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199th Regiment – Regional Training Institute
2nd Battalion – OCS Training Company
Building 305 F Street, Camp Beauregard
Pineville, Louisiana 71360



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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Welcome to Officer Candidate School (OCS) Class #56/56A/56B (FY 2015/16)

1. I would like to take this opportunity to personally congratulate you on your decision to attend the Louisiana Officer Candidate School (OCS) at Camp Beauregard in Pineville, Louisiana. It is admirable that you chose to pursue a commission and serve your country as a member of its Officer Corps.
2. The OCS Company mission is to train and commission the future 2nd Lieutenants of the Louisiana Army National Guard (LAARNG). The OCS program is designed to be both physically and emotionally challenging. Through this experience, you will attain many necessary skills that will help you throughout your military career.
3. The OCS orientation is scheduled for 07-08 March 2015. You are to report to the OCS Barracks (Bldg 1009) at Camp Beauregard, Pineville, Louisiana, NLT 0900 hours on 07 March 2015. Parking will be in the student parking lot adjacent to Bldg 1009. You will be in IDT status, therefore pay for 07-08 March 2015 is processed by your parent unit.
4. The IDT period will be a busy time with numerous activities, including:
 - a. Introduction to the OCS Leadership and Cadre
 - b. Requirements of the OCS environment, customs, and traditions
 - c. Orientations to the LAOCS SOP (presented by class 55 Senior Officer Candidates)
 - d. Review of your OCS application
 - e. Drill and Ceremony refresher training
 - f. Commander's physical fitness diagnostic testing
5. Uniform:
 - a. Saturday, 07 March 2015:
 - (1) Report in Class C (ACU) uniform with patrol cap
 - (2) IPFU
 - (3) Class VI Personal Hygiene (you will stay overnight. No exceptions)
 - b. Sunday, 08 March 2015:
 - (1) Report in Class C (ACU) uniform with patrol cap

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6. Release from duty will be approximately 1500 hours on Sunday, 08 March 2015. You are required to stay in the barracks Saturday night. All required bedding will be provided. You should bring towels, washcloth, necessary toiletry items, shower shoes or slippers, complete PT standard issue uniform to include your jacket and pants, leisure clothing, and padlocks to secure your personal belongings during training. Meals will be provided for you (noon /evening-07 Mar 15, and morning /noon- 08 Mar 15).
7. You are to make arrangements with your parent unit to obtain Class II requirements (Clothing and equipment). Clothing and equipment **MUST** be issued by your unit and retained by you during your tenure at the OCS program. Your unit is required to requisition additional clothing required for OCS. You must also obtain from your unit a Compass Magnetic Unmounted, Lensatic, CTA 50-900, Line Number E63317, NSN 6605-00-151-5337. **MAKE SURE IT WORKS PROPERLY.** Clothing and equipment is not required to bring until the April drill.
8. Scheduled training dates through September 2015 are listed below. Request you provide these dates to your employer/school and family in order to work out time off from your civilian job/school and scheduling of family activities.

07-08 March 2015 (IDT) Phase 0	17-19 July 2015 (IDT)
18-19 April 2015 (IDT) Phase 0	21-23 August 2015 (IDT)
16-17 May 2015 (IDT) Phase 0	11-13 September 2015 (IDT)
<u>Class 56 - Traditional</u> 10-11 June 2015 (IDT) Prep 12-27 June 2015 (Phase I - Traditional)	<u>Class 56A - Accelerated</u> 10-11 June 2015 (IDT) Prep 12 June-13 August 2015 (Phase I-III, Ft. McClellan, AL)

9. All applicants will be administered a record APFT each IDT period with a final record APFT within 60 days of the start date of phase I. You must meet physical standards IAW AR 600-9 in order to enroll and graduate from the OCS program.
10. If an emergency arises after you have departed for Camp Beauregard for the March drill, you can reach us by telephone at (318)290-5228 or (318)308-4308.
11. If you plan to report on Friday, 06 March 2015, billeting is available (building 1009/1011 on Camp Beauregard). All personnel reporting on Saturday, 07 March 2015 must report to OCS Barracks, Camp Beauregard NLT 0900.
12. We are looking forward to seeing you on 07 March 2015. Any questions may be directed to the full-time staff at COML: (318)290-5228.

BRAD R. MERTON
MAJ, MI, LAARNG
Commanding