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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: 101st Abn Div (AASLT) Pathfinder Course Prerequisite Requirements

1. References.

- a. AR 350-1, Army Training and Leader Development, 1 Jun 25.
- b. AR 600-9, The Army Body Composition Program, 16 Jul 19.
- c. FM 7-22, Holistic Health and Fitness, 8 Oct 20.
- d. Fort Campbell Regulation (CAM Reg) 350-1, Training Directive, 8 Sep 23.
- e. 101st ABN DIV (AASLT) Gold Book, Air Assault Standard Operating Procedures, dated 1 May 25.

2. Purpose. The purpose of this memorandum is to define the prerequisites for Soldiers to attend the 101st Abn Div (AASLT) Pathfinder Course at The Sabalauski Air Assault School (TSAAS).

3. As the world's only Air Assault Division, the 101st Abn Div (AASLT) must maintain a greater proficiency in executing Air Assault and Pathfinder operations in order to conduct Large Scale, Long Range Air Assault (L2A2). The Division's requirement of Pathfinder qualified Soldiers who serve in the right positions within their formations and who meet the stringent prerequisites are essential due to the complex missions unique to this Division. To achieve this, the following are prerequisites to attending the Pathfinder course.

4. Officer prerequisites (Waiverable – see Note 6.a-b.).

- a. Be in the rank of 2LT-MAJ.
- b. Be from one of the following branches: IN, AR, FA, AV, EN, TC, MI, MP, QM, OD, LG, SC, and SF
- c. Assigned or attached to the 101st Abn Div (AASLT).

- d. Assigned to a Fort Campbell, KY tenant unit.
 - e. Have a current Periodic Health Assessment.
 - f. Have a minimum Physical Profile serial of 111121.
 - g. Have a passing Army Fitness Test (AFT) and meet height and weight requirements IAW reference b. and c.
 - h. Be Air Assault qualified (Non-Waiverable).
 - i. Have 12 months retainability within the 101st ABN DIV (AASLT) at completion of the Pathfinder course.
5. Enlisted prerequisites (Waiverable – see Note 6.a-b).
- a. Be in the rank of PFC-1SG/MSG.
 - b. Hold one of the following Primary Military Occupational Specialties (PMOS): 11 series, 12 series, 13 series, 15 series, 18 series, 25 series, 31 series, 35 series, 88 series, 91, series, 92 series.
 - c. Assigned or attached to the 101st Abn Div (AASLT).
 - d. Assigned to a Fort Campbell, KY tenant unit.
 - e. Have a current Periodic Health Assessment.
 - f. Have a minimum Physical Profile serial of 111121.
 - g. Have a passing Army Fitness Test (AFT) and meet height and weight requirements IAW reference b. and c.
 - h. Be Air Assault qualified (Non-Waiverable).
 - i. Have 12 months retainability within the 101st Abn Div (AASLT) at completion of the Pathfinder course.
6. Prerequisite Notes.
- a. A waiver with a compelling justification tied to the units mission requirements, endorsed by the first LTC in the Chain of Command will be considered for Soldiers who are not in the stated rank requirement, are not assigned/attached to the 101st Abn Div (AASLT), or do not have 12 months retainability at Fort Campbell.

b. Waivers should address the L2A2 mission requirements and capability gaps as to why the specific Soldier must attend Pathfinder training. Blanket requests for Pathfinder training allocations without justification tied to the unit mission training requirements will not be considered.

7. In order to sustain the highest Pathfinder capabilities across unit formations, the following incentive programs are available to Commanders:

a. Ranger Graduation Incentive Program: Soldiers who graduate from the 101st Abn Div (AASLT) Pre-Ranger Course and, subsequently, Ranger School at Fort Benning, GA will receive a slot for the Pathfinder course. Applicable waivers must be submitted, if required. Soldiers who graduate from the Ranger course will be given precedence over all other soldiers, regardless of rank, MOS, or time on station. This incentive does not apply to officers who are recent Ranger course graduates.

b. Reenlistment Incentive Program: Soldiers in the 101st Abn Div (AASLT), regardless of MOS and rank, will receive a Pathfinder slot after the unit provides documentation of the Soldiers reenlistment for Pathfinder course. Applicable waivers must be submitted, if required.

8. Priority for Pathfinder training.

a. Priority 1: 101st Abn Div (AASLT) assigned/attached Soldiers that meet Rank, Branch/MOS prerequisites and have 12 months' retainability at Fort Campbell.

b. Priority 2: 101st ABN DIV (AASLT) Re-enlistment and Ranger Graduate Incentive Program.

c. Priority 3: 101st ABN DIV (AASLT) assigned Soldiers that meet Rank, Branch/MOS, prerequisites, and do not have 12 months retainability at the 101st ABN DIV (AASLT) upon graduation.

d. Priority 4: XVIII Abn Corps Soldiers serving in Pathfinder ASI coded positions on unit MTOE.

e. Priority 5: Soldiers from non-Divisional units at Fort Campbell serving in Pathfinder ASI coded positions on unit MTOE.

f. Priority 6: Soldiers from XVIII Abn Corps units, and non-Divisional Fort Campbell units, serving in a position where a Pathfinder trained capability is needed to meet mission requirements.

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