



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF:

**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
THIRD BRIGADE, US ARMY CADET COMMAND  
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MEMORANDUM OF INSTRUCTION

SUBJECT: 24th Annual Ranger Buddy Challenge

1. PURPOSE. On 7 April 2018, the University of Kansas Army ROTC will host its 24th Annual Ranger Buddy Challenge (RBC) at the University of Kansas Rim Rock Farm (2276 Burnett Lane, Lawrence, KS 66044). This memorandum supersedes anything previously published for the event. Please read entire document to ensure you are familiar with all changes and requirements for this year's competition.

2. TEAMS. Programs can register a maximum of 10 2-Cadet teams, broken down as follows: up to 5 Male teams, 3 Coed teams and 2 Female teams.

a. Use this link for registration: [Ranger Buddy 2018](#). Deadline is 23 March 2018.

b. Altering teams is not authorized after check-in on 6 April 2018. Failure to adhere to this rule will result in team disqualification, if discovered during or after competition.

3. TIMELINE.

<u>6 April 18</u>	KU Military Science Building (MSB), 1520 Summerfield Hall Drive Lawrence, KS 66045
1200-1800	Check-In at KU Army ROTC (MSB, 3d Floor)
1900	Coach's Meeting at Army ROTC Main Classroom

<u>7 April 18</u>	KU Rim Rock Farm, 2276 Burnett Lane, Lawrence, KS 66044
0300	KU Cadre Report
0400	Teams report to Rim Rock Farms
0515	Coed/Female Teams Start
0900	Male Teams Start
NET 1430	Award Ceremony (based on completion of events)

4. EVENTS. RBC events include: 15K Ruck March, 4 Lanes with 4 Stations each (16 total tasks), and 5K Run. This year, there will be a mystery event that can be held at any time throughout the competition.

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5. PACKING LIST. See Attachment 1. Also, competitors are responsible for their own rope and carabiner to negotiate crossing the rope bridge.

6. RULES. This year's rules have been altered to allow for less subjective grading curve.

a. Rucksack must weigh 35lbs. Cadre reserve the right to verify weight at any time.

b. Competitors are required to remain in the prescribed uniform throughout the event -- wear eye protection, gloves, FLC and carry weapon (rubber duck). Rucksack will be worn during 15K Ruck March and in between lanes; it will not be worn during the 5K Run. Competitors must carry their own equipment. Teams will be disqualified if caught carrying their teammate's equipment.

c. Competitors must complete 15K Ruck March event as a team in under 2 hours and 15 minutes.

d. After completing 15K Ruck March event, competitors may proceed to any of the 4 Lanes (Lane A-D). Tasks, in each lane, must be completed in order.

1. This year, there will be no time penalties. Teams who fail to successfully complete a task will be forced at the end of the line for re-evaluation of last task attempted. Teams will not be allowed to attempt any other tasks until successful completion of last attempted task is accomplished. This process will continue until teams complete the task or withdraw from the competition.

2. Teams cannot start 5K Run event until all 4 Lanes have been completed.

e. Unsportsmanlike conduct, inappropriate behavior or arguing with staff, medics or competition officials will result in disqualification. If a team is disqualified from an event (for any reason), that team is ineligible for awards.

7. TASKS. Tasks will be graded IAW the performance measures associated with the task number as derived from the Army Training Network (ATN).

a. Task: Employ Rappel Seat to Cross Rope Bridge

b. Task: Small Obstacle-Course

c. Task: Tomahawk Throw

d. Task: 061-283-6003 (Adjust Indirect Fire)

e. Task: 071-311-2007/2030 (Engage Targets with an M16/[M4]-Series Rifle, Quiz)

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- f. Task: 071-325-4407 (Employ Hand Grenade)
- g. Task: 071-325-4425/4426 (Employ Claymore Mine)
- h. Task: 071-326-0502 (Move under Direct Fire, Low Crawl)
- i. Task: 071-326-0502 (Move under Direct Fire, Rush)
- j. Task: 071-329-1015 (Locate an Unknown Point on a Map and on the Ground by Resection)
- k. Task: 081-831-0101 (Request Medical Evacuation)
- l. Task: 081-831-1032 (Perform First Aid for a Bleeding and/or Severed Extremity)
- m. Task: 081-831-1046 (Transport a Casualty, Using Appropriate Carry)
- n. Task: 081-831-1046 (Transport a Casualty, Using Litter)
- o. Task: 113-587-1064 (Prepare SINCGARS for Operations)
- p. Task: 331-202-1049 (Comply with Requirements of Code of Conduct, Quiz)

#### 8. AWARDS.

a. The top three teams with fastest times in each division (Male, Female, Coed) will receive trophies.

b. Best Battalion Award. All programs are eligible for the Best Battalion Award. Score is determined when teams finish the competition, i.e. if a team finishes in 15<sup>th</sup> place, their respective program is awarded 15 points. The program with the lowest total points wins Best Battalion Award.

#### 9. SAFETY. Coaches are requested to enforce safety rules and use general caution at all times.

a. Report any accidents or incidents to the TOC or KU ROTC Cadre as needed. In case of an emergency, Cadets will be transported to Lawrence Memorial Hospital.

b. Three Army Medics will be on site to diagnose and treat any casualties. A dedicated GSA van and an FLA will be used for CASEVAC.

#### 10. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS. Only contracted/fully enrolled Cadets' are allowed to compete. Host programs are responsible for ensuring Cadets are entered in CCIMM

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and for filing their Cadets' worker's compensation claims. Host programs are responsible for having all the necessary paperwork at the competition, if needed. Program coaches will inform their respective PMS/SMSI and brigade of the situation IAW their Brigade SIR Policy.

11. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. KU AROTC will provide hot lunch for competitors on the day of the event.

b. For teams traveling to the competition, refer to respective Brigade's guidance for TDY instructions.

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