

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

UNITED STATES ARMY ROTC CADET SUMMER TRAINING DETACHMENT 1ST CAVALRY REGIMENT ROAD FORT KNOX, KENTUCKY 40121-5123

MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Cadet Summer Training (CST) Policy Memorandum 19 – Reconnaissance Commando (RECONDO) Badge

- 1. References.
 - a. FM 6-22, Leader Development.
- b. Cadet Summer Training (CST) Policy Memorandum 9 Advance Camp (AC) Performance and Completion Credit
- 2. Purpose: This policy outlines the standards of performance AC Cadets must achieve to earn the RECONDO badge.
- 3. The RECONDO badge has a rich history in the U.S. Army and Cadet Command. Based on the Reconnaissance Commando concept established in 1958 for the 101st Airborne Division that trained Soldiers in tactical skills enabling decisive action in small unit tactics, particularly when separated from the unit to exercise initiative through decisive action against the enemy, the RECONDO badge is awarded to AC Cadets who demonstrate initiative in preparing self for training and leading in Advanced Camp by displaying individual superior performance. Cadets will earn the RECONDO badge if they meet or exceed the following criteria:
- a. Height/Weight. Must meet Army Body Composition Program requirements (Height/Weight) on first assessment upon arrival (or be granted a waiver).
- b. Army Combat Fitness Test (ACFT). First Time Go, ACFT. Must earn 80 points or higher in each of the six sub-events;
 - c. Confidence Course. Must successfully negotiate all Obstacles.
 - d. Hand Grenade Assault Course. Must Score Expert.
- e. 6-Mile Foot March. Must complete the March with the Regiment at Advanced Camp in 90 minutes or less.
 - f. Land Navigation Written Test. First Time Go with a score of 90% or higher;

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- g. Land Navigation Practical Exercise. First Time Go. Navigate to a minimum of seven out of eight points (Day/Night Combined);
- h. Basic Rifle Marksmanship Pop-Up. First Time Go,. Qualify Sharpshooter or higher;
- i. Remaining Evaluated Tasks. Must receive a GO/PASS for all remaining Evaluated Tasks.for AC graduation requirements per CST Policy Letter #9.
- k. Cannot have a Negative SPOT Report recorded or founded disciplinary action by a Board. If the Board rules against the Cadet after AC Completion, then the RECONDO standing (if applicable) will be rescinded.
- 4. Point of contact for this memorandum is Mr. David P. Shines, G37 Leader Development Planner, at 502-624-5057; or email; david.p.shines.civ@army.mil.

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