

MEMORANDUM FOR Corps of Cadets

SUBJECT: Policy Letter #4, Requirements for Joining and Maintaining Active Membership in Co-curricular Military Organizations

1. The purpose of this memorandum is to establish policy for the minimum qualifications necessary to join and maintain active membership in co-curricular military organizations.

2. **Co-curricular organizations are defined as military units outside of the formal organization of the Corps of Cadets that form for special purposes or training.** Co-curricular organizations covered by provisions of this SOP include: the Aggressor Platoon, Scabbard & Blade, GEB, Patriot Choir, the Mountain Order of Colombo, the Color Guard, the Ranger Challenge Team, the Blue Ridge Rifles, the Chaplains' Association, and the Combat Shooting Sports Team (non-NCAA).

3. Requirements for joining co-curricular military organizations.

a. Full-time first semester freshmen may join any co-curricular organization even though they have no GPA.

b. Satisfactory conduct record, and in some cases (if mandated by SOP) satisfactory completion of a "try-out" monitored by a faculty advisor.

c. **Student may not be taking any 0099 series courses in the semester he/she tries out nor in any subsequent semester.**

d. Successfully meeting any other entrance criteria mandated by club/team SOP or METL.

e. Waivers for 3a-3d above may be granted in writing by the Commandant of upon receipt of a written request for waiver from the student and his/her ROTC Faculty Advisor.

4. **Requirements for maintaining active membership in co-curricular military organizations:**

a. Active membership is defined as:

(1) Attending scheduled meetings, training, and/or demonstrations.

(2) Holding an office or position in the organization or being on a membership roster.

(3) Wearing distinctive insignia or uniform articles, if earned, by SOP.

(4) Participation in field training exercises and off-campus activities.

(5) Eligible for promotion within the organization.

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(6) Eligible to vote in elections held by the members of the organization.

(7) Maintaining a satisfactory record of conduct (no pattern of misbehavior and no Class I offenses in the current semester).

b. All cadets, other than first semester freshmen, must have a 2.4 cumulative GPA in order to maintain active membership in any co-curricular military organization. (Does not include Patriot Choir and GEB).

c. **Cadets who earn less than a 2.4 cumulative GPA or drop to less than a 12 hour academic load will immediately be placed on probation** forfeiting all benefits of active membership as stated in paragraph 4 (a) above, except that they may attend “on-campus meetings” once per week for the purpose of staying informed. Waivers of paragraphs 4a (1) through (4)a (7) may be granted by the Commandant of Cadets in writing on a case-by-case basis. (Does not apply to Patriot Choir and GEB).

d. Cadets on probation who achieve a 2.4 cumulative GPA or higher may be immediately re-instated as active members as long as they are full time students and have a satisfactory record of conduct.

e. Cadets who earn a Class I offense will be immediately placed on probation for the remainder of the semester by the commander of the unit. Also, they may be permanently dismissed from the organization IAW local SOP.

f. **The Commandant of Cadets reserves the right to permanently or temporarily remove any Cadet from a co-curricular military organization based upon violation of law, misconduct, poor academic performance, or a refusal to cooperate with the designated faculty advisor.**

g. First semester freshman’s grades will be checked at midterm. If their GPA is below 2.4, they will go on probation IAW paragraph C.

h. Cadets who are found guilty of hazing will be removed from the organization, never to return to the organization.

5. Further requirements.

a. “Unofficial Academic NCOs” are encouraged in each co-curricular military organization. This person may assist recruits and all personnel on “Quarters” in finding academic assistance through the official academic NCO assigned to their company.

b. Commanders of co-curricular military organizations will closely monitor the academic status of freshman recruits and counsel them on academics periodically.

c. Commanders of all co-curricular military organizations will brief the Commandant, or a designated member of his staff, prior to each off-campus FTX and/or event including Patch/Cord Weeks and Initiation Weeks. As a minimum, risk assessment, medical support, scheme of maneuver (or concept of operations), logistic support, and C2 will be briefed.

d. Each co-curricular military organization must have an assigned ROTC Faculty Advisor. Commanders of co-curricular military organizations will brief their ROTC Faculty Advisor in detail on all training activities and events prior to execution.

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e. Commanders of all co-curricular military organizations are responsible to ensure all military training events incorporate the highest standards of professional military conduct. **All off campus events/training activities require the presence of a ROTC faculty advisor.**

f. **The use of alcohol is forbidden during any military training exercise or activity, either on campus or off campus.**

g. No training on weekends, holidays, Christmas breaks, or spring/fall breaks is permitted by co-curricular military organizations unless the training is scheduled on the Brigade Training Schedule and approved four weeks in advance.

h. No training will be conducted before 0700 or after 1900 unless approved by the Commandant of Cadets. Request for exception to policy must be submitted in writing.

i. No co-curricular military organization will meet, train, or use government equipment from 1 May-15 August without written consent of the Commandant of Cadets. Phone 864-1786 for information.

j. Civilian college students, high school students, parents, friends, and non-military faculty/staff may not participate in co-curricular military training activities unless a "Release from Liability" certificate for each participant is signed and on file in the MLC Operations Center.

k. **ALL** training conducted by co-curricular organizations will be annotated on the Brigade Training Schedule and approved by the unit advisor in advance of the event..

l. The in-coming commander or OIC of each co-curricular military organization is responsible for updating the unit SOP. The current SOP for the unit must be approved by the faculty advisor and on file in the Commandant's Office on the first day of the semester in order for the unit to train. The SOP must be **no older than two years** and it must include all ceremonies, rituals, rights of passage, try-out procedures, tactical tasks, FTXs, demonstrations, and modifications to cadet uniforms.

m. All members of military co-curricular organizations will sign a GNCSU hazing awareness statement at the first meeting of the semester. These forms will be maintained in each cadet's personnel records in the Assistant Commandant's Office.

JAMES T. PALMER
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