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CACC-10

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CALIFORNIA CADET CORPS IMA STATE COMPETITION

1. GENERAL: The Headquarters (HQs), CACC will hold the California Cadet Corps Individual Major Awards on Saturday, 20MAY17 at the Joint Forces Training Base (JFTB – LOSAL), 4522 Saratoga Avenue, Los Alamitos, CA 90720-5165.
 - a. Check in for units will be held as follows:
 - i. Location for check-in TBD.
 - ii. Any unit wishing for overnight stay will have to make note of it in their Letter of Intent. Units will be notified prior to the competition if they are granted overnight stay. For units staying overnight, see Appendix B.
 - iii. Saturday check-in will be from 0900 - 0930 for all competitors.
2. PARTICIPATION: All cadets who have won their respective brigade IMA competition will be eligible to compete in this event.
 - a. The Individual Major Awards Intent to Participate forms must be emailed to SFC Dustin Dionne (dustin.dionne@cadet.org) and the S-1 (s1@cadet.org) **no later than close of business (COB) on February 28th 2017.**
 - b. All brigades may bring one cadet for each of the Individual Major Awards categories. For a list of the categories, please refer to Appendix A.
 - c. No additions or changes to the participation list will be authorized without the permission of COL Grace Edinboro or LTC Michael Smith.
3. ROSTERS: The Brigade Advisor must submit complete, accurate rosters for the IMA Competitions electronically. Both must use the appropriate document for those events. (Word files can be found on the www.cacadets.org website) or use the format attached as Appendix C.
 - a. Rosters must be sent via email (as an attachment) to SFC Dustin Dionne (dustin.dionne@cadet.org) and the S-1 (s1@cadet.org) .
 - b. **Rosters must be received no later than COB on March 24th 2017.**
 - c. If a unit is requesting to stay overnight, they must make note of it in their Letter of Intent.
 - d. Once rosters are submitted there may be no changes in the number of Cadets on the rosters. Cadet names on the rosters may be corrected.

- e. Brigade Advisors that fail to turn in this form will not be allowed to have their respective units participate in the competition.
 - f. Upon arrival at LOSAL for the competition, Brigade Advisors (or designee) are required to report to the S-1 MAJ at a building TBA to review the rosters and make necessary changes.
 - g. Brigade Advisors (or designee) are also required to submit a consolidated roster of ALL CADETS AND ADULTS in attendance from their brigades to the S-1 upon check in.
- 4. CADET SUPERVISION AND ACCOUNTABILITY: Brigade Advisors, Commandant personnel and chaperones are responsible for maintaining supervision and accountability of their Cadets throughout the event including discipline, accountability and medical services.
 - 5. TRANSPORTATION: Transportation to/from the State IMA is the responsibility of the competing units. HQCACC will not be providing transportation for this event.
 - 6. TIME SCHEDULE: Please refer to Appendix A for the IMA competition schedule.
 - 7. FOOD SERVICE: Cadets who do not wish to purchase lunch should provide their own sack lunches.
 - 8. CADET STORE: The cadet store will be open during the event and will have snacks, drinks, and CACC logo items available for sale (cash only).
 - 9. Point of Contact for this event is LTC Belinda Contreras.
(Belinda.contreras@cadet.org)

FOR THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER:

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10th Corps Commander

APPENDIX A

STATE INDIVIDUAL MAJOR AWARDS COMPETITION 2016

1. SCHEDULE OF COMPETITION DAY: The following is an outline of the approximate itinerary for 20 May 2017:
 - a. Check in: 0900 - 0930
 - b. Competition Briefing: 0930 – 0945
 - c. Competition begins at 0945
 - d. Awards Ceremony will be from 1300-1330.

2. UNIFORM: All Cadet uniforms will be worn strictly IAW CR 1-8. If a competitor in the State IMAs has not yet been issued a Class A or Class B uniform (black and white), they should contact the HQCACC (SSG Rogers) to resolve uniform issues prior to the day of the competition.
 - a. Junior Division Cadets must have a complete Class B Uniform (black pants and white shirts).
 - b. Senior Division Cadets may wear a complete Class A or Class B Uniform (black pants, white shirt, tie/neck tab, optional black coat).

3. CATEGORIES AND PARTICIPANTS: Each Brigade may bring one competitor in each of the following nine categories as defined in CR 3-4, Individual Major Awards.
 - a. Junior Division and Senior Division First Year Cadet
 - b. Junior Division and Senior Division NCO
 - c. Junior Division and Senior Division Warrant/Junior Officer
 - d. Senior Division Senior Officer
 - e. Junior Division and Senior Division Overall Cadet

4. FORMAT OF THE COMPETITION: A panel of three or more judges will interview each Cadet. The panels will be composed of personnel not directly associated with the Cadets participating in the competition. The interview will consist of two parts (1) a series of questions taken from the Cadet curriculum and followed by (2) a Cadet delivered three-minute speech on one of the topics identified in this circular.

5. CONDUCT OF THE BOARD: The panelists will interview each Cadet for a period of approximately 15 minutes. The interview will begin with a series of questions on each CACC standard followed by questions on current events. After the knowledge questions, the Cadet will make a prepared 3-minute speech on one of the topics outlined in #6 below. After the speech, the board members will ask any questions they may have about the Cadet's speech.

6. **SPEECH TOPICS:** Cadets must select from one of the following 6 topics and present a speech of no less than 2.5 minutes nor more than 3.5 minutes. Note cards will be allowed during the speech.
 - a. The Standing Rock Sioux Native American tribe has been protesting the Dakota pipeline for over four months. What is the primary complaint of the Standing Rock Sioux tribe and present an argument for or against their complaint?
 - b. On Nov 8, Donald Trump received more electoral votes securing the election while Hillary Clinton received a majority of the popular vote. Provide an argument for or against the use of the Electoral College.
 - c. Do the internet and social media provide a better opportunity for individuals to fact check information or is it simply used to confirm biases? Present an argument for your position.
 - d. California has some of the strictest gun laws in the nation. Some argue that this is an infringement on their constitutional right afforded them by the second amendment while others believe that the amendment was written to regulate a militia and was never intended for non-military personnel to possess military style weapons. What is your position and provide an argument defending it?
 - e. After each election cycle there is a call for term limits for nationally elected officials. Present and defend your position on term limits.
 - f. While commemorating the 75th anniversary of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, U.S. Pacific Command Commander Adm. Harry Harris said those who served during the attack on Pearl Harbor never failed to stand for the national anthem. What issue was he addressing? Present an argument for or against this concern.”
7. **STUDY MATERIALS:** The material from the Cadet Corps strands will be used for questions for this year’s competition as outlined in CR 3-4. No other study materials will be published for this year’s competition. It is recommended that competitors make particular use of the strand books and flashcards published on the CACC website that correspond to the various ranks.
8. **CURRENT EVENTS QUESTIONS:** Current events questions will come from state, national and international news events. It is recommended to read the local newspaper and two national periodicals (i.e. www.nytimes.com and www.usnews.com).
9. **AWARDS:** Medals and trophies will be awarded as outlined in CR 1-1.

Appendix B

Supply List for Overnight Stay

- One Sleeping Bag
- One Pillow
- Hygiene Items (toothbrush, toothpaste, shaving cream, razors, deodorant, and other necessary hygiene items)
- One Towel
- One Wash Cloth
- Uniform to be worn on hanger with appropriate accessories including:
 - One Brass Buckle/Tip Web Belt
 - Black Dress Shoes
 - Ribbons/Rank/Attachments/Cords
 - Authorized Headgear Outlined in CR 1-8 (If available)
 - One White Crew Neck T-Shirt
 - Tie/Neck tab (If wearing Class A Uniform)
 - Appropriate Insignia (If applicable and available)
 - **All uniform items will be IAW CR 1-8 and already cleaned and ironed.**
- One Change of Undergarments
- One Change of Black Dress Socks
- Shampoo
- Study Material
- Body Wash or Soap
- One set of Bedtime Clothing
- A Flashlight (with batteries)
- Any Medication the Cadet Requires (must be given to commandant).

Cadets should not bring:

- Knives, Firearms, or Explosives.
- Drugs, Alcohol, or Tobacco.
- **ANYTHING NORMALLY PROHIBITED AT SCHOOL.**