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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: 101st ABN DIV (AASLT) Pathfinder School Prerequisite Requirements

1. References.

- a. AR 350-1, Army Training and Leader Development, dated 10 DEC 17.
- b. Fort Campbell Regulation (CAM Reg) 350-1, Training Directive, dated 15 DEC 19.
- c. 101st ABN DIV (AASLT) Gold Book, Air Assault Standard Operating Procedures, dated 1 FEB 19.

2. 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.

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. Our requirement for Pathfinder qualified Soldiers who serve in the right positions within their formations and who meet the stringent prerequisites is essential due to the complex missions unique to this Division. In order to achieve this, the following prerequisites for attending the Pathfinder Course are established.

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, AV, EN, TC, FA, MI, MP, QM, OD, LG, SC and SF.
- c. Assigned to the 101st ABN DIV (Air Assault).
- d. Assigned to a Fort Campbell, KY tenant unit.
- e. Current Periodic Health Assessment (PHA).
- f. Have a minimum Physical Profile Serial of 111121.
- g. Pass the Army Combat Physical Fitness Test (ACFT), and meet height and weight requirements IAW AR 600-9 and FM 7-22.

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- 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-CSM.
  - b. Hold one of the following Primary Military Occupational Specialties (PMOS): 11 Series, 12 Series, 13 Series, 15 Series, 18 Series, 19 Series, 25 Series, 31 Series, 35 Series, 88 Series, 91 Series, 92 Series.
  - c. Assigned to the 101st ABN DIV (Air Assault).
  - d. Assigned to a Fort Campbell, KY tenant unit.
  - e. Current Periodic Health Assessment (PHA).
  - f. Have a minimum Physical Profile Serial of 111121.
  - g. Pass the Army Combat Physical Fitness Test (ACFT), and meet height and weight requirements IAW AR 600-9 and FM 7-22.
  - 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 strong justification by the Chief of Operations will be considered for Soldiers who are not in the stated Branch or MOS; do not meet the stated Rank requirement; or are not assigned to the 101<sup>st</sup> ABN DIV (AASLT).
  - b. Waivers should address the mission requirements and capability gaps as to why the specific Soldier must attend Pathfinder training. Blanket requests for Pathfinder training allocations will not be considered.
- 7. In order to sustain the highest Pathfinder capabilities across unit formations, the following incentive programs are available to Commanders:

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a. Ranger Graduation Incentive Program: Soldiers who graduate from the 101<sup>st</sup> ABN DIV (AASLT) Pre-Ranger Course and, subsequently, Ranger School at Fort Moore, GA will receive a slot to Pathfinder School. Applicable waivers must be submitted, if required. Soldiers who graduate the Ranger course at Fort Moore, GA 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 graduates.

b. Re-enlistment Incentive Program: Soldiers, regardless of MOS and rank, will receive a Pathfinder slot after the unit provides documentation that the Soldier re-enlisted for Pathfinder School. Applicable waivers must be submitted, if required.

8. Priority for Pathfinder training.

a. 101<sup>st</sup> ABN DIV (AASLT) assigned Soldiers that meet Rank, Branch/MOS, GT Score prerequisites, and have a unit mission requirement for a Pathfinder trained capability.

b. Re-enlistment and Ranger Graduate Incentive Program.

a. 101<sup>st</sup> ABN DIV (AASLT) assigned Soldiers that meet Rank, Branch/MOS, GT Score prerequisites, and do not have 12 months retainability at the 101<sup>st</sup> SBN DIV (AASLT) upon graduation.

b. XVIII ABN Corps Soldiers serving in Pathfinder ASI coded positions on unit MTOE.

c. Soldiers from Fort Campbell non-Divisional units serving in Pathfinder ASI coded positions on unit MTOE.

d. Soldiers from XVIII ABN Corps units, and Fort Campbell non-Divisional units, serving in a position where a Pathfinder trained capability is needed to meet mission requirements.

9. This memorandum remains valid until 01 March 26 and will be reviewed/revised annually.

10. The point of contact is SSG McKenzie, Scotty, Chief of Operations, The Sabalauski Air Assault School, 101st ABN DIV (AASLT), by phone at (270) 798-4410 or email at [scotty.a.mckenzie.mil@army.mil](mailto:scotty.a.mckenzie.mil@army.mil).



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