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AREA 3 REGION  
BASIC LEADERSHIP TRAINING (BLT)  
24-29 June 2018  
NSA Crane / Washington High School

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From: CAPT Neil May, USN (Ret.), Officer-in-Charge  
To: Area Participating NJROTC Instructors  
Subj: BLAST Camp 2018 NJROTC Area THREE Letter of Instruction (LOI)

**Purpose:** This LOI contains information and requirements to prepare cadets for **B**asic **L**eadership **A**nd **S**TEM **T**raining (BLAST) camp, aka Basic Leadership Training (BLT). STEM focus will be on basic Rocket Science.

Who should **not** attend?

- a) Cadets who have already attended BLT. (unless serving as an Aide)
- b) Cadets who are physically unfit. (SNSI/NSIs discretion)
- c) Cadets who rely heavily upon prescription drugs.
- d) Cadets with asthma who are on or have been on prescribed oral drugs during the last 6 months. Written statement from doctor required for clearance.

1. **Training Environment:** BLT berthing will be located at NSA CRANE, Reserve Compound for schools not in the local area. BLT events/instruction will take place primarily on the Washington High School (WHS) campus and surrounding area.
  - a. **Billeting:** NSA Crane Reserve Compound is comprised of seven buildings for quarters to sleep and provide hygiene for all visiting personnel.
  - b. **Classroom:** WHS will provide classrooms and instructors for BLT and STEM training.
  - c. **Field Area:** WHS will provide access to gymnasium, outdoor athletic fields, and swimming pool for drill, physical fitness and intramural training.
  - d. **Transportation:** Schools will provide transportation to/from NSA Crane Reserve Berthing Compound to the WHS campus (approx. 35 minute drive). Fuel costs will be reimbursed by NSA Crane-BLT.
  - e. **Meals:** Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner will be provided by Sodexo contract catering and served daily in the WHS Cafeteria starting Monday, June 25, 2018.

2. Normal routine will consist of PT, drill, inspections, intramural sports, military knowledge, orienteering, first aid training, swimming, STEM labs and competition. SNSI's / NSI's please read LOI and attachments in their entirety. Although passing the PRT is not a requirement to attend BLT, overall fitness must be considered as there is considerable physical activity. **The will be no PRT administered at this camp.**
3. **Attachments:** (also located on the Washington HS NJROTC Website)
  - a. Gear list.
  - b. Cadet or Cadet Aide Letter of Agreement
  - c. BLT medical questionnaire.
  - d. Health Risk Screening Questionnaire.
  - e. Standard Release Form (important to included application insurance information)
  - f. Photo Permission Slip
  - g. NOTE: The final smooth BLT Training Plan will be forwarded via separate correspondence.
4. **General Critical Dates / Times:**
  - a. **Registration Complete NLT 04 MAY 2018:** All attendees to BLT must register via online form at: [Online Registration](#). There are no quotas assigned. Instructors are advised to prioritize cadets according to their grade level and *potential* to serve as future leaders. i.e., cadets who possess a passion for NJROTC.
  - b. **Payment NLT 11 MAY2018.** Make checks payable to "**BLT-NSA CRANE**"  
(Mail to **WHS NJROTC, 608 E. Walnut St., Washington, IN 47501**)
  - c. Hand-carry paperwork packages to include:
    - i. Cadet or Aide Statement of Agreements.
    - ii. Health Risk Screening Questionnaire.
    - iii. BLT Medical Questionnaire.
    - iv. Standard Release Form.
    - v. Photo Permission Slip.
    - vi. Copy of a standard physicals dated NLT 26 June 2016.

NOTE: **Please call ahead to discuss medically questionable candidates.** Cadets (or their parents/guardians) without medical or dental insurance are liable for the cost of medical or dental care in the event of injury.
  - d. **1800-2100, Sunday, 24 June 2018:** Schools arrive NSA Crane Reserve Compound to prepare berthing areas. Instructors are encouraged to maintain unit integrity in order to better supervise cadets. Cadets may travel and arrive in civilian attire having lunched and properly hydrated. Instructors must present military ID at gate and serve as Trusted Escorts for cadets. Consult Daily Training Plan for further times/events.
  - e. **1400-2000, Thursday, 28 June 2018:** Morning UPI, breakfast, Leadership Seminar and lunch on WHS Campus. Afternoon events at NSA Crane Marina.

- f. **NLT 1000, Friday, 29 June 2018:** Schools departure home. Cadets will not be allowed to depart until necessary cleaning and building clearance is received by base officials.
  - g. **Normal Routine Training Day (WHS Campus): 0800-2000** (Training Plan will be release in separate correspondence). Cadets will earn: Leadership Training Ribbon, Orientation Ribbon and Rifle Safety Exam completion (100%) for the record.
5. **Cadet Uniforms:** Daily routine—platoon tees, shorts, cap, white athletic socks, tennis shoes or as promulgated by daily orders. Full NSU for the personnel inspection. No cutoff jeans, ever.
  6. **Staff Uniforms:** Daily routine—classroom instruction NSU. Field training is BLT Staff polo, khaki pants or jeans, cap, tennis shoes. Khaki shorts authorized in extreme heat. UPI Inspecting Officers: NSU.
  7. **Costs:** \$120.00/person. (Instructor, aide, cadet, or chaperone). Includes meals, transportation fuel and camp issued gear and materiel.
  8. **Gear Issue (upon arrival NSA Crane):** (Cadets and Aides) BLT ball cap, three BLT tees, gym shorts, water bottle, and rucksack. (Instructors) BLT ball cap and two staff polos. All BLT staff and cadets are covered by Nationwide Camp & Conference Insurance to/from and during BLT. Final cost is subject to slight change contingent on food and apparel pricing.
  9. **Emergency telephone number:** (812) 854-1823 (BLT OPS/CMD CENTER) or (812) 259 9506 (CAPT May OIC Mobile).
  10. **Unit Flags:** Unit flags are not required. BLT platoon guidon flags will be provided.
  11. **Commanders Comments:** BLT is not a military-style boot camp environment; however, cadet military courtesy and discipline are expected throughout the training at all times. The intent is to provide training to those cadets who display a high degree of motivation for the JROTC program and aptitude for the sciences and technology. BLT is designed to immerse cadets in STEM related activities, physical fitness events, and refinement of basic JROTC skill-sets. The BLT staff and instructors look forward to providing a unique combination of academic and physical training as a part of the JROTC program's strategic goal of developing STEM-oriented cadets and leaders.

Respectfully,

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2018 BLT-CRANE Officer-in-Charge