

1<sup>st</sup> QTR, FY 23 SUBJECT: Sapper Leader Course Update to the Regiment

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Chief of Training-

The number one priority of the Sapper Leader Course is to train and certify Engineer Leaders to serve as competent members of a Combined Arms Team. This last year we have been hard at work with modernization efforts to produce the 2030 generation of professional Engineer Leaders. Modernization spans across new and updated training sites, more practical exercises, and an emphasis on engineer tasks in urban environments. Expansions have been made on our Engagement Area Development (EA Dev), Mobility, Counter Mobility, Engineer Recon, Military Operations in Urban Terrain (MOUT) and Urban Breach classes with new incorporations of these into a majority of the graded FTX patrols.

Updates to the packing list, website, welcome letter, and Sapper pamphlet aim to make preparation for the course smoother, while updated training material on the website along with the several installation briefs we've given this year attempt to recruit talent and assist with unit level train-ups.

Registration for the 2023 Best Sapper Competition opens on February 1<sup>st</sup> and is open until March 15<sup>th</sup>, with the competition taking place April 19<sup>th</sup> -25<sup>th</sup> at Fort Leonard Wood.

Thank you for your continued support of the Course and the Competition! Send your best, we'll make them better.

Earn the Right!!

Senior Instructor-

The 2023 LTG (Ret) Robert B. Flowers 16th Annual Best Sapper Competition is coming! We are currently planning what will be a challenging and invigorating competition. This year's competition is intended to be spectator friendly, so there will be slight modifications to timelines from previous years. We will be finalizing the requirements and allocations for teams that would like to compete and will have it out to the force after the new year.

The last few classes have seen a remarkable turnout for entrance into the course. We are excited to see so many Soldiers interested in attending the course. The best way to guarantee a slot into the course is by obtaining an ATRRS reservation. Walk-ons then fill any additional vacancies. Unfortunately, we are not able to accept them all, and we use the SPFT, STT, layout, and MOS to determine who will be offered a walk-on slot in the course. Units that request an Intent to Train Memo from the course in-box are also given favorable consideration for walk-ons. Leaders, I ask that you prepare your future Sappers for the course both physically and administratively. Your unit train-ups will help set them up for success on the SPFT and verify they are prepared to execute the STT, layout, and in-processing.

The course is dedicated to staying relevant to the Army and Engineer Regiment's current and future fights. While we are committed to upholding the legacy of the course, we understand that changes are needed to remain relevant and lethal. You have seen this in our updates to POI, and the gradual shift in how the course is conducted. We do this to ensure that future generations will have relevant and ready Sapper Leaders to face whatever fight may come next.

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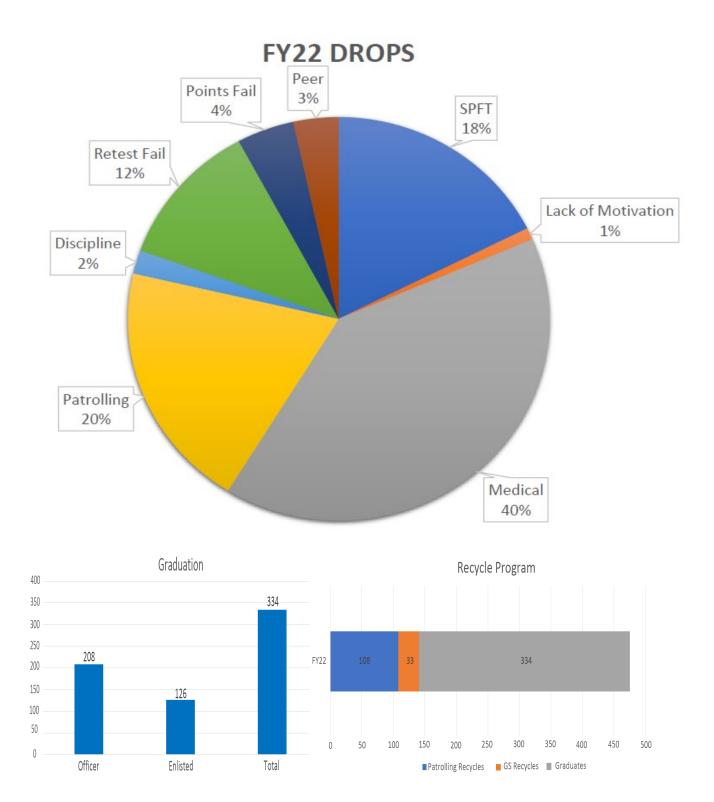
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