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**USACC OPORD 20-09-001 – Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC)
SY20-21 Essay Contest**

(U) Staff/Units Affected: 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th Brigades

(U) Suspense:

a. (U) **NLT 051600MAR21:** 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th Brigades submit their essay nominations to the JROTC Directorate POC (see para 5.b).

(U) References: CCR 145-2, JROTC Program: Organization, Administration, Operations, Training and Support, 1 February 2012.

(U) Time Zone Used Throughout the OPORD: ROMEO. (Eastern Daylight) (GMT - 4:00)

1. (U) SITUATION. The JROTC Essay Contest is an annual competition designed to give Cadets an opportunity to assimilate lessons learned from JROTC curriculum and communicate their knowledge in writing. Participating in the essay contest exposes Cadets to a key component of 21st Century Education: writing. Writing in accordance with national standards outlined in the Common Core State Standards help Cadets prepare for college and careers. The essay contest is one way the JROTC Directorate extends its effort to motivate young people to be better citizens.

2. (U) MISSION. USACC conducts a JROTC Essay Contest in SY20-21 in support of JROTC's mission to motivate young people to be better citizens, and to instill in students the values of citizenship, service to the United States, personal responsibility, and a sense of accomplishment.

3. (U) EXECUTION.

a. (U) Concept of Operations. All Cadets enrolled in JROTC are encouraged to participate in the essay contest. Cadet's essay will be his or her own work. Instructors will evaluate each Cadet's essay using the rubric in Annex A and select **one** essay to submit to their Brigade. Based on the number of essays allocated to each Brigade (see Annex B), the Brigades will select the best essay(s) and submit them to the JROTC Directorate. The JROTC Directorate will select one winner from each Brigade. The length of the essays will be 2-3 pages, excluding cover page. Pages within the essay, including cover page, must adhere to the following:

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SY20-21 Essay Theme: "The Challenges of Online and In-Person Learning in a Pandemic Environment"

(1) (U) Layout:

(a) (U) Font Type: Times New Roman.

(b) (U) Font size: 12.

(c) (U) Spacing: Double.

(d) (U) Margins: 1 inch on all sides.

(2) (U) Cover page will identify Cadet's:

(a) (U) First and last name.

(b) (U) LET number.

(c) (U) High school name.

(d) (U) High school address (street, city, state, and zip code).

(e) (U) SAI or AI name, phone number, and email address.

b. (U) Tasks to Subordinate Units/Staff.

(1) (U) **USACC, JROTC Directorate.**

(a) (U) Conduct JROTC Essay Contest.

(b) (U) Coordinate final judging to select and announce national winners.

(c) (U) Approve awards for national winners.

(2) (U) **USACC, 2nd through 8th Brigades.**

(a) (U) Ensure JROTC Instructors (SAI/AI) conduct the JROTC Essay Contest in their schools and select **one** essay to submit to their Brigade. Essays must adhere to the rubric in Annex A.

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(b) (U) Coordinate judging to select the best essay(s). Based on the number of essays allocated in Annex B, submit essays to JROTC Directorate, Education and Curriculum Division at usarmy.knox.usacc.list.hq-jrotc-education@mail.mil. Submit essay(s) **NLT 051600MAR21**. Ensure essay(s) adhere to rubric in Annex A.

(c) (U) Prepare and send congratulatory letters to essay winners.

(d) (U) Coordinate local awards ceremony to recognize essay winners.

c. (U) Coordinating Instructions.

(1) (U) Each Brigade will select the top essays from their Brigade and submit them to the JROTC Directorate for final judging and selection of the national winners. National winners will receive Two-Star Note from the Commanding General, USACC and a JROTC note from the JROTC Director.

4. (U) SUSTAINMENT. N/A

5. (U) COMMAND AND CONTROL.

a. (U) Command.

(1) (U) USACC, JROTC Directorate is the lead for this OPORD. POC information is in paragraph 5.b. below.

(2) (U) Direct general OPORD inquiries and task closure reports to USACC, G3, 502-624-5393/5399, GAL: USARMY Ft Knox USACC Mailbox HQ G3 Ops, usarmy.knox.usacc.mbx.hq-g3-ops@mail.mil. Direct specific inquiries regarding this OPORD to the POCs listed in paragraph 5.b. below.

(3) (U) USACC OPORDs are located on the USACC Taskings SharePoint site at the following address: <https://army.deps.mil/army/cmds/USACC-Taskings/default.aspx>.

b. (U) Signal.

(1) (U) Primary POC: USACC, JROTC, Mr. Vince Blackmon, (502) 624-1882, vince.e.blackmon.ctr@mail.mil.

(2) (U) Alternate POC: USACC, JROTC, Mr. Preston Barlow, (502) 624-1330, preston.f.barlow.civ@mail.mil

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ANNEXES:

Annex A – JROTC Essay Contest Rubric for SY 20-21

Annex B – Brigade Essay Allocations for SY 20-21

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