

Odds & Ends

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General: This will be a rather short version of the quarterly Odds & Ends but I hope it highlights information that will be useful. As most of you are aware, 4th Brigade JROTC has grown significantly over the last several months. We started off the school year with 258 programs and will end up with a total of 315. In Sep 08, we welcomed the programs located in the District of Columbia (11), Delaware (4) and Maryland (24). As of 1 January 2009, we assume responsibility for the 18 programs located in West Virginia. So, on behalf of the Brigade Commander, COL Ronald P Elrod, Sergeant Major Kevin A Watson and the JROTC Staff, we welcome the West Virginia programs to the 4th Brigade, United States Army Cadet Command. We're glad you're here! We look forward to working with you and we are committed to providing you with the highest level of support.

FY09 Budget: Guidance remains the same. Be 40% spent by 31 January, 60% by 31 March and 90% by 30 June. Anticipate having the remainder of the funds consolidated at Bde level by 15 August 09. POC is Mr. John Sovine, (910) 396-4066 or john.sovine@usacc.army.mil.

Email Addresses: This is still a problem. As stated in previous Odds and Ends we now utilize your web portal email address for all official email communications originating from 4th Bde. As such, many of you have set the forwarding rules to forward your web portal email to a more convenient email address. Some of those forwarding addresses are either incorrect or the mailbox is over its size limit. If either of these two problems pertains to you, you will not receive the email traffic from this office and may miss receiving important information. Please make sure your forwarding information is correct and your forwarding mailbox is not over its size limit. Additionally, if you have set your portal mail to forward to an AOL address there is a good chance you will not receive it. Approximately, 75% of returned emails are due to AOL issues.

Training:

➤ **Marksmanship:** Instructors interested in getting CMP certified/recertified may attend a two night certification training during the Brigade Seminar at Myrtle Beach, SC. Date: 25–26 Jan 09, Time TBD. Forty slots available. Sign up during registration.

➤ **JCLC:** Planning for JCLC 09 is currently underway. We will publish JCLC locations and dates, along with unit assignments NLT 23 Jan 09. I apologize for the delay.

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Key Dates:

- J-LAB Registration 7 Jan 09
- Charles B. Aycock Drill Meet 17 Jan 09
- Martin Luther King Drill Meet 17 Jan 09
- Lincoln County HS Drill Meet - WV 17 Jan 09
- J-LAB Level I – The Challenge (Mandatory participation) 19-28 Jan 09
- Daniel Morgan Challenge (Wofford College) 23-24 Jan 09
- Bde Instructor Training Seminar 25-28 Jan 09
- Manchester HS Raider Meet 31 Jan 09
- Essay Contest (Brigade) 02 Feb 09
- DAI MPS LOG Training 3-5 Feb 09
- Eagle Challenge Drill (CE Murray HS) 7 Feb 09
- Eastern Marksmanship Competition 12-14 Feb 09
- Instructor/DAI of the Year to the Brigade 10 Feb 09
- JROTC Interviewers Cert Course 10-12 Feb 09
- Chatham HS Sproter Air Rifle Match 19-21 Feb 09
- Dunbar HS Drill Meet 21 Feb 09
- Overhills HS Drill Meet 21 Feb 09
- J-LAB Level II – Zero Hour Threat: 23 Feb –
4 Mar 09
- North Brunswick HS Tri-Meet 28 Feb 09
- Paladin Raider Meet – Landrum HS/Furman University 28 Feb 09
- Forestville Mil Acad Drill Meet 07 Mar 09
- Lee County Tri Meet 07 Mar 09
- Preston County HS Drill/Rifle Meet - WV 07 Mar 09
- Harnett Central Raider Meet 14 Mar 09
- Sandhills Invitational Drill Competition 21 Mar 09
- NRA Sectional Rifle Meet - WV 21 Mar 09
- Magna Vista Raider Meet 28 Mar 09
- USACC Air Rifle Championships 26-28 Mar 09
- Seventh Annual Raider Guard Meet 3-4 Apr 09
- Eastern Drill Competition 04 Apr 09
- 4th Bde Drill Competition 25 Apr 09
- National Drill Competition 2-4 May 09
- J-LAB Level III - The Leadership Symposium: 26-30 Jun 09

Note: For more detailed information on the above and other events go to the 4th Brigade website at www.ajrotc.us.

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Seminar 2009 Update:

- Invitation Travel Orders (ITOs): Seminar ITOs have not been published as of yet. We plan to create the ITOs in JUMS during the Christmas break. Once Bde and Cadet Command have completed their actions, you should be able to print your own order. Additionally, the Bde staff will print all orders and they will be in your welcome packet when you arrive at the conference.
- Air Travelers: If you elected to travel by air, Bde staff will coordinate your travel itinerary and pay for electronic tickets. All you will have to do is let us know which airport you will be using and the dates you intend to fly and show up at the airport with a picture ID. We will provide you with some available flight times for your travel days. The authorized travel dates are 25 and 28 Jan 2009. If you opt to fly on any other dates we will coordinate it for you, but remember that you will be responsible any expenses incurred at the TDY location that do not fall within the period 25-28 Jan 2009. Should the airline charge for baggage, you will be refunded for cost for up to 2 bags.
- POV travelers with more than 400 miles one way travel will be authorized to begin travel on 24 Dec 09 and end travel on 29 Jan 09. Mileage and one overnight each way is less expensive than airline tickets since many of you have considerable distances to a servicing airport.
- Train the trainers needed: We are looking for about 12 instructors scheduled to attend the seminar from different areas within then Bde to serve as curriculum group discussion leaders/facilitators within their respective regional breakout groups. We are very interested in instructors that understand and make maximum use of JROTC curriculum, use CPS and have attended JSOCC within the last 2 years. Should you decide to help, we would ask you to arrive at the seminar site on 24 Jan 09, and attend a workshop on the afternoon of 25 Jan 09. These instructors will also be asked to participate in a workshop with Dr. Donna Rice from Cadet Command to provide input for the next update to the curriculum. If you are not scheduled to attend the conference but are passionate about curriculum and would like to serve as curriculum group discussion leaders/facilitators, let the POC know and you maybe added to the list of attendees. (THIS IS THAT IMPORTANT)
- Electives: Marksmanship, JUMS, and CPS will be offered as electives on the evenings of 25 and 26 Jan after duty hours. Times and location will be published on the seminar agenda.

The seminar POC is Mr. Rudy Ford, rudolph.ford@usacc.army.mil 910-396-8807, orders POC is Mrs. Lynn Davis, marilyn.davis@usacc.army.mil 910-396-6399.

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Weight Control: The weight control worksheets were due to Bde NLT 15 Oct. We are still missing weight control worksheets. If your school has not submitted the weight control data, you will be invited to step on the scales during the conference.

Instructor Vacancies: Officer instructor shortages: Let us know if you know of any officers interested in a JROTC positions; RECRUIT, RECRUIT RECRUIT.

Instructor/DAI of the Year: Please become familiar with para 11-4h of CCR 145-2. In the past, we have received only limited participation regarding instructor and DAI of the year. I ask each of you to support this program to the extent possible. Each DAI, principal and supervisor of DAIs will receive a letter from the Brigade encouraging them to nominate qualified applicants. The suspense to the Brigade will be on or about 10 Feb 09.

Logistics:

- Don't forget to use Priority Code 15 when ordering from Email, you must check before completing order to ensure you selected Priority Code 15 on each individual order.
- The purchase of new drill rifles and air rifles is currently on hold, no information available as to when purchase will resume.
- If you have not sent your DA Form 250 to Brigade and your support installation Property Book Office for any new equipment received please do so immediately.
- ACU nametapes can be purchased at a very reasonable price (\$.86 each) using your GPC from Mrs. Jamie Minyard , jamie.minyard1@conus.army.mil, 913-758-3893.

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All budget matters should be directed toward the Chief.

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