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NGCO-RTI-BLC

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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Soldiers Expectations Attending the 168th Regiment (RTI) Basic Leader Course (BLC)

1. The 168th Regiment (RTI) has specific expectations for Soldiers attending BLC. The end state for Soldiers graduating the Basic Leader Course is to leave equipped with the standard-based, performance-oriented, battle-focused training that supports squad level operations. Soldiers will be able to provide the Army and their units with a leader who can visualize, describe, and execute squad level operations in varied operational environments.
2. Soldiers who attend BLC can only be successful with the full support and assistance of their unit. Units must provide their Soldiers with the below information or documentation to minimize early distractions relating to in processing and attendance at the Academy:
 - a. Pre-Command checklist/ SSD1 complete.
 - b. Provide a Meal Card regardless of receiving BAS (unit S1).
 - c. Inform Soldiers height and weight is conducted on day one of enrollment (Friday 0530 hrs) the day prior to the initial APFT. An additional height and weight is conducted on day eight (Friday 0600 hrs). The APFT retest for those Soldiers who failed the initial APFT will be conducted on day 16 (Saturday 0600). The APFT retest time of 0600 hrs may change due to inclement weather, BLC will send any impending changes to the Division G-
 - d. Knowledge of attendance to BLC with enough way ahead to make arrangements for child care and other personal needs.
 - e. Updated packing list which can be found under the Unit Tab on the Fort Carson Homepage labeled BLC (last unit listed).
 - f. Inform Soldiers BLC is a 22 day non-resident course.

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3. The BLC cadre will ensure Soldiers who graduate from the Academy are battle focused and are driven leaders. In order to enhance and sharpen the knowledge base that every Soldier possesses, we require that Soldiers come to the Basic Leader Course with a working knowledge of the below areas:

- a. Physical Readiness Training (PRT).
- b. Drill and Ceremony.
- c. Land Navigation.
- d. Academic Awareness of graduation requirements (Written Exams, Oral Presentations, etc.).

4. Upon graduation units can expect Soldier to possess following capabilities.

a. Retain the knowledge of Army leadership framework, roles in leadership, and problem-solving. Have a better understanding of the knowledge of leadership principles, practices, and concepts.

b. Effectively prepare squad-level awards recommendations, a memorandum, and a sworn statement in accordance with Army writing standards that is generally free of errors.

c. Perform the duties as a rater of a subordinate Soldier using the NCO Counseling and Support Form (DA Form 2166-8-1) and the NCOER DA Form 2166-8.

d. Learn to monitor their subordinates' personal hygiene as well as physical readiness and mental fitness.

e. Reinforcement training of some of the Skill Level One map reading and land navigation skills from Structured Self Development 1 (SSD1).

f. Implement a squad level combat order by conducting troop leading procedures and interpreting the commander's intent of a combat order.

5. The point of contact for this memorandum is the undersigned at (720) 250-4338.

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