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1-41FA, 1ABCT, 3ID

Fort Stewart, Georgia

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**OPORD 23-27** (Army Best Squad Competition Support)

**(U) References**: Raider OPORD 23-53, FM 21-18 Foot Marches

**(U) Time Zone Used Throughout the Order: Quebec (Eastern Daylight Time – UTC-4)**

**(U) Task Organization**: Omitted.

**1. (U) Situation.** 1-41FA will host the 12-15 Mile Road March FY23 Army Best Squad Competition will be executed at FSGA and HAAF **03-04 OCT 23**. 1-41FA will support the competition with the planning, resourcing, and executing the 12–15-mile Road March. Additionally, Glory’s Guns will provide life support, transportation, and an Operations Cell for the Road March. Finally, Glory’s Guns will provide medical support throughout the FY24 Army Best Squad Competition.

1. **Mission.** 1-41FA provides mission command, setup, validation, and execution at FSGA and from **03-04 OCT 23** ISO the Army Best Squad Competition’s 12-15 Mile Road March.
2. **Execution.** 
   1. Commander’s Intent:
      1. Purpose: Omitted
      2. Key Tasks:
         1. Plan, resource, and execute a 12-15 Mile Road March ISO the Army Best Squad Competition. The Road March will consist of 12 Squads each with 5 Soldiers.
         2. Provide life support and mission control for 12 Squads each with 5 Soldiers ISO the 12-15 Mile Road March portion of the Army Best Squad Competition.
      3. Endstate: 1-41 FA successfully supports and facilitates the 12-15 Mile Road March portion of the Army Best Squad Competition without loss of Soldiers, Equipment, or Weapons.
   2. Concept of Operations: Omitted
   3. Tasks to Subordinate Units.
      1. **HHB.**
         1. Deploy BN TOC IOT command and control throughout the duration of the Road March. BN TOC will be co-located with start point of the road march IVO PAA 311. The purpose is to provide both C2 for the competition and validate communication systems.
         2. Support 3-69 AR’s execution of the walk and shoot with 2 field artillery observers.
         3. Support each Army Best Squad Team with 1 Forward Observers to walk with each team with 4 extras on call personnel. (16 total)
         4. Provide Upper and Lower Communication abilities at the TOC.
         5. Provide 20x 68Ws for medical treatment to personnel participating in the Road March.
         6. Provide 3x FLAs for medical treatment and transportation of personnel participating in the Road March.
         7. ICW the Bn S3 Shop, provide a medical plan, treatment plan, and evacuation plan for the 12-15 mile Road March.
         8. BPT provide vehicle support for each team to follow team along the route. (12 JLTVs).
         9. BPT provide 1 FMC LMTV with bows, tarps, and troop strap for the duration of the Army Best Squad Competition 26SEP-04OCT23. 2 LMTVs from 1-41 FA will be dispatched and signed over to 10 BEB for troops transportation.
         10. Provide 14 long coolers for emersion tanks, 28 Water coolers with spicket for ice water and electrolyte drink mix for 14 water points along the road march route. Supplies needed will be ordered NLT 16AUG23. **Complete**
         11. Provide 50 boxes of chem-lights for movement along the road march route.
         12. Provide road guard vest, flashlights for each lane walker. (16 Lane walkers)
      2. **A BTRY, B BTRY, and C BTRY**
         1. Provide 10 Soldiers each to man water point along the route of the Road March. Each water point will have a minimum of a Water Cooler filled with Ice Water, a Water Cooler of Electrolyte mix, a submersion tank with Ice Sheets, and 2 personnel with the ability to communicate back to the Glory TOC.
         2. BPT provide 1 FMC LMTV with bows, tarps, and troop strap for the duration of the Army Best Squad Competition 26SEP-04OCT23. 2 LMTVs from 1-41 FA will be dispatched and signed over to 10 BEB for troops transportation.
      3. **F FSC**.
         1. Sign 1x STEED Cart to 5-7 CAV NLT **02AUG 23.** **Complete**
         2. BPT provide the MTRCS at the Glory TOC location to provide Ice support throughout the event.
         3. Provide 1x LMTV with bows, tarps, and troop strap for the movement of troops and to provide additional fall-out support.
         4. BPT provide 1 FMC LMTV with bows, tarps, and troop strap for the duration of the Army Best Squad Competition 26SEP-04OCT23. 2 LMTVs from 1-41 FA will be dispatched and signed over to 10 BEB for troops transportation.
   4. Tasks to Staff:
      1. **S3**
         1. Develop an initial concept for scoring the events for the road march to be briefed to Brigade when instructed. **Complete**
         2. Develop an initial risk assessment for the road march. **Complete**
         3. Conduct a Battalion-level reconnaissance of assigned ranges and training areas NLT TWG on **08AUG23.** **Complete**
         4. Create a Tactical Scenario to receive 12 Squads at the Glory TOC Location, conduct Patrol Base Operations, and to initiate the Road March. **Complete**
         5. ICW the Bn Medical Platoon, provide a medical plan, treatment plan, and evacuation plan for the 12-15 mile Road March.
      2. **S4**
         1. Identify all equipment, signage, personnel, and transportation requirements that cannot be resourced within the Battalion. Notify the Battalion S3 shop and request support from the Brigade S4 shop as necessary.
         2. Coordinate to have Toilet support throughout the event.
         3. Receive supply requests from the Batterys/Company NLT **16AUG23.** **Complete**
   5. Coordinating Instructions: These tasks and information apply to **ALL UNITS**.
      * 1. BPT execute a full Rehearsal of the 12-15 mile Road March between **24AUG23** and **26SEP23** (competition start). This Rehearsal will be a weeklong and will follow the timeline of the Army Best Squad Competition as closely as possible.
        2. BPT execute a modified Rehearsal of the 12-15 mile Road March between **08AUG23** and **25SEP23**.
        3. Timeline

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| **Event** | **DTG** | **Attendees** | **Location** |
| ~~STEED Carts signed to 5-7CAV~~ | ~~02AUG23~~ | ~~F FSC~~ | ~~FSGA~~  **Complete** |
| ~~BDE Internal Validation~~ | ~~03AUG23~~ | ~~ALL Units~~ | ~~FSGA / HAAF~~  **Complete** |
| ~~3ID Lane Validation~~ | ~~10AUG23~~ | ~~ALL Units~~ | ~~FSGA / HAAF~~  **Complete** |
| ~~XVIII ABN Corps / FORSCOM Lane Validation~~ | ~~17AUG23~~ | ~~ALL Units~~ | ~~FSGA / HAAF~~  **Complete** |
| HQDA Lane Validation | 22-24AUG23 | ALL Units | FSGA / HAAF |
| SMA Lane Validation | (T) 14SEP23 | ALL Units | FSGA / HAAF |
| **Army Best Squad Competition Execution Timeline** | | | |
| Competitor Arrival | 24-25SEP23 | 10BEB & 3BSB | FSGA (Land Dominance Center) |
| 12-15 Mile Road March | 03-04OCT23 | 1-41FA | FSGA (PAA 311 to NCOA) |
| Competing Teams Depart | 05OCT23 | 10BEB & 3BSB | FSGA (Land Dominance Center) |

1. **(U) Sustainment.** Medical:
   1. Medical Treatment
      1. 20x 68Ws will be providing medical treatment to personnel participating in the road march.
      2. 2x 68Ws will be manning each cooling station located at Mile Markers 5, 9, 11, 13, and 14. Each cooling station will be equipped with vital kits, an ice cooler, and 5x ice sheets.
   2. Medical Evacuation
      1. HHB54 – trailing road march; primary evacuation vehicle
      2. HHB55 – staged at Mile Marker 7; alternate evacuation vehicle once road marchers pass the halfway point.
      3. HHB53 – staged at the End Point IVO NCOA; alternate evacuation vehicle before road marchers pass the halfway point.
      4. Civilian EMS – staged at EP or AXP to take patients to WACH (approximately 26 minutes from end point or AXP to WACH).
      5. LMTV – trailing road march; contingency evacuation vehicle (F FSC).
   3. Medical Logistics
      1. CL I
         1. 60x bags of ice
         2. Ice resupply will be conducted via JLTV to the MTRCS at Glory TOC.
         3. 30x water jugs (15x iced water and 15x electrolyte mix) with 1 of each staged at each mile marker.
         4. 20x ice coolers with ice sheets staged at cooling stations
      2. CL VIII: Vital kits will be located at each cooling station (thermometer, sphygmomanometer, stethoscope, and pulse oximeter).
2. **(U) Command and Signal.** Points of Contact:
   1. MAJ Josh Cosmos, Glory 3, at [joshua.m.cosmos.mil@army.mil](mailto:joshua.m.cosmos.mil@army.mil).
   2. MSG David Yates, Glory 37, at [david.r.yates.mil@army.mil](mailto:david.r.yates.mil@army.mil) or 580-647-1373.

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**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1: Glory CONOP for Army Best Squad Competition

Attachment 2: Glory DRAW for 15 Mile Road March ISO ABSC