From: Colorado Meet Officer in Charge, Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps, University of Colorado
To: All Hands

Subj: COLORADO MEET KNOWLEDGE COMPETITION LETTER OF INSTRUCTION

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1. Orientation. The Knowledge Competition will take place at the Wolf Law Building, on University of Colorado Campus.

2. Situation. CU NROTC will execute a fair and intellectually challenging Knowledge Competition between NROTC Battalions across the United States at University of Colorado-Boulder on 6 Mar 2020, in the Wolf Law Building, starting at 1700 and ending at 2130.

3. Mission. From 1700 to 2130 on 6 Mar 2020, CU NROTC will conduct the 2020 Colorado Meet Knowledge Competition in order to challenge midshipmen on their mental and professional military bearing as well as develop professionalism and knowledge skillsets.

4. Execution

   a. Commanders Intent

      (1) Purpose. The primary focus of this event is to provide a fair and challenging environment that encourages camaraderie in future Naval Officers, provides a facet for fellow midshipman to exercise their leadership abilities and communication skills, and reinforce the value of tradition in both the Marine Corps and Navy through events such as drill and color guard.

      (2) Endstate. All participants in the 2020 Colorado Meet will take part in a challenging, fun, and productive competition. This competition will build camaraderie and practice valuable military skills.
b. Concept of Operations. The NROTC participants will come to the event organized into squads. Squads must show up no later than twenty minutes prior to their designated start time and will check in with the Knowledge Competition AOIC. Squads will consist of four midshipmen: at least one Navy option midshipman and at least one Marine option midshipman must be a part of the team for the team to participate. A maximum of one active duty MECEP or OC is allowed, but not required; this includes everything from preparation to execution of the Knowledge Competition. Each squad will face a variety of intellectual challenges that will require a coordinated unit effort in order accomplish. Proctors and event staff will monitor the competition.

c. Tasks

(1) All participants. Make sure you have the minimum specified gear. Make sure you have reviewed and understood all documents including the LOI and any other attached forms.

(2) Squads. Appoint team captains no later than 23 February 2020 and provide name to event coordinator CU NROTC. This individual will represent your squad at all introductory meetings and will be your source of any follow-on guidance and information.

(3) Appointed Team Captains. Once appointed, you will ensure all of your assigned squad members are prepared for the competition. You will need to ensure you are assembled and positioned at the appropriate time. All event tasks will be disseminated through the team captains.

(4) Knowledge OIC CU NROTC. Ensure all required documents are given in a timely manner prior to the start of the competition. Knowledge OIC is responsible for all email, correspondence and communication to teams.

(5) Knowledge AOIC CU NROTC. Ensure the Knowledge Competition runs according to a strict itinerary and that all proctors and teams are staged properly. AOIC will also communicate team scores.

(6) Proctors. Ensure each round of the Knowledge Competition is fair and conducted in a professional and timely manner. Proctors will monitor each round and keep score of the teams competing.
(7) **Scorekeeper.** Scorekeeper is responsible for calculating final scores and assisting AOIC in communicating scores.

(8) **Competing Members.** Ensure you are in proper uniform and that you show up on time to the Knowledge Competition.

d. **Coordinating Instructions.**

(1) See event timeline page for additional timing information.

(2) Uniform will be NWU Type III/ MARPATs.

(3) Fees - Teams will be charged $85 in order to cover event costs.

(4) The competition environment will be a courtroom setting, where teams are positioned equidistant from each other. Knowledge questions will be projected on a screen for everyone to see clearly.

(5) **Check in -** Each team will check in via email no later than 1500 on Friday, 6 March. Email check in will confirm the team's arrival and understanding of the Knowledge Competition. See OIC and AOIC contact information under **Point of Contact.**

5. **Administration and Logistics**

a. **Administration.** There will be four proctors: one MECEP and three upper-class midshipmen. The MECEP proctor is responsible for moderating the competition while three midshipmen will monitor the integrity of the competing teams.

b. **Logistics.** CU NROTC Supply OIC will ensure all competition equipment is provided.

6. **Command and Signal.**

a. **Command.** Knowledge Competition OIC MIDN 3/C Cancio and AOIC MIDN 3/C Muller will be reachable via cell phone at all times.

b. **Signal.** Cell Phones will be used by all event staff in order to reach the chain of command as deemed necessary.
(1) **Point of Contact.**

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(Competition Structure) Questions are projected onto a screen for teams to read. After five seconds, teams can hit their buzzer indicating they have an answer. The team that hits their buzzer first will be able to answer; if they are wrong, the question will go to the next team that hits their buzzer. There will be 30 questions per round, with 15 seconds to answer. Points will be awarded to teams based on questions answered correctly. Questions may appear in the form of one or more sentences, or a picture of an identifiable object projected onto the screen. Two points will be awarded if the team answers correctly and one point will be deducted if the team answers incorrectly. One point may also be deducted per question if a team loses military bearing. All questions will be pulled from: The Bluejacket’s; Manual Historical Atlas of the U.S. Navy (Symonds); Watch Officer’s Guide 15th Edition; The Marine Officer’s Guide 7th Edition; and The United States Coast Guard Navigation Rules and Regulations Handbook, August 2014 Edition. Teams should also be familiar with famous Navy and Marine Corps officers and battles, as well as land navigation and maneuvering boards.

(Advancement) The competition will begin with three groups of four. The top two teams from each group will continue to the second round with two groups of three. The top two teams from these groups will then continue to the third round with two groups of two. The winners of each group in round three will continue to the final round. The top three teams will be determined based on total points accumulated during each round.

(In Case of a Tie) In the case of a tie, each group of tied teams will compete in separate tie-breaker rounds, with additional questions for these respective situations.
## Timeline (2)

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SAMPLE QUESTIONS (3)

These are questions that could appear in the competition or share a similar format. The questions asked will not be limited to these.

What is the fourth General Order of the Sentry?

What is the fifth Article of the Code of Conduct?

Describe the following Aircraft Designations
VFA
SH
EA

Identify the following Naval ships/boats
SSN
SSGN
SSBN
DDG

Identify and be familiar with images of the following Marine Corps Vehicles
MLA2 Abrams Main Battle Tank
High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle (HMMWV)
All-Terrain Vehicle
Buffalo Mine Protected Route Clearance Vehicle
Cougar 4x4 MRAP
LAV-25 Light Armored Vehicle
Other vehicles

Identify the ranks in the Navy

Identify the ranks in the Marine Corps

Identify the person who said: "Damn the torpedoes, full steam ahead!"
AFTER ACTION REPORT:

What did you like about the competition?

What did you not like about the competition?

If you were in charge of this competition, what would you change for next year?