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To: DoDEA Pacific JROTC Drill Instructors

From: DoDEA Far East Drill Championship Event Director

Subj: DODEA PACIFIC JROTC FAR EAST DRILL CHAMPIONSHIP LETTER OF
INSTRUCTION (LOI)

Ref: (a) DoDEA Pacific Region Memorandum for Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps
(JROTC) Instructors dated 01 Sep 2022

(b) DoDEA Pacific (PAC) Region 2022 JROTC Drill Meet Standard Operating Procedure
(SOP) dated 27 April 2022

Encl: (1) Recording guidelines

(2) DoDEA Pacific Drill Cards

PURPOSE: This Letter of Instruction (LOI) outlines the schedule of events and logistics for the JROTC Pacific Far East Drill Competition from 22 October – 01 November 2022.

SCOPE: JROTC Far East Drill will be a virtual event held at numerous recording sites from 22 October – 01 November 2022. The meet will be held in accordance with guidance found in references (a) and (b) with amplifying information from this document.

GENERAL: The Virtual Far East Drill Meet Championship is a professional military event and JROTC units will be expected to conduct themselves in a professional military manner. This includes keeping within the COVID-19 restrictions.

Drill sequences will be conducted IAW ref (b) and enclosure (2). All units will conduct their filming IAW enclosure (1). All teams will properly wear the authorized uniform delineated in each service's manual and ref (b).

Because of the nature of the military decorum of drill, Instructors are reminded that they shall be in the appropriate uniform during your teams' events. Follow your service requirements for Instructor uniform guidance. Cadets must be in the proper uniform for each event. The Inspection sequence will not be included in this year's Far East event, therefore units are authorized to relax ribbons, medals, and nametags at their coach's discretion.

Instructors will provide a Team List to the Event Director **NO LATER THAN 48 HOURS PRIOR TO EVENT START**. Team composition will be IAW ref (a) and (b), but must not exceed more than 11 cadets total.

Drill Team Commanders will report in and out as they would if there was a Head Judge standing at the Head Judge position. For exhibition they will report out the same as if there were a judge; however, the unit is authorized per ref (b) to Report Out where their routine ends without penalty. If Drill Team Commanders are not in the proper report in/out position, the scores for that movement will be adjusted accordingly as per encl (2). During the Color Guard Sequence, teams shall report in and out at Present Arms. Judges will be reminded to not count the movements and orders to get to Present Arms during Report In and Report Out as excess commands unless they do not follow service protocols.

RECORDING. Camera position will be stationary while filming drill sequences and will be positioned 10-15 feet behind where the head judge location would normally be located as shown enclosure (1). To capture the entire sequence, the camera will pan from left to right as required, at a consistent and stable height off the ground. A tripod or stationary stand will be used during filming to ensure a more stable recording. Bleachers can be used to support the tripod, but must be at a suitable height, approximately 10-12 feet above the drill deck height to capture the video at an appropriate raised angle. If a higher angle can be achieved, the better view the judges can obtain to grade accordingly. The camera will follow the unit during the entirety of the sequence. Teams are reminded that all team members **MUST** be visible within the camera sight to allow for proper grading of their performance. Teams that are not fully visible or that are too small in the video will be assessed a lower score based on the number of cadets that cannot be properly graded. Further recording guidance can be found in enclosure (1).

Performances will be limited to 1-2 day events at their local venue as follows:

Kadena HS, Kubasaki HS – Kubasaki HS Gym, Camp Foster, Okinawa (31 Oct-1 Nov)

Daegu MHS, Humphreys HS, Osan MHS – Osan MHS Gym, Osan AB, South Korea
(22-23 Oct)

Guam HS – Guam HS Gym, Hagatna, Guam (22 Oct)

Kinnick HS, Yokota HS, Zama MHS – Purdy Gym, Fleet Activities, Yokosuka, Japan
(25-26 Oct)

EJ King MHS – EJ King MHS Gym (26 Oct)

To submit team performance videos, please read the guidance below very closely!

Each team should upload each performance video to YouTube with the following parameters:

- Set the **privacy** of the video to **UNLISTED**. This means the video can be viewed by anyone with the link but that the video will NOT appear in any public search results. *DO NOT set the privacy to private*. We will be unable to evaluate videos listed as private and those inaccessible at the time of grading will be disqualified. Again, **DO NOT** set the privacy to private, choose **UNLISTED**.

- The **name** of the video should include both your **SCHOOL NAME** and the **EVENT** (i.e. Example High School AFJROTC - Unarmed Regulation Drill or Example HS MCJROTC, Armed Exhibition) - please make these items as clear as humanly possible in your naming scheme!

ONE (1) SINGULAR (1) EMAIL should be sent to drill@drill-dynamics.com with the parameters below. *DO NOT SUBMIT MULTIPLE (>1) EMAILS!* This email should come from one of the instructors at the school and should CC any additional instructors who wish to receive confirmation of receipt as well as any relevant DoDEA Pacific staff.

- The **subject line** of the email should contain your SCHOOL NAME and that this is your video submission email (i.e. Example HS NJROTC Far East Meet Videos, Example High School Army JROTC Competition Videos) - please make this item as clear as humanly possible in your subject line!
- Each team will create a YouTube viewable video with a link that can be opened by the Drill-Team Dynamics team.
- The **body** of the email should contain your video links clearly labeled with their **EVENT** (i.e. Unarmed Regulation: www.youtube.com/abc123 or Color Guard - www.youtube.com/xyz987) - please make these items as clear as humanly possible in your listing scheme! Videos will be labeled Event_School_Time Day Month Year (e.g. Armed Reg_Perry_0900 16 Dec 2020).
- Videos will be uploaded and sent to the Drill Dynamics depository **immediately upon completion of ALL events.**
- **DTD WILL ONLY ACCEPT THE FIRST EMAIL SUBMISSION!** If your email only contains one video, for example, we will assume this is your ONLY submission. **DO NOT SUBMIT AN EMAIL UNTIL YOU ARE 100% CONFIDENT YOU HAVE EVERY VIDEO READY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GUIDANCE ABOVE!**

3) Your submission is confirmed as submitted to DTD when you receive a reply to your emailed submission.

JUDGING. Judging will be conducted off-site by Drill-Team Dynamics (DTD), an outside source. All performances will be reviewed by DTD professionals two times. **THE FIRST LOOK ONLY WILL BE GRADED!** The second look is merely for a deeper look to facilitate more in-depth feedback for future improvement.

DTD shall select from its Coaches Network and professional associates Subject Matter Expert (SME) evaluators with extensive experience in performing, teaching, and evaluating competitive JROTC drill. SMEs will be assigned to competition events based on their personal expertise and experience.

Pursuant to the protocols outlined by the host of this competition, videos will be randomized for evaluation.

SMEs will view each video submission ONE (1) time in the randomized order and complete their scoresheet for that group with both scores and written feedback. SMEs will be instructed to watch the entire video from start to finish without pausing, rewinding, etc. for an authentic “first read” just as in a live competition.

SMEs will be instructed that their primary task is to RANK the teams in order of merit in accordance with their scoring metrics using the numbers available to them on each scoresheet to RATE the teams relative to one another. Competitors should understand that the physical numbers they receive on their scoresheets are a tool by which SMEs will RANK the teams in proper order based on their performance (i.e. a “3 out of 5” on a command does not tell the whole story of the performance; it is a tool to rank that team in relation to the other competitors.)

Scoresheets will be collected and tabulated by Drill-Team Dynamics Inc. for release in accordance with the protocols of the meet.

All competitors will receive their digitized scoresheets for review!

AWARDS AND CEREMONIES. Awards will be presented to schools via postage once the final results have been announced. There will be 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place team awards with individual medals for each team member for each event. In addition, Overall 1st place for D1 and D2 schools will receive a banner signifying their efforts as the DoDEA Pacific Far East Drill Champion.

SAFETY. As always, safety of cadets is of paramount importance during the meet. The following is an excerpt from reference (a) paragraph 14: “All rifle exhibition movements (spins, aerials, exchanges, and “trick” movements) must be carefully evaluated for potential risk. It is important to question what would happen if the movements were not properly executed and the impact of that mistake. Coaches must create a safe drill competition and practice environment that includes proper training, supervision, drill rifle angles, the distance between competitors, and proper use of equipment.” Additional information specific to rifle tosses is detailed in reference (b). All coaches should familiarize themselves with these requirements.