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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Section Marcher Responsibilities for AY23

1. References.

- a. DPOM 2-3: Classroom and Related Departmental Procedures.
- b. United States Corps of Cadets Standard Operating Procedure.
- c. Army Regulation 670-1: Wear and Appearance of Army Uniforms and Insignia.

2. Background. In support of USCC efforts to increase emphasis on peer leadership, section marchers in AY23 will assume a more involved leadership role in the classroom. The intent is to give Cadets expanded peer leadership opportunities to foster development, and facilitate a culture of personal accountability.

3. Section Marcher Responsibilities. This memo supersedes the responsibilities outlined in DPOM 2-3 dated 22 January 2020.

a. Instructors will publish a section marcher rotation prior to the start of lesson 4. Instructors will select Section Marchers from their PDR assignments. Each Cadet from the PDR system should receive equitable opportunities to serve as section marcher. The intent of this policy is to ensure instructors have additional opportunities to observe the leadership qualities they are being asked to evaluate through the PDR system.

b. Before lesson 4, instructors will select cadets to serve as section marcher on a random basis.

c. The section marcher will call the section to attention at the start of class and briefly inspect the section's uniforms and general appearance. They will also ensure the following conditions are met before class begins:

(1) Cadets do not have food, gum, or backpacks in the classroom. All drinks have a fully sealable lid, such as a twist cap or a closable mechanism common on coffee travel mugs – this ensures that accidental tipping of the container will not result in significant spillage.

(2) Cadets are wearing the uniform of the day to class (exceptions are listed in the Cadet SOP). Male Cadets are clean-shaven. All Cadets' hair follows AR 670-1. Cadets are not wearing outer garments (black jackets, ACU ECWCS items) unless all Cadets in the classroom are wearing the same outer garment.

(3) An example checklist for use by section marchers is provided as enclosure 1. Instructors may print this checklist out and include it in their section marchers' book as they deem necessary.

d. Section Marchers should inspect for the following conditions:

(1) Unclean, Unpresentable, or Unserviceable footwear.

(2) Unclean, Unpresentable, or Unserviceable uniform items.

(3) A male or female Cadet whose hair is out of regulation.

e. With the section at attention, section marchers will render an oral accountability report indicating which Cadets are absent (A), late (L), or departing (D) early in accordance with instructions disseminated by the Dean and Department Heads.

f. Section Marchers will hold individual Cadets responsible for their uniform and for maintaining the classroom environment as outlined in DPOM 2-3. There are generally three categories of corrections:

(1) On The Spot- These can be easily corrected without leaving the classroom or academic building.

(2) Correctable In Room- These violations require the Cadet depart to their room to make the correction. Cadets should be marked late by the section marcher if they do not return to the classroom at the start of the instruction period.

(3) Long Term- These violations require the purchase or tailoring of new uniform materials or otherwise cannot be resolved during the class period.

g. Section Marchers are responsible for knowing the standard and upholding it. Cadets will be well-versed on all standards from the Cadet SOP and AR 670-1 that apply to them and their peers. Failure to execute Section Marcher responsibilities may result in verbal and/or written counseling by Instructors.

h. Section Marchers may write negative CORs for particularly glaring or repeated violations.

4. The point of contact for this memorandum is the Vice Dean for Operations (2807).

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Enclosure 1: Section Marcher Example Checklist

Cadet Appearance

As For Class

As For Class Shirt- Clean, serviceable and presentable
As For Class Pants- Clean, serviceable and appropriately tailored
Belt- Polished, serviceable, and worn correctly
Shoes- Polished, serviceable
Undershirt- White, not noticeable yellowed or stained from wear

OCPs

OCP Jacket- Clean, serviceable and presentable
OCP Pants- Clean, serviceable and presentable
Combat Boots- Clean and serviceable

Personal Grooming

Facial Hair- clean shaven or trim in accordance with shaving profile
Hair- in Accordance with AR 670-1

Classroom Readiness

No food or gum present in classroom
Drinks in Dean's Approved Containers
Backpacks removed from classroom
Outer Garments removed from classroom or all cadets wearing outer garments (as environment dictates)

Note: This checklist is not all encompassing; section marchers should use their judgement if they observe a situation that falls outside the items listed above.