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MEMORANDUM FOR 2020 Army National Guard Best Warrior Competition Attendees

SUBJECT: 2020 Army National Guard Best Warrior Competition (BWC) Instructions

1. Purpose. This memorandum provides guidance and instruction for the 2020 Army National (ARNG) Best Warrior Competition 12-17 September 2020 at Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center (CSJFTC), MS.
2. Concept. Regional BWC winners (seven Enlisted Soldiers and seven NCOs) will compete to determine who will represent the ARNG at the All Army BWC in 2020. The competitive events have been designed to push competitors to their physical, mental, and psychological limits. The tasks associated with the competition are directly from Expert Soldier Badge testing and grading criteria.
3. Sponsors/Mentors. Sponsors and mentors are not authorized to accompany or assist competitors at any time during the competition.
4. Time Line. See Enclosure 1 (NBWC Timeline) for more detail.

DTG (CDST)	WHAT	WHERE
NLT 122300SEP20	Competitor Arrival	CSJFTC BLDG 3500
13 SEP 20	Competition/Welcome Brief/Opening Ceremony	CSJFTC/ Post Museum
14 SEP 20	Competition	CSJFTC
15 SEP 20	Competition	Camp McCain, MS
16 SEP 20	Competition, Closing Ceremony/Awards Dinner	CSJFTC All Ranks Club
17 SEP 20	Recovery/AAR/Depart	CSJFTC

5. Registration. All personnel attending the Best Warrior Competition to include competitors, spectators, support staff, visitors and Distinguished Visitors must register online at: <https://msncoa.org/arng-best-warrior-competition-registration/> NLT 01 SEP 20. Upon arrival, please ensure you check in at the White Cell in building 3500.

a. Opening Ceremony. The Opening Ceremony will be held from 1800 to 1900 on 13 SEP 20 in the Post Museum. If you plan to attend the ceremony, please indicate so when you register.

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b. Closing Ceremony. The Closing Ceremony will consist of dinner and awards presentation. It will be held from 1900-UTC on 16 SEP 20 at the Camp Shelby All Ranks Club, building 2100. If you plan to attend the ceremony, please indicate so when you register.

c. Competitors: Travel days are 12 SEP 20 and 17 SEP 20. Start Date is 130800SEP20. End Date is 16 SEP 20 and travel to HOR is 17 SEP 20. Upon arrival to CSJFTC, ensure you check in at Building 3500.

d. Spectators: Upon arrival at CSJFTC, check in at Building 3500, reference Enclosure 2 (Camp Shelby Map). If you wish to reserve lodging on post, contact our billeting office to reserve a room. For lodging information visit <https://ms.ng.mil/installations/shelby/housing/Pages/default.aspx>

e. Distinguished Visitors: Distinguished Visitors (DV's) include Nominative Level CSM's, General Officers and Elected Officials. All DV's should RSVP to the competition using the link in paragraph 5. If any DV's wish to conduct a tour of the post aside from the competition and standard tour itinerary, please contact MSG Ferila Langkilde at ferila.langkilde2.mil@mail.mil. Upon arrival to CSJFTC please check in at Building 3500. See Enclosure 2 (Camp Shelby Map).

6. Nomination Packets. Regional representatives will complete Enclosure 3 (Nomination Packet) for each competitor and email the completed packet to SGM Douglas Fezell at douglas.m.fezell.mil@mail.mil. Packets must be submitted NLT 1 SEP 20.

7. Travel.

a. Competitors: If traveling by commercial air, competitors are required to arrive at Gulfport-Biloxi International Airport (GPT) NLT 122300SEP20. Competitors and their coaches/mentors will be picked up at the airport by the BWC White Cell. Should any competitors choose to fly into a different airport, they must provide their own transportation to CSJFTC. Competitors will schedule their departures for no earlier than 170500SEP20 from GPT. Flight itineraries will be submitted to SGM Douglas Fezell at douglas.m.fezell.mil@mail.mil NLT 1 SEP 20 so the white cell can complete their transportation plan. Competitors traveling via POV or GSA must contact SGM Fezell to make parking arrangements. No competitor POVs or GSAs are authorized for use at CSJFTC during the competition. MSARNG will provide all transportation for competitors during the competition.

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b. Spectators: Spectators are highly encouraged to fly into GPT, located 1 hour from CSJFTC. The Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport (JAN) is a 2 hour drive from CSJFTC. Spectators must coordinate their own transportation to and from the airport.

c. Distinguished Visitors: Distinguished Visitors are also highly encouraged to fly into GPT. Those DV's who will be traveling to CSJFTC via Rotary Wing Official Travel should coordinate with SGM Fezell, douglas.m.fezell.mil@mail.mil and MSG Langkilde, ferila.langkilde2.mil@mail.mil. Those DV's who will be traveling to GPT via Fixed Wing Official Travel should coordinate with SGM Fezell, douglas.m.fezell.mil@mail.mil and MSG Langkilde, ferila.langkilde2.mil@mail.mil.

9. Uniforms.

a. The Army Combat Uniform (ACU) will be worn at all times unless otherwise directed.

b. The Army Physical Fitness Uniform (APFU) will be worn by competitors as directed.

c. The Army Service Uniform (ASU) or Army Green Service Uniform (AGSU) will be worn by competitors and board members only during the appearance boards and awards dinner. Competitor's ASU's or AGSU's will be sterilized and turned in to the White Cell upon arrival.

10. Equipment. Soldiers will bring all items listed on the packing list (Enclosure 4). Each item listed is necessary to conduct training and events during the competition. Competitors should ensure they bring necessary personal hygiene items, ID cards, ID tags, prescription eyewear, and medication to last for the duration of the BWC. Additional equipment not listed on the packing list will be issued upon arrival.

11. Lodging.

a. Lodging has been reserved for the competitors and sponsors. No payment is required.

b. Lodging is available on post for all others to include spectators and distinguished visitors. You will be responsible for your own lodging arrangements. Rooms have been blocked under group code "National Best Warrior". Deadline for reservations is 24 AUG 20. Lodging reservations must be made by telephone at 601-558-2545. Payment is due when you check in. There will be limited cabins available for

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family members on a first come first served basis. Lodging information is available at <https://ms.ng.mil/installations/shelby/housing/Pages/default.aspx>

12. Meals.

- a. Competitor meals will be provided during the competition.
- b. All other BWC spectators and Distinguished Visitors may eat on the economy, on post at the Consolidated Dining Facility, All Ranks Club, or AAFES.
- c. The Senior Enlisted Leader (SEL) and State Command Sergeant Major (SCSM) of Mississippi will host a welcome dinner for competitors on the evening of 13 SEP 20.

13. POC for this memorandum and the National Best Warrior Competition is CSM Chris Young at christopher.l.young22.mil@mail.mil or 601-665-3844 and SGM Douglas Fezell at douglas.m.feazel.mil@mail.mil or 601-383-2656.

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