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Regimental Staff SOP

Memorandum for: Corps of Cadets

Subject: Backpack Regulations 2019-2020

Purpose: To provide the necessary guidelines needed to maintain professionalism when it comes to the outer decorations of cadet Black Issued NMMI School Backpacks throughout the Corps of Cadets.

Applicability: The following regulations will be put in place to limit the number of displayed products as well as outline what may be displayed in order to maintain a certain level of uniformity.

Scope: This will include limitations as well as the guideline for this earned privilege.

Responsibilities: The following cadre and staff will be listed as those responsible for ensuring as well as enforcing that the regulation is properly followed through on a daily inspection.

- a) Squad Leaders
- b) Platoon Sergeants
- c) First Sergeants
- d) Sergeants Major
- e) Command Sergeant Major

Procedures and Guidelines:

1. Water bottles will be allowed in the outer mesh pockets during any BRC/DRC/SRC formations, as long as there is not special occasion (march by or ceremony) in process. When a march by is in process, all water bottles and containers should be placed inside the main pocket of the bags.
2. Any of the following decorations will be allowed on the outer cover of the bag.
 - a) ROTC Name Patches
 - b) NMMI Patches
 - c) Military Supportive Patches
 - d) NMMI Name Tags to Specify Ownership
 - e) NMMI Rank Insignia
 - f) Medical Identification of Patches
 - g) Flags of Origin
3. There will be a limited number of 3 items to be on display at a time (OR) covering no more than 20% of the face of the backpack.
4. Absolutely no profanity, derogatory, or offensive material will be displayed.
5. Non-issued NMMI backpacks must be all black and must have the NMMI insignia/logo displayed centered on the bag itself.
6. This privilege is ONLY for Yearlings and Old Cadets, RATs will not be allowed this privilege until they turn and must utilize the NMMI issued backpack.
7. The issued white tags from the cadet store will still be used for identification purposes. Also, such things like hand sanitizers and other attachable items must be placed inside the backpack pocket but not displayed on the outer shell.

8. Old and Yearling Cadets who violate this policy will lose this privilege for a period of not less than 5 weeks, and will be required to sterilize their backpack. They may also be held accountable for any Blue Book violations that occur as a result of any violations of this policy.

Arthur C. Houghtby II
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