retainability to the 101st Airborne Division from the start of Pre-Ranger Course.

12. ATRRS Slotting and Order of Merit List

- a. XVIII Airborne Corps has directed all subordinate units to prioritize ATRRS slotting for enlisted soldiers first, before providing officers with a slot.
- b. Pre-Ranger Course allocates ATRRS slotting based on performance during RAP Week and will send the official list to XVIII Airborne Corps Schools Manager after completion of the 12-mile ruck march
- c. Pre-Ranger Course reserves the right to reallocate slots for the duration of the course as student performance metrics change. If a student falls behind their peers in later assessments or receives SPOT Reports, their slot can be reallocated to a higher performing student up until after the final RPFA.
- d. The Pre-Ranger Course OML assesses the following metrics:
 - i. Both RPFAs
 - 1. OML score is based on time, not GO/NO GO.
 - 2. Additional performed pull ups earn OML points.
 - ii. Land Navigation
 - 1. OML score is based on number of points found.
 - iii. 12-Mile Road March
 - 1. OML score is based on time completed.
 - iv. Ranger Tactical Tasks
 - 1. OML score is based on GO/NOGO
 - 2. Retest is authorized but will not count for OML points.
 - v. SPOT Reports
 - 1. Major/Minor positive SPOT reports earn OML points.
 - 2. Major/Minor negative SPOT reports deduct OML points.
 - vi. Peer Evaluation Rankings
 - 1. Average ranking allocates total points. Higher average ranking will grant a greater number of points.
 - 2. Students will conduct peer evaluations for RAP Week and end-of-course. Students will be counseled on all comments from peers by cadre.

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13. This memorandum is in effect as of 28APR2025 and supersedes all previous versions.

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