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ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
C COMPANY, 2<sup>ND</sup> BATTALION 29<sup>TH</sup> INFANTRY REGIMENT  
197<sup>TH</sup> INFANTRY BRIGADE  
BUILDING 4883, HARMONY CHURCH  
FORT BENNING, GEORGIA 31905-4420



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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Eleventh Annual U.S. Army International Sniper Competition Competitors Information Form

1. Your unit/organization is cordially invited to participate in the Eleventh Annual U.S. Army International Sniper Competition / Sniper Symposium that is scheduled from 23 September thru 30 September 2011 at Fort Benning, Georgia.
  - a) 23-24 September 2011 is the Sniper Symposium which will be held at Building # 4887 (Sniper School Compound) and is mandatory for all competing teams. Each team will conduct a 10-to-15 minute presentation on lessons learned, types of weapons, and sniper training that is conducted within their units. The purpose of the symposium is to share training ideals and lessons learned that will only better the sniper community.
2. LODGING: Limited barracks space will be available at the United States Army Sniper School on a first come first serve basis for competitor's only; competitors are highly encouraged to make other lodging arrangements at nearby facilities. Fort Benning offers on-post lodging at Olsen Hall; reservations can be made by calling 706-689-0067, ext. 2800 or 2538. You can also reach them via the internet at <http://www.benningmwr.com/lodging31905.htm>
3. MEALS: Each unit must provide meals on TDY orders for the competitors. It is highly recommended that all participants bring hot and cold food and beverage containers to sustain for the competition.
4. POINT OF CONTACT: For further information, contact SFC Bloom or SSG Balboa at (706) 544-6006 / 6505 or email: [eric.d.bloom@us.army.mil](mailto:eric.d.bloom@us.army.mil) or [derek.balboa@us.army.mil](mailto:derek.balboa@us.army.mil)
5. GENERAL: The competition will be hosted and administered by the U.S. Army Sniper School, C Company, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 29<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, 197<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade, and the Maneuver Center of Excellence. The competition will be conducted regardless of weather conditions and is designed to physically and mentally challenge sniper teams from all over the world. A wide range of skills will be tested and the winning team will be the one that demonstrates the highest proficiency in those skills (Enclosure 1). An awards banquet for all teams that compete will be hosted by the Army Sniper Association following the competition. Prizes, provided by the Army Sniper Association, will be awarded

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- for the top teams in each service class, as well as the top teams in individual categories.
6. **PURPOSE:** The objective of this competition is to further the sniping skills of all participants. Now, more than ever, the art and science of sniping has resurfaced as an integral part of overall offensive and defensive strategy on the battlefield. Competitors from different units and different countries will be able to exchange techniques and tactics during the Sniper Symposium on the 23<sup>rd</sup> thru the 24<sup>th</sup> of September 2011.
  7. **DATES:** 23-30 September 2011.
  8. **MATCH OFFICIALS:** The NCOIC of the U.S. Army Sniper School is the Match Director. The Eleventh Annual U.S. Army International Sniper Competition Officer-in-Charge (OIC) is the Commander of C Company, 2-29<sup>th</sup> Infantry and can be contacted at commercial telephone number (706) 544-6505/6006, or FAX (706) 544-6405.
  9. **PARTICIPATION:** Competitors must be part of a two-man sniper team, able to show proof of sniper training, i.e. ASI B4, certificate of training (Special Forces, Marine Corps, Navy SEAL, etc.). Federal Law Enforcement must show certificate from Federal Law Enforcement Sniper Training or pre-existing military training certificate (Match director will have final decision on training relevance). English will be the only language used throughout the event and no translators will be provided by the US Army Sniper School or the Maneuver Center of Excellence. All teams must pre-register no later than 1 September 2011. Pre-registration must include full names, rank, military occupation specialty, social security number, Sniper certification/training dates, and unit POC. Please include an email address and phone number so we can inform all teams if changes occur. All teams must arrive and register at a BLDG 4883, Harmony Church, Fort Benning, Georgia as early as 22 September 2011 at 1700 hrs and **NO LATER THAN 23 September 2011 at 0800 hrs.** There are no exceptions to this policy. There will be no registration fee this year, as all administrative costs have been provided by the Army Sniper Association.
  10. **COMPETITOR CLASSIFICATION:** The intent of this year's competition is to identify the world's best snipers using equipment / weapons that will be provided by the US Army Sniper School. Snipers will be limited to using equipment that is part of the US Army Sniper School TDA/TO&E.
  11. **WEAPONS:** All teams will be issued a primary sniper rifle (bolt, M24), a spotter rifle (gas, M110), side arms (9mm, 1 per shooter), teams can bring their own **day** optics for the primary and spotter rifles that will not exceed 12 power and the night optics will be issued by the US Army Sniper School. The above policy of the competition is in an effort to keep the outcome of the competition based

- around shooter ability and not equipment; this is in keeping within the best interests of all the competitors and the spirit of the competition. All competitors will store their weapons in the U.S. Army Sniper School arms room located in BLDG 4885.
12. **AMMUNITION:** All ammunition will be provided by the US Army Sniper School for the competition.
  13. **UNIFORM:** The competition uniform is ACU's (sister units is normal duty uniform). No civilian shooting jackets. Ghillie suits are required. While on the main post of Fort Benning, a normal and complete military uniform is required (including beret). Casual dress is required for the Awards Banquet; slacks and collared shirts are recommended; **NO T-SHIRTS OR BASEBALL CAPS.** A shooter and spotter packing list is attached in Enclosure 3.
  14. **ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT:** Teams should bring all organic sniper team equipment they normally carry, to include radios or communications gear if available. Authorized items are: observation devices, shooting mats, shooting support, eye protection, ear protection, and seasonal field gear. Competitors can tailor their equipment based on individual needs.
  15. **PROHIBITED ITEMS:** The following are examples of prohibited items: shooting jackets, weapon optics that exceeds 12 power and night optics. All questions and issues should be directed to the US Army Sniper School.
  16. **AWARDS BANQUET:** The banquet will be hosted by the Army Sniper Association and will be on the evening of 30 September 2011; participation is part of the formal events of the competition and is **MANDATORY**. Casual dress is required; slacks with a collared shirt are recommended; **NO T-SHIRTS**. There is no cost for competing teams as this will be offset by the Sniper Association. Private companies will provide prizes as coordinated by the Sniper Association.  
  
**NOTE:** Competitors who receive prizes during the awards banquet will be issued their prizes / awards on Saturday, 01 October 2011 at 0900; therefore travel arrangements should be made for departure after 1200 hrs on 01 October 2011.
  17. **TRANSPORTATION:** Competitors are recommended to fly into Atlanta Hartsfield International airport. We do not recommend flying into Columbus Regional Airport; this airport has a tendency to lose luggage. Ft. Benning is located approximately 100 miles South/South-West of Atlanta. Competitors may rent a car or move from the baggage claim at Atlanta Hartsfield International Airport towards the ground transportation area. There, competitors will find **GROOME** Vans that will bring you directly to the United States Army Sniper School. Ensure that you get on the **GROOME** Van headed towards

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Columbus/Fort Benning. GROOME can be contacted through commercial: 800-584-6735.

- a. USASS will provide transportation from Sniper School / barracks to the competition sites and back. All other transportation is the responsibility of the participants, i.e. banquet and vendor show. Coaches must provide their own transportation. For Directions to the USASS please see Enclosure 4.

**NOTE:** All competitors traveling in Rental Vehicles or Government vehicles that do not have a DOD sticker will be required to enter Fort Benning through the main gait entrance located at the termination of 185S. Follow the signs for visitors and move to Building 1063, Visitors Center. You will receive a temporary pass for the duration of your stay for the competition. You will need a photo I.D., vehicle registration or Rental Agreement, and will be required to fill out a weapons form.

18. **VISITORS:** Professional associates of the competitors are welcome to attend. All visitors must register with the USASS. Guests must not interfere with or assist the competitors in any way. Coaches will be authorized to assist with lost, broken, or misplaced equipment during the competition. The coach will not be authorized to be on the firing line nor authorized to pass information to other competitors during events. Please notify or advise the USASS immediately if General Officers from your unit plan on attending any portion of the competition. Please call the USASS for additional information.
19. **MEDIA:** Media will be present during the entire competition. All media personnel have been vetted through the Fort Benning Public Affairs Office. All media will respect the wishes of those competitors that do not wish to be interviewed, filmed or have photos taken. Any competitor that does not wish to be involved in media coverage should identify themselves during the initial competition in-brief. Those competitors will be given a uniform means of marking themselves, and all media will be aware of the marking system.
20. All other information pertaining specifically to the conduct of the competition will be revealed the day before each event starting 26 September 2011, so as not to give any team more time to prepare than others.
21. Upon early arrival to Columbus, Georgia and Fort Benning, please contact the United States Army Sniper School (706-544-6006). This will enable a swift in-processing. Early arrivals will not be allowed on the Sniper School ranges. The ranges will be off limits from 12 September 2011 thru the start of the competition. Do not hesitate to call for any assistance.
22. This Memorandum is subject to change and it is the individual competitor's responsibility to check this MOI continually on the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month and review for updates. All changes will be highlighted or marked in a different color. The final

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draft will be issued, with no further changes after 01 September 2011. You will find the link to the Competitor Invite on the Army Sniper Associations Web Page, located at <http://www.armysniper.org/>. Every evening the official Match standings will be published on this page, competitors are advised to pass this hyper-link off to their Chain of Command so that they may monitor daily progress.

23. POINTS OF CONTACT:

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**Army Sniper School:**

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**Enclosure 1**

General information: The Eleventh Annual U.S. Army International Sniper Competition / Sniper Symposium will be held at Fort Benning, GA from 23 September 2011 thru 30 September 2011. Each unit invited will be allowed one team per battalion or organization that will be compiled of a shooter, spotter. Coaches are authorized but not required for competition. Units can submit more than one team but must provide an OML. If there are not enough teams registered or the quota for teams is not fulfilled, the extra teams will be entered based off of unit OML and MACOM representation.

Goal: This competition is designed to test and help to develop training and sustainment programs among all military and federal law enforcement snipers.

Events: Every sniper team will participate in ten to fifteen combat related events. The following are examples of some sniper skills that will be tested:

- A. Field firing. Each team will be tested on their ability to successfully engage targets of unknown distances with a primary (long gun) and alternate (spotter) from 0m-1100m (day/night) as well as engagements with secondary weapon (pistol) from 0m-50m. Each team will also be tested on their ability to compensate for cold bore/clean bore shots with the primary weapon (day/night). This will take place during more than one event.
- B. Advanced marksmanship. Each team will engage moving targets at varying speeds and distances (day/night) with individual weapons. Each team will also be required to engage targets using alternate firing positions. This will take place during more than one event.
- C. Field Craft. Each team will be challenged on their abilities to select a route, move into a firing position, deliver a shot, and exfiltrate undetected while under continuous observation. Each team will be challenged on their abilities to construct a field sketch, detect concealed targets, and estimate range to targets and items without the aid of a laser range finder.
- D. Dialogue Shooting. Each team will be challenged in their abilities to work through difficult scenarios that will require them to communicate quickly and concisely with one another. Communication skills will be the performance objective.
- E. Pistol Shooting; Each team will be required to shoot from non-traditional positions in and around stationary and moving vehicles.
- F. Physical Fitness: Each team will be challenged physically throughout the entire competition in some form or degree. Competitors are urged to attend the competition in the best physical condition possible. Running, Obstacle courses and Over-Land movements are just a few of the challenges competitors will face.

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**Enclosure 2**

**Tentative Schedule:** (Timeline subject to change)

The following schedule outlines the competition:

23 Sept	0900-1700 hours *Competitors are encouraged to bring any handouts / disks that will enhance their presentations.	Sniper Symposium
24 Sept	0900-1700 hours	Sniper Symposium / BBQ
25-26 Sept	0800-2330 hours	In-processing, Weapon Zero, Data Gathering
27-29 Sept	Time To Be Determined	Competition Events
30 Sept	Morning Evening	Vendor Shoot / Display Social Hour, Dinner, Banquet, Awards Ceremony
01 Oct	No Later Than 1200 hours	Competitors pick up equipment / prizes at USASS

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**Enclosure 3**

**Administrative Information:**

1. Equipment: Each team will be required to arrive on time, on Day One, fully equipped.

a. The following is a list of mandatory equipment for the shooter:

- 1) Sniper rifle drag bag
- 2) Bipods or rucksack rest for shooting support
- 3) Rifle sling
- 4) Sand socks are acceptable (Sandbags will not be used)
- 5) Ghillie suit/ camouflage suit.
- 6) Battle Dress Uniform (Top, Bottom, Cap, T-shirt).
- 7) Pen/Pencil
- 8) Compass/GPS
- 9) Protractor
- 10) Flashlight with batteries.
- 11) Rucksack or Assault Pack
- 12) Canteens/Camelback
- 13) LBE, LBV, RACK, or other tactical load carrying system
- 14) Team Communication Equipment (ICOM, MBITR, etc.)
- 15) Individual Night Vision Devices

b. The following is a list of mandatory equipment for the spotter:

- 1) Spotter weapon drag bag
- 2) Bipods or rucksack rest for shooting support
- 3) Rifle sling
- 4) Sand socks are acceptable (Sandbags will not be used)
- 5) Ghillie suit / camouflage suit.
- 6) Battle Dress Uniform (Top, Bottom, Cap, T-shirt)
- 7) Pen/Pencil
- 8) Compass/GPS
- 9) Protractor
- 10) Flashlight with batteries
- 11) Spotting scope
- 12) Rucksack or Assault Pack
- 13) Canteens / Camelback
- 14) LBE, LBV, RACK, or other tactical load carrying system
- 15) Team Communication Equipment (ICOM, MBITR, etc.)
- 16) Individual Night Vision
- 17) Thermal (Optional)

c. The following is a list of unauthorized equipment for either spotter/shooter:

- 1) No shooting jackets
- 2) No shooting gloves
- 3) No weapon optics greater than 12 power

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**Enclosure 4**

**Driving Directions:**

Coming from 280 West Bound:

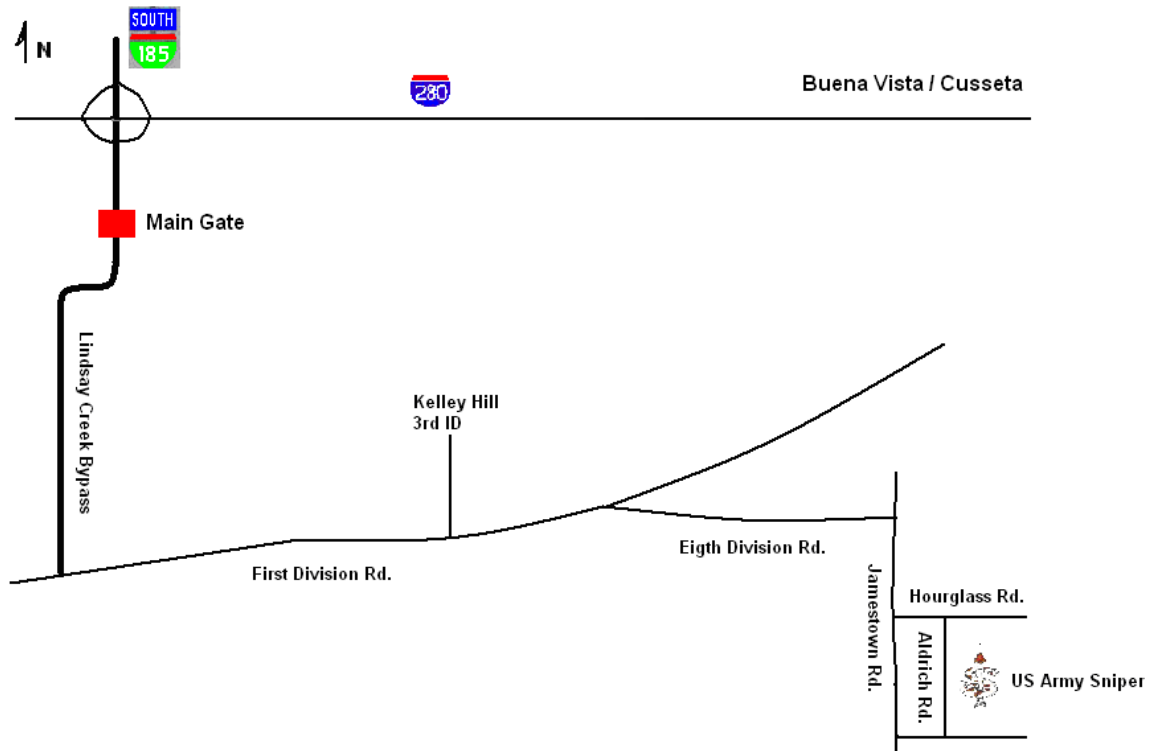
- 1.) From Cusseta stay on US-280W / US-27North approximately **9 miles**
- 2.) Take the Ft. Benning exit for the Infantry Museum **1.5 miles**

Coming from 280 East Bound:

- 1.) From Phenix City / Columbus stay on US-280W / Victory Drive approx. **5 miles**
- 2.) Take the Ft. Benning exit for the Infantry Museum **1.5 miles**

Coming from 85 North:

- 1.) Continue on 85S headed towards Auburn/Montgomery **51 miles**
  - 2.) Merge onto I-185 S/ GA-411 S via EXIT 21 toward Columbus
  - 3.) You will arrive at the Ft. Benning Main gate
  - 4.) After clearing the main gate stay on Lindsay Creek Bypass until you intersect w/ First Division Rd. **3 miles**
  - 5.) Take a left hand turn and stay on 1<sup>st</sup> Division Rd. for **5 miles**
  - 6.) Veer right onto Eighth Division Rd. **2 miles**
  - 7.) Turn right onto Jamestown Rd. **2.5 miles**
  - 8.) Turn left onto hourglass RD. **.2 miles**
  - 9.) Turn right onto Aldrich Rd. **.2 miles**
- \* US Army Sniper School will be on the left hand side of the road.



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**Eleventh Annual US Army International Sniper Competition  
23 September 2011 – 30 September 2011**

Registration Form

*Due NLT Friday, 1 September 2011*

(This should be faxed to 706-544-6405, E-mailed to one of the provided POCs, or mailed to Commander, C Co 2/29 IN, ATTN: US Army Sniper School Building 4883, Ft Benning Georgia 31905)

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**SHOOTER INFORMATION**

Complete Unit Address: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Shooter Name \_\_\_\_\_

Sniper Training Dates \_\_\_\_\_ School: USMC USA USN SOTIC OTHER (circle)

*NOTE: Attach a copy of diploma (MANDATORY)*

Duty Position \_\_\_\_\_

Years as a Sniper \_\_\_\_\_

Shooter agrees to media exposure prior to and during the competition: yes or no

Shooter agrees to be contacted by competition contributors prior to the competition: yes or no

T-Shirt size: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

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**SPOTTER INFORMATION**

Complete Unit Address \_\_\_\_\_

Spotter Name \_\_\_\_\_

Sniper Training Dates \_\_\_\_\_ School: USMC USA USN SOTIC OTHER (circle)

*NOTE: Attach a copy of diploma (MANDATORY)*

Duty Position \_\_\_\_\_

Years as a Sniper \_\_\_\_\_

Spotter agrees to media exposure prior to and during the competition: yes or no

Spotter agrees to be contacted by competition contributors prior to the competition: yes or no

T-Shirt size \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

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Unit Point of Contact / Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated arrival Date/Time: \_\_\_\_\_

**Administrative Only:**

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Received By: \_\_\_\_\_ Team Number: \_\_\_\_\_