From: University of South Carolina NROTC Gamecock Battalion
To: Participating NROTC Units

Subj: LETTER OF INSTRUCTION FOR THE GAMECOCK DRILL MEET, 15 NOVEMBER 2014

Encl: (1) Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for the Gamecock Drill Meet 2014

1. Situation. The Gamecock NROTC Battalion at the University of South Carolina (USC) will organize and conduct the proper execution of the 2014 Gamecock Drill Meet. The drill meet is an opportunity for Midshipmen and cadets from around the country to compete in a series of close order drill, inspection, endurance, and sailing.

2. Mission. On 15 November 2014, the Gamecock Battalion will conduct a safe and efficient drill meet at Blatt Field in order to allow USC Midshipmen to display their leadership skills while providing a rewarding experience for Midshipmen from around the country.

3. Execution

   a. Commander's Intent. To execute a safe and effective drill meet while providing the Midshipmen of the Gamecock Battalion with leadership opportunities vital to their future success.

   b. Scheme of Maneuver

      1. Check-in. Check-in will begin with each team checking in as early as possible, but no later than 0630. Check-in will take place at the ROTC Center at 513 Pickens Street, Columbia, SC. If not pre-registered, all fees must be paid at this time. After check-in, each team will be assigned a Midshipman guide, who will provide information on changing rooms, locations of events, and will serve as the team’s point of contact for that day.

      2. Judge/OIC’s Brief. Judge/OIC brief will start at 0630. Judges and drill team commanders are the only personnel required to attend, but any other visiting unit personnel are also welcome. The Gamecock Drill Meet Commander and Assistant Marine Officer Instructor (GySgt Schoot) will brief the judges and commanders on the events and procedures for the drill meet and answer any questions. The brief will be held in the ROTC Center’s drill hall (same place as registration).

      3. Execute Drill Meet. At 0700 the events will begin. Events will take place at Solomon Blatt Physical Education Center, 1300 Wheat Street, Columbia, SC. Concession will be provided throughout the drill meet for a small fee. When teams have completed all of their events, their guide will be reassigned to another team. The Endurance Challenge will begin in the parking lot of the ROTC Center after the Judge/OIC brief. The Sailing Regatta will start at 0800 at the Lake Murray Sail Club, approximately 30 minutes from campus.

      4. Awards Ceremony. The awards ceremony will be held in the ROTC Center building at the completion of all events (approximately 1600). Each school’s guide will be responsible for showing their unit to the awards ceremony; however it is the responsibility of the school to be at the awards ceremony on time. Awards will be presented for first, second, and third place in all events. The last awards presented will be first, second, and third place for the overall standings of the 1st Annual Gamecock Drill Meet.
c. Coordinating Instructions

1. Uniform of the Day. The uniform of the day for all competing drill teams is the Service Khaki or equivalent as prescribed by their respective service branch. Uniform changes are allowed for the exhibition and color guard competition. MECEP’s will wear the Service “C” uniform. Teams will not be permitted to participate in the awards ceremony unless they are in uniform or unit polo.

2. Changing Rooms. Changing rooms will be provided as needed. We are limited on space, so no storage will be provided. Each unit must maintain their gear at all times.

3. Sequence of Events

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4. Administration and Logistics

a. Check in

(1) Check in will be held at the ROTC Center at 513 Pickens Street. School must have paid in full and submitted all required forms, including a Hold Harmless Agreement in order to participate.

(2) Teams who have not submitted their hold harmless agreement forms prior to their start time in the competition will not be permitted to compete. A roster of all participants must be included with the indemnity forms, and these forms will be checked against the roster in order to ensure that everyone is covered and the Gamecock Battalion is not liable for any injuries that may result.

b. Chow. Concession sales will be provided at the ROTC Center. Breakfast snacks items, coffee, tea, water, and doughnuts will be on sale during the morning hours. Beginning at 1030, concessions will switch over to afternoon chow and will sell hamburgers, hotdogs, side items, soft drinks, and water at a reasonable price.

c. T-Shirts. T-shirts are available for pre-order on the entry form for $12.00. They will not be available to purchase the day of the event.

d. Gamecock Unit Coin. Gamecock Battalion unit coins will be available at the concessions stand on the day of the event for $5.

e. Inclement Weather. In the event of inclement weather, events will move to Strom Thurmond Wellness and Fitness Center, 1000 Blossom Street, Columbia, SC.

f. Casualties.

(1) Perform Check, Call, Care (CCC) and report any casualties to the OIC and the Assistant Marine Officer Instructor.

(2) In the event of a casualty, self-aid is practiced first, followed
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by buddy-aid, followed by emergency services if required.

(3) In case of extreme emergency, 911 will be called by the USC unit staff.

5. Command and Signal

a. Command

   (1) Staff OIC: Gunnery Sergeant Schoot

   (2) Gamecock Drill Meet OIC: MIDN 1/c Olszewski

b. Signal

   (1) Primary. Communication for competing teams will be through their guides. The guides will then contact the appropriate personnel. All AMOI’s are encouraged to contact GySgt Schoot with any concerns.

   (2) Secondary. Cell phones will be used. Key Personnel cell phone numbers:

      (a) GySgt Schoot: 910-581-5819

      (b) MIDN Olszewski: 410-978-8054

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