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MEMORANDUM

From: MIDN 1/C English, Battalion Operations Officer

To: NROTC Battalion

Subj: HONOR PLATOON INSTRUCTION

1. Purpose

To establish a policy and procedures for the implementation of a Honor Platoon Award.

2. Definition

The Honor Platoon Award will be given to the platoon that has earned the most points in physical fitness, academics, and leadership throughout the semester. These three categories will be weighted as follows: Leadership (50%), Physical Fitness (25%), and Academics (25%).

3. Guidelines

a. Leadership (50%)

i) The leadership category will be made up of most NROTC events and competitions throughout the semester. Points will be awarded based on the importance of the event and the time invested in the event.

ii) If volunteering for an event, drill team or collateral duty (Color Guards, Drill Teams, Chow Team, community service, IM or CC team etc.) takes place over multiple days, one point will be awarded for each day spent participating. For example, a midshipman who volunteers for Chow Team over a three day FEX will receive three points, a midshipman who participates in the drill team will receive one point for each morning practice is held, as well as one point for each day of a drill competition, etc.

iii) The Midshipman of the Month award will earn that midshipman's platoon 10 points in the leadership category.

iv) Special events throughout the semester may be placed in the leadership category by the Battalion Big Four. Examples of special events may include, but are not limited to, community service volunteering, PNS inspections and intra-battalion drill competitions. The points available for those special events will be decided on a case-by-case basis with special caution taken to give no one event too large of an influence on the overall points in the category.

b. Physical Fitness (25%)

i) The physical fitness category will be made up of physical fitness related NROTC events and competitions throughout the semester. Points will be awarded based on the importance of the event and the time invested in the event.

ii) Examples of events that would be placed in the physical fitness category may include, but are not limited to, endurance challenges, Turkey Bowl, PRT scores, etc. The points available for these events will be decided on a case-by-case basis with special caution taken to give no one event too large of an influence on the overall points in the category.

c. Academic (25%)

i) The academic category will be made up of academic related NROTC events and competitions throughout the semester. Points will be awarded based on the importance of the event and the time invested in the event.

ii) Examples of events that would be placed in the academics category may include, but are not limited to: battalion inspections, PNS inspections, and speeches/graded evolutions during drill. The points available for these events will be decided on a case-by-case basis with special caution taken to give no one event too large of an influence on the overall points in the category.

4. To the Victors Valiant

a. Recognition

i) The winning platoon will have their platoon, year, and semester put on a running plaque in the wardroom. This will be updated each new semester as new platoons are crowned the victors.

ii) The winning platoon will also have their picture taken and placed on the wall in the wardroom next to the plaque for the entirety of the following semester. The picture will be changed out each semester as a new winning platoon is crowned.

b. Reward

i) The winning platoon will also be given a pizza party at the end of the semester in the wardroom. The date and time will be arranged so that as many members of the platoon as possible will be able to attend.

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