

OFFICE OF THE COMMANDANT

THE CITADEL
Charleston, South Carolina

11 April 2023

MEMORANDUM

NO 6

STAR OF THE WEST COMPETITION

1. General. The Star of the West Competition will be conducted on the parade ground at 0900, Wednesday, 3 May 2023.
2. Organization.
 - a. Battalions will conduct a preliminary competition coordinated by the rising Battalion Operations Officers to select two cadets from each respective company. This competition is open to all classes. The current Sergeant Major along with the current First Sergeant will turn the names into the Regimental Operations NCO by the 21 April 2023 by 1200 hrs. The purpose is to select the Best Drilled Cadet within the Corps.
 - b. Each company, to include the Regimental Band, will have TWO cadets participating. The names of the two participants from each company will be submitted to the rising Regimental Operations Officer by 1200, 21 April 2023.
 - c. All participants will report to the rising Regimental Operations Officer at 0800, Wednesday, 3 May 2023, in front of Padgett-Thomas Barracks (2nd Battalion).
 - d. Uniform is Dress Whites under arms without ribbons, medals, or badges. Participants will be issued number cards upon reporting. One will be worn on the lower left front of the blouse and one will be worn centered, on the back. The rising Regimental Operations Sergeant will pick up the cards from the Operations Officer and pins from SFC Greene, by 1300, Tuesday, 18 April 2023 and ensure that the cards are properly pinned on the participants for the competition. The rising Regimental Operations Clerks will assist.
 - e. Judges include Sergeant Major Yagle (Chief Judge), First Sergeant Brower, CSM Ragusa, First Sergeant Dean, First Sergeant Webster, SFC Greene.
3. Conduct of Competition.
 - a. Participants will be judged on the correct position of the weapon and hand; arm and body position; proper foot position; head movement; and precision and snap in the execution of movements.

- b. Participants will march onto the parade ground at 0850, Wednesday, 3 May 2023, from in front of 2nd Battalion.
 - c. The competition will be executed in phases. At the end of each phases numbers of eliminated cadets will be called out. Eliminated cadets will execute About Face, come to Port Arms and leave the field at Double Time. Eliminations will continue until only one cadet remains on the field, who will be the winner of the competition.
 - d. At the beginning of the competition, five ungraded commands will be given.
 - e. When a command is preceded by “By the Numbers,” the first count of the movement will be executed on the command of execution, the second count on “Ready, TWO” and so forth. Commands not preceded by “By the Numbers” will be fully executed at normal cadence.
4. Inclement Weather. In the event of inclement weather, the competition will be held in Deas Hall.
5. The Regimental Provost Marshal remains responsible for spectator and traffic control during the competition.

FOR THE COMMANDANT:

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Assistant Commandant for Operations

Distribution:
Sergeant Major Yagle
First Sergeant Brower
CSM Ragusa
First Sergeant Dean
First Sergeant Webster
SFC Greene
Regt Provost
Current & Rising Regt Staff, Bn Cmdrs,
Company Cmdrs, Ops Officers