

3RD BDE OPORD 24-04 Ranger Buddy Challenge (RBC)

References:

- a. USAIS PAM 350-6, 16 DEC 2022
- b. MOI 28th Annual Ranger Buddy Competition

Time Zone Used Throughout the OPORD: Romeo (R) (Central Daylight Time)

Task Organization:

3RD ROTC Brigade

The University of Kansas Army ROTC (+)
Kansas State University
University of Missouri Kansas City

1. Situation

a. Area of Interest.



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Ranger Buddy Competition Location
Sherman Army Airfield

Cadet and Cadre Barracks
Mission Training Complex

Area of Interest: Fort Leavenworth, KS is the oldest continuously operating military installation west of the Mississippi River. Fort Leavenworth is home to The US Army Combined Arms Center (CAC). Fort Leavenworth is home to all "Field Grade Officers" and runs the US Army Command and General Staff College. Fort Leavenworth is home to about 2,892 active-duty Soldiers, 1,130 students, and 5,175 APF and NAF Civilians.

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b. Area of Operations (AO).



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Area of Operations: Mission Training Complex. Located at the southeast corner of Fort Leavenworth, the facility offers 45,000 feet of configurable indoor training space, a DFAC, and on-site barracks that can house up to 560 Soldiers.

Sherman Army Airfield/ Chief Joseph Loop. The primary area of ops. is bounded to the South by the Missouri River, to the West by Fort Leavenworth railway, to the North by the 61 Easting, and to the East by the 37 Northing. The Chief Joseph Loop is a dirt and gravel road capable of holding single way traffic that encircles all of Sherman Army Airfield. The largest identifiable feature is the Sherman Army Airfield.

(1) Terrain.

Avenues of Approach: The primary avenue of approach is McClellan Ave. McClellan Avenue is an asphalt road that facilitates two-way traffic. McClellan Ave. runs parallel to the Ranger Buddy Training site. Chief Joseph Loop encircles the training area. Chief Joseph Loop is a hard packed gravel road. It will facilitate one-way traffic but will be closed off during the competition.

Obstacles: Parallel to Chief Joseph Loop and to the west of the training site is a railway. The rail crossing is the only entry to the Ranger Buddy Competition area. This crossing does not have a functioning gate and is trafficked regularly by trains.

(2) Weather. RBC is an outdoor event. The weather in the Lawrence area during the first week of April is historically mild with a chance of rain. The historic average high is 63°F with the average historic low of 41°F.

c. Enemy Forces. N/A

d. Friendly Forces. N/A

f. Civil Considerations.

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RBC Engagement Plan 2024

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USACC PAO	MAJ Lessard	Overall media plan.	Figuring out the best possible way to broadcast from USACC, BDE, KU Army ROTC, and local media outlets to develop speaking points for potential VIPs attending such as LTG Beagle to the public on ROTC.
VIPs	CPT Kramer	Senior leader engagement from key military or state leaders to ROTC Cadets attending RBC.	VIP plan to watch competition and present awards at the end of the competition.
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AUSA	LTC Taetzsch	Building community relationship between FTLV, Leavenworth, the military, and local High Schools.	Leveraging Judy Bauer as an additional resource at the Leavenworth AUSA chapter to broadcast to the wider AUSA audience.

2. Mission. 3RD Brigade conducts Ranger Buddy Competition, under the direction of the University of Kansas, Jayhawk Battalion, at Fort Leavenworth, KS from 060700-1830APR24 to instill a culture of winning and excellence across Cadet Command while maximizing the event as an ROTC marketing opportunity.

3. Execution.

a. **Commander's Intent.** Safely conduct a rigorous competition to test Cadet critical thinking, physical endurance, mental toughness, and teamwork while marketing ROTC opportunities for future competitors.

(1) Key Tasks:

a. Complete tactical tasks aligned with CC policy letter 9 to build proficiency prior to CST 24.

b. Maximize participation of all Cadets by fielding teams across as many categories as possible.

c. Market opportunities outside of ROTC to grow this competition and other ROTC events.

d. Compete and win.

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(2) End State: Cadets safely conduct RBC and recognized for their achievements. Positive experience for all competitors and competing schools.

b. Concept of Operations. This operation is conducted in three phases. Phase I- RSOI, Phase II- Execution, Phase III- Awards Ceremony and Dismissal. Decisive to this operation is execution of warrior tasks during PH II. This is decisive because it will carry the most weight for competing teams in the competition.

i. PH I- RSOI- Critical to this phase is the reception of all competitors at Fort Leavenworth, KS NLT **051800APR24**. Prior to the reception of competitors all teams must register at Link. Competitors and coaches are invited to attend IPR's held by KU starting on **01MAR24**.

ii. PH II- Execution- Critical to this phase is the execution of tactical lane tasks. This phase begins with a written land navigation exam on **05APR** and ends with the completion of tactical lanes on **06APR**. During this phase competitors will complete 15 tactical tasks and a series of road marches that equal around 13.5-miles.

iii. Ph III- Award/Recovery- This phase begins o/a **061800APR24** after the completion of tactical tasks and road march events. Critical to this phase is the recognition and awarding of best Ranger Buddy teams.

b. Scheme of Movement and Maneuver

(1) Phase 1-RSOI: This phase begins with the receipt of this OPORD. Critical to this phase is the reception of all Cadets at Fort Leavenworth, KS. During this phase all Cadets will register, schools will attend In progress reviews (IPRs), KU will lead rehearsals, resourcing of events, and all in-processing is complete. This phase ends when teams have received the coaches brief.

a. Registration: The registration window opens on **15FEB24**. During this phase ROTC Battalions register their teams through the attached [website](#). Registration closes on **14MAR24**. Schools may register up to 8 teams for the competition. Schools within 3RD BDE are guaranteed that they will receive 4 competition teams for the event. Schools will provide OML number with team entry and we will prioritize team selection by OML until we have 180 teams registered for the event. We will announce the selection of teams on **15MAR24** during the IPR.

b. IPRs: KU hosts a series of IPRs to facilitate questions and logistics prior to the execution of Ranger Buddy. IPRs take place **on 01MAR24, 15MAR24, and 29MAR24**. Everyone is welcome to attend the IPRs. IPRs will be held on the KU Teams channel at KU [Ranger Buddy Competition](#).

c. Rehearsals: KU leads the execution of rehearsals leading up to Ranger Buddy Competition. KU executes Rehearsal of Concept drill on **28MAR24**, event will be broadcast on MS Teams. Lane Rehearsal is conducted on 04APR24 with

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KSU and UMKC present. Train the Trainer and station preparation is executed on **05APR24** with TF Leavenworth Cadre. Comms Rehearsal takes place **06 0630 APR 24**.

d. Resourcing: Occurs throughout this phase. All resourcing requests are run through KU Supply and passed through BDE S4. All resource requests must be submitted NLT **01MAR24**. Teams are provided barracks at Fort Leavenworth, KS. There is no need to resource outside lodging.

e. In-Processing: The final list of teams is published to all schools on **15MAR24**. All requests for changes must be made and approved through KU operations officer, CPT Emery, following this date. Teams arrive to Fort Leavenworth Mission Training Complex **NLT 05 1750 APR 24**. Teams receive packets and room assignments upon arrival to the barracks.



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Reception Staging and Onward Integration.

In-Processing Timeline:

- NLT 051750APR24- Cadets check in through N. entrance of barracks at Mission Training Complex. (Yellow Box)
- NLT 051800APR Cadets arrive at Lecture 1 for coach's brief. (two Cadets per program max) (Blue) Dinner served in DFAC 1 to remaining competitors. (Green)
- 051900APR PMS and BDE CMD Team Social DFAC 2 (Purple)
- 052000APR Written Land Navigation Exam in Lecture 1 and 2 (Blue)



Location of MTC:

f. Coaches Brief: **06 1800 APR 24** Cadets will receive a coaches brief in lecture 1 of the mission training complex. Only one representative from each school is required to be at this meeting. During the coaches' brief, dinner will be served in DFAC 1.

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g. BDE Social: Cadre attending the event will have the opportunity to meet with COL Cruz. All 3RD BDE Cadre will attend the BDE Social in DFAC **06 1900-2000 APR 24.**

(2) Phase 2- Execution: This phase begins following the coaches brief on **05APR24** and ends when all teams have finished their final iteration of lanes or road march on **06APR24**. Critical to this phase is the execution of tactical lane tasks. During this phase competitors will complete 15 tactical tasks and a 13.5-mile road march. Each competitor will be assigned a control group. Each control group will start at different areas of the course. Competitors will undergo three iterations of the lanes (red, white, and blue). At each lane, competitors complete 5 tactical tasks, and a 4.5 mile road march.

a. **Written Land Navigation:** Following the coaches briefs competitors will have 1 hour to answer as many questions as possible on a written land navigation exam. This exam will replicate the ones given at Cadet Summer Training- Advanced Camp. This event will account for 10% of the overall ranking of the competition.

b. **Tactical Lanes:** Decisive to competitors' operations is the successful execution of the 15 tactical tasks. This is decisive because it holds the most weight in the competition. 50% of Cadets scores are based on the correct completion of each tactical task. The tactical tasks are governed by EIB Pamphlet 350-6, 16DEC22. Reference Attachment. Knots are governed by TC 3-21.76 Ranger Handbook, while testing standards are from Army Mountain Warfare VT 05465-9796 (Time Standards).

Red		
Task	Task #	Time Standard
M4	071-100-0032 071-100-0029	5
M249	071-com-4025 071-Com-4026	6
M240	071-COM-4025 071-COM-4026	6
Hand Grenades	071-440-0031 071-COM-4407	4

White		
Task	Task #	Time Standard
Fracture	081-831-1034	5
Bleeding	081-com-1001 081-000-0048 081-000-0099	5
Shock	081-com-1005	9

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	No Collar Required	
Care Under Fire	081-COM-1001 081-COM-1048 081-COM-1046	9
9 Line	131-COM-1001 081-COM-0101	2
Blue		
Task	Task #	Time Standard
Call for fire	061-COM-1000 071-326-9512	5
Radio and Spot	171-300-0063 171-COM-4080	10
Knots	TC 3-21.76	3
Move under fire	071-COM-0502	3



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Color Lane Tasks

<u>Red Lane</u>	<u>White Lane</u>	<u>Blue Lane</u>
Maintain M240	Perform First Aid for a Suspected Fracture	Call for Fire
Maintain M4	Control Bleeding	Knots Lane
Maintain M249	Perform First Aid to Prevent or Control Shock	Spot Report
Identify Hand Grenades	Care under Fire	*AESIP Radio (in conjunction with SPOT Report)
Employ Hand Grenades	*Request MEDEVAC (in conjunction with Care under fire)	Move under direct fire



PH II- Execution (Tactical Lanes) NLT060600APR24 Cadre bring competitors via GSA to the Cadet Drop off near all lanes. 2.9 Miles from MTC. During this phase, Cadets divide amongst the three color lanes. Each lane will have 5 stations with up to 30 teams competing. Competitors have 1.5 hours to execute all tasks at the lanes.

> **Red Lanes:** Cadets complete five tasks at stations during this sub phase and a 4-mile road march. 1. M240, 2. M249, and 3. M4, all weapons assembly, disassembly, functions check. 4. Hand grenade identification, and 5. Hand Grenade Employment.

> **Blue Lanes:** Cadets complete five tasks at stations during this sub phase and a 4-mile road march. 1. Call for Fire, 2/3. Spot Report/ put into operation SINGARS, 4. Tie a Swiss Rappel Seat, 5. Move under direct fire.

> **White Lane:** Cadets complete five tasks at stations during this sub phase and a 4-mile road march. 1. Perform first aid of a fracture, 2. control bleeding, 3. perform first aid to prevent and control shock, 4/ 5 Care under fire.



"Jayhawk Battalion!"



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c. Road March: The road march event occurs at the same time as the tactical lane event. Cadets are assigned either to the lane or to complete the 4.5-mile loop for the road march course. In total, Cadets will travel this route 3 times. On the final iteration, Cadets will receive additional equipment to carry with them on the course.


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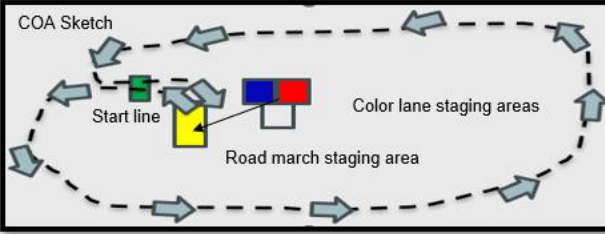

13.5-Mile Road March

PH II- Execution (Road March) This phase occurs simultaneous to the color lane tasks. During this subphase competitors complete three (3) 4.5-mile-long road marches. Each road march will increase in difficulty as the event progresses.

Event Analysis:

- Weigh in occurs prior to each loop during Competition
- Competitors are divided onto three separate lanes (Red, White, Blue)
- Up to 30 teams are placed at each of the three lanes.
- 15 teams execute the color lane tasks
- 15 teams execute the tactical road march
- All competitors execute road march in a counterclockwise movement
- Times are taken by Red Dirt Racing
- All three times are consolidated and the best time wins
- Each iteration competitors are tasked with carrying an item
- Items increase in weigh each iteration
- At the 1.5-hour mark Cadets rotate either to lane tasks or the road march
- Cadets still on the course lose time to conduct color lane tasks

COA Sketch





Sustainment: Classes of Supply: I: MRE (B), Boxed Meal (L) VI: Weights (Iterations I/II Road March) Transportation: • Red Dirt Racing Timing solution for Road March • Golf Cart provided for lead and trail Medical: • Medics and BDE Nurse Staged at Recovery Tent • Golf Cart Dedicated to Medical Recovery	Standards: • Cadets will complete each 4.5-mile lap in the 1.5 hours provided. • Times are recorded via a timed solution. • Fastest overall course time receives the max amount of points • 35# ruck weight without water	Command and Control: Command: • Lane OIC- SFC Lynn (KU)
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(5) Phase 3- Awards Ceremony, Recovery, Release: This phase begins after all personnel have completed the last iteration of road march or tactical lanes. During this phase, distinguished guests are allowed to make remarks. Following remarks, COL Cruz, 3RD BDE Commander, will award the top 3 teams from each category and the top school. Schools are dismissed upon completion of the ceremony to return to the barracks or return to their host schools.

c. Tasks to Staff.

(a) BDE S3

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(1) Establish the BDE IPR through MS teams in accordance with IPR schedule to validate planning azimuth, resource shortfalls, and provide brigade assistance.

(2) Provide one staff representative to assist operations in Task Force TOC.

(b) BDE S4

(1) Provide one member of staff to attend IPR's and assist with resourcing the training event.

(2) Process PRAs submitted from program.

(3) Provide one staff representative to assist with local purchases during week of event.

(c) BDE Nurses

(1) Provide a Nurse to serve in the TOC and establish and run a casualty collection point (CCP).

(2) Coordinate with KU and BDE S4 to request CL VIII to support the competition.

(d) BDE RMID

(1) Provide one staff representative to assist with social media posts.

c. Tasks to Subordinate Units.

(a) The University of Kansas

(1) Plan and execute RBC in conjunction with the 3RD BDE.

(b) University of Missouri Kansas City and Missouri West

(1) Provide 1 Cadre OIC and 12 x Cadets or Cadre to run Red Lanes for the event.

(2) Coordinate for supply with the University of Kansas during IPR's.

(3) Attend lane Rehearsals on 04APR24

(4) Provide 20 each 40# kettlebells for the competition.

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(c) Kansas State University

(1) Provide 1 Cadre OIC and 12 x Cadets or Cadre to run Blue Lanes for the event.

(2) Coordinate for supply with the University of Kanas during IPR's.

(2) Attend lane Rehearsals on 04APR24

(3) Provide 20 each 40# kettlebells for the competition.

(d) Task Force Leavenworth

(1) Provide one (1) Cadre to assist with grading if you have any teams participating in the competition. Provide one (1) additional cadre for any number of teams over four (4).

(e) Participating Schools

(1) All CADRE complete DTS authorization **NLT 01MAR24**, to include lodging after the competition.

(2) Submit travel meal requests on PRA to BDE S4 **NLT 01MAR24**. A POC and contact information from the vendor must be included.

(5) Register your teams at the link. Ensure teams are entered on an OML for you school from 1 to 8. Cadets with a 1-4 are guaranteed to compete. Cadets 5-8 will be selected in OML order starting with OML number 5.

d. Coordinating Instructions.

(a) Uniform:

(1) Worn:

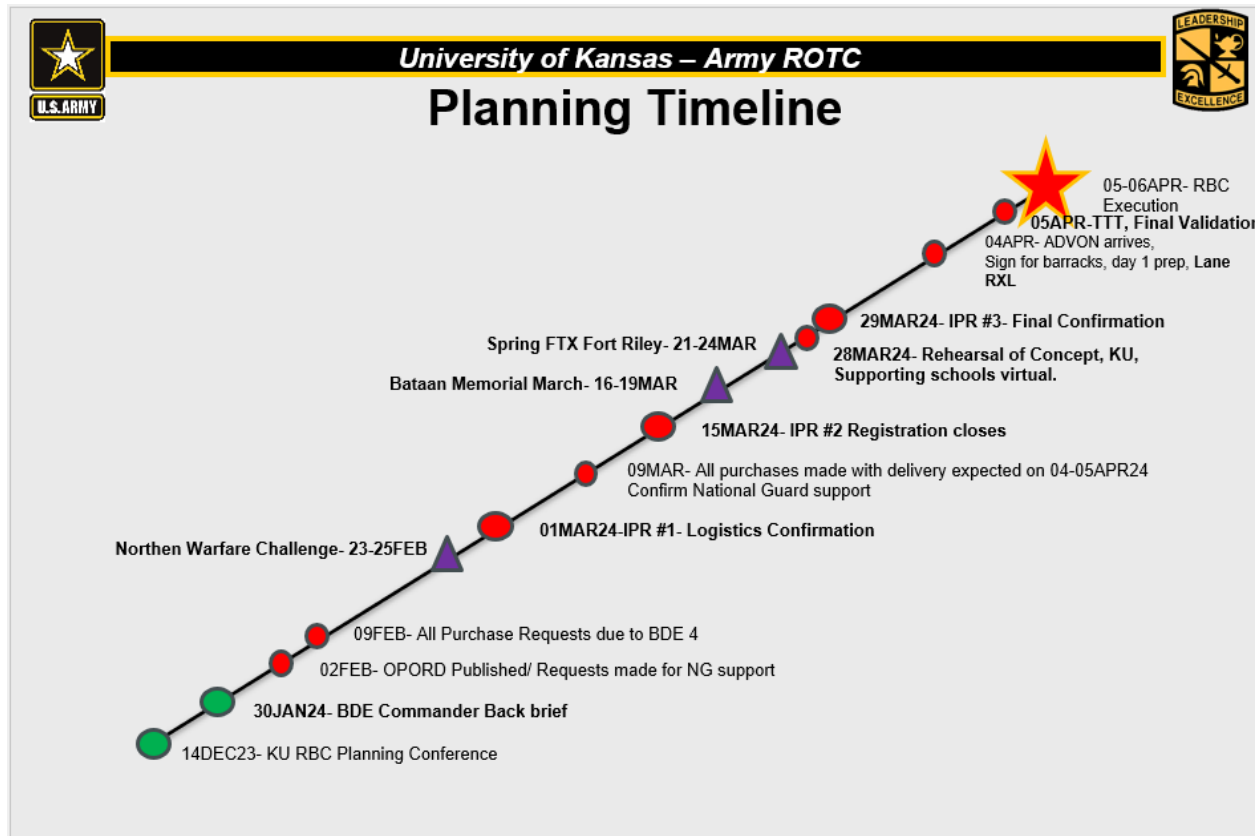
- a. OCP top/ bottom (duty uniform)
- b. Patrol Cap (Cover)
- c. Boots
- d. Eye protection
- e. Gloves
- f. FLC- (2x 1 QT Canteens)
- g. Rubber Duck
- h. Ruck Sack
- i. Pen, Pencil, Paper
- j. MRE (breakfast day 1) (KU will not inventory this item)

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(2) Rucksack: Must weigh 35 pounds excluding drinking water.

(3) Rucksack is worn during the Ruck March. Cadets will not wear rucksacks on tactical lanes. Competitors must carry their own equipment. Teams are disqualified if caught carrying their teammate's equipment or out of prescribed uniform. Rucksacks are inspected prior to and after execution of each iteration of ruck march.

(b) Timeline:



(1) Event Schedule: See MOI (para 3)

(c) Rules: See MOI (para 5)

(d) Participants register **NLT 01APR24**. Link:
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1SmOMOnxSuFCAQg2Fjq8l8pSHmA5JhyBkTWCSpKLDxuE/edit>

(e) Engagement Plan:

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(f) Risk Mitigation: See attachment Deliberate Risk Assessment:

4. Sustainment.**a. Logistics.****(1) Classes of Supply.**

1. Class 1: Schools will coordinate for and/ or supply meals traveling to and from the event. Schools will bring 1 MRE for each competitor for breakfast on 06APR24.

	04APR24	05APR24	06APR2
Breakfast	N/A	MRE (25)	MRE (510) Catered breakfast (150) Fruit and Protein (500)
Lunch	N/A	Boxed Lunch (150 KU/ KSU/ UMKC Support)	Boxed Lunch (510)
Dinner	Dinner Local Restaurant (25 ADVON)	Competition dinner catered (510) BDE Social catered (45)	N/A

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(2) Transportation/Lodging. Host school provides GSA for transportation to/during RBC. No POV's are authorized or allowed on the Ranger Buddy Competition Course. 3RD BDE will fund lodging for personnel departing after the competition, lodging must be coordinated prior to the event. Cadet lodging will be paid for by GUTC, a PRA will be provided to the BDE S4 **NLT 01MAR24** and CADRE will create DTS authorizations **NLT 01MAR24**.



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Transportation

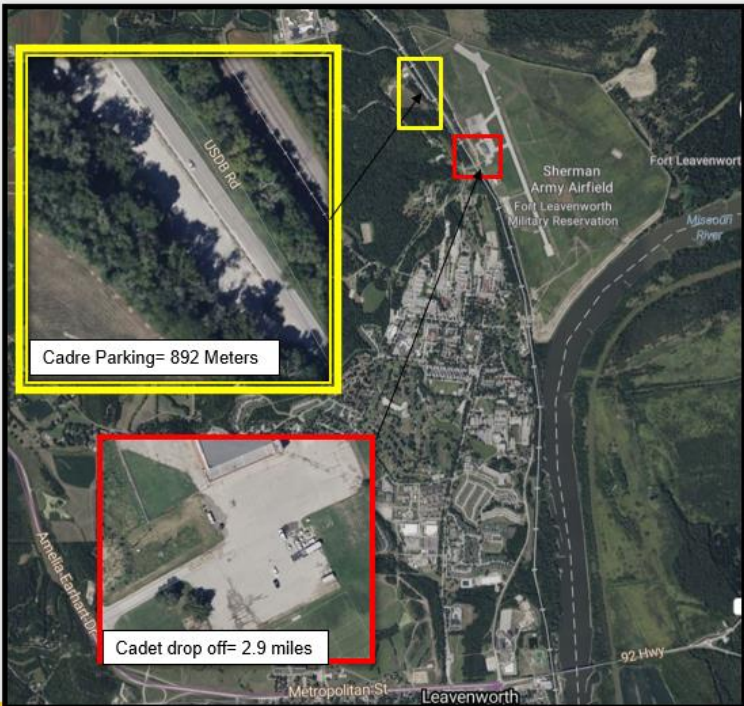
Phase II: Cadre bring competitors via GSA to the Cadet Drop off NLT 060530APR24. 2.9 Miles.

Road March- three dedicated golf carts assist with road march. Lead vehicle, trail vehicle, and resupply vehicle.

Tactical Lanes- one golf cart is assigned to resupply tactical lanes

Location of drop off:





b. Lodging: Lodging is provided for all competitors. Competitors will be housed at the Mission Training Complex at Fort Leavenworth, KS. Teams must select during registration whether they will stay in the provided lodging. Lodging includes bunk bed style accommodations, showers, latrines, and lockers.

c. Personnel support. None.

d. Health System Support. Medical Treatment: Medics and BDE Nurse are located at CP, Medic will be dispatched to provide aid for non-life-threatening injuries if necessary. Medical Evacuation: Casualty Collection Points (CCP) is located at CP. For medical

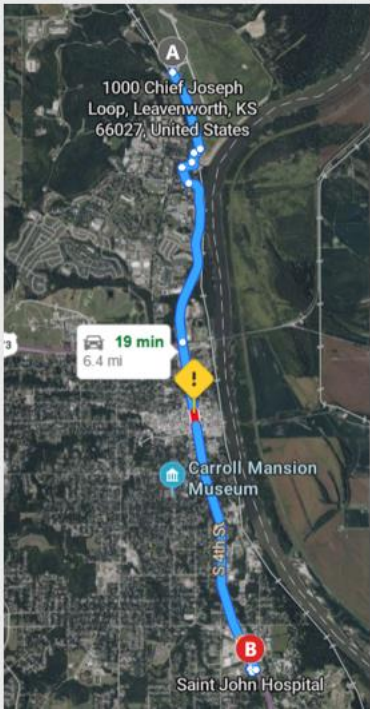
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emergencies call 911. If non-life threatening, a CASEVAC to Saint Johns hospital.



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Medical

Command and Control:
CPT Williams leads all operations for medical evacuation

Priority of Care:

Urgent- Immediate 911 Call

Priority- Evac to Aid station and transport via GSA to Saint Johns. 6.4 miles.

Routine- Treated at aid station.

Personnel:
5x Medics from National Guard
BDE Nurse- CPT Williams

Equipment:
Dedicated Golf Cart
Dedicated GSA

Location of Saint Johns:



5. Command and Signal.**a. Command.**

(1) Location of Commander. The PMS of the University of Kansas is located in the CP.

(2) Succession of Command.

(a) The OIC for Ranger Buddy Challenge is CPT Travis J. Emery at travis.emery@KU.edu or at 801-735-4553.

(b) The NCOIC for Ranger Buddy Challenge is MSG Josh Geery at joshua.d.geery@ku.edu or at 785-864-1111.

b. Control.

(1) Control Posts. N/A

(2) Reports (formats and times for submission). Primary reporting for the event

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will be via the Signal chat. TBP This will be the primary location for periodic score updates.

(3) RFI's during the competition will be submitted through separate RBC signal chat.



RFI Group Chat

c. Signal.

(1) Primary POC for this ORDER is CPT Travis J. Emery at travis.emery@ku.edu or at 801-735-4553

(2) Reference **ANNEX C**

(3) Primary means of communication. Signal Group Chat

(4) Alternate. Cell Phone

(5) Contingency. Handheld radios

(4) Emergency. Runner

ACKNOWLEDGE:

**CRUZ
COL**

**OFFICIAL:
JENKINS
MAJ**

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ANNEXES:

ATTACHMENT 1: EIB Pamphlet 350-6, 16DEC22

ATTACHMENT 2: RBC MOI

ATTACHMENT 3: RBC TASKS

ATTACHMENT 4: DELIBERATE RISK ASSESSMENT

ANNEX C: Concept of Operations Brief Slide Deck



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