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HEADQUARTERS, 442D SIGNAL BATTALION
FORT GORDON, GEORGIA 30905

COMMAND POLICY LETTER

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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Policy Letter 9B - Physical Training Excellence Streamer Program

1. **PURPOSE:** This memorandum establishes the Physical Training Excellence Streamer Program policy for all 442nd Signal Battalion Units.
2. **Applicability.** This policy applies to all Soldiers assigned and attached to the Battalion. All Soldiers, NCOs, and Officers will participate in the organized programs as outlined below.
3. **References:**
 - FM 7-22, Army Physical Fitness Training
4. **General.**
 - a. Individual physical fitness has direct impact on unit combat readiness. A high degree of physical readiness and training will enhance our ability to fight and survive during continuous combat operations. Mental as well as physical toughness must be developed and instilled at the individual, collective, and company level.
 - b. Each company is eligible to complete in the PT Excellence Program. To qualify for a PT Excellence Streamer, eighty percent or more of a unit's assigned strength must take the APFT IAW Change 1 of FM 7-22, Physical Fitness Training.
 - c. A unit must revalidate within one calendar year from the original test date to continue to display the PT Excellence Streamer on the unit's guidon. Units that fail to revalidate are required to return the streamer to their Battalion or no later than thirty days from the anniversary of the award.
 - d. There is no limit to the number of times a unit may test for the PT Excellence Streamer during a fiscal year.
 - e. Company commanders are encouraged to provide additional incentives to units that achieve the PT Excellence Streamer.
5. **Intent.** The Physical Training of Excellence (PTOE) Program provides all units of the 442d Signal Battalion an incentive and opportunity to improve individual PT proficiency, build unit morale, spirit, and maintain a high level of unit cohesion. This program is designed to recognize PT excellence in companies, batteries and detachments. It is not a record or diagnostic physical fitness test. However, a unit may elect to treat is as such.

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6. Accountability. BN S3 will test subordinate companies and detachment sized units.

a. The unit must test a minimum of eighty percent of its assigned strength during a scheduled PT Excellence Streamer PT test.

b. The following personnel are considered authorized absences from testing and will not count against unit assigned strength:

- (1) Soldiers on terminal, PCS, convalescent, or emergency leave
- (2) Soldiers who are detached or serving in authorized SD positions
- (3) Soldiers who are out-processing within 10 days of the PT test
- (4) Soldiers who are admitted to the hospital
- (5) Soldiers who are TDY to a military school or tasking
- (6) Soldiers who are attending an on-post school that requires an APR"
- (7) Soldiers who are AWOL, DFR, or confined
- (8) Soldiers with valid physical profiles
- (9) Soldiers on duty to include SDO and internal/external tasking

c. The following personnel are not considered authorized absences on the day of the test. Current, valid PT cards on file count toward the PT streamer cards will count against unit strength:

- (1) Soldiers on ordinary leave
- (2) Soldiers who are attending civilian school and do not take the APR*
- (3) Soldiers on sick call
- (4) Soldiers on compensation time after completing a duty day such as SDO

d. Pre-tests and make-up tests for individuals not present for a scheduled PT Excellence Streamer PT test are not allowed. The PT Excellence Streamer PT test is designed to provide a snapshot" of a unit's physical ability.

e. If a unit wishes to request an exception to the eighty percent accountability policy, then the commander should submit the request for exception to policy to the Battalion Commander, through.

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7. Scoring.

a. Scoring standards will be in strict compliance with change 1 to FM 7-22, Physical Fitness Training, dated September 1992.

b. Any company with a Soldier who scores less than 210 will not be eligible to receive the PT excellence Streamer.

c. For those Soldiers who put forth the extra effort, the extended scale will be used.

d. Extended scale PT scores will be included in company averages.

e. The three categories of PT excellence are:

(1) GOLD - At least eighty percent of unit assigned strength passes the PTOE with an overall unit average score of 270 points or above.

(2) SILVER - At least eighty percent of unit assigned strength passes the PTOE with an overall average score of between 255 and 269.9 points.

(3) BRONZE - At least eighty percent of unit assigned strength passes the PTOE with an overall unit average score of between 240-254.9 points.

8. Awards.

a. Units meeting the requirements for the PT Excellence Streamer will forward a request for recognition to the Battalion Commanding using a DA 4187 through their S3 Training.

b. The Battalion Commander, or a designated member of the Command Group, will present the PT Excellence Streamer to those units that meet the PTOE standards.

9. Responsibilities.

a. Companies.

1. Ensure all Soldiers (eighty percent of assigned strength less authorized absences) are tested

2. Ensure all Soldiers are in the appropriate APR" uniform

3. Ensure all Soldiers have a valid ID card

4. Ensure all Soldiers have a DA Form 705 (PT Card)

5. Conduct risk assessment to ensure environmental, physical, and OPTEMPO hazards do not exist.

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b. Battalion Headquarters

1. Ensure the PTOE PT test is included in all training highlights submitted on the DA 4187 for the PT Excellence Streamer before sending it to the commander.
2. Appropriate Commanders must concur with the company submitting the DA 4187 for the PT Excellence Streamer before sending it to the BN Commander.
3. Conduct a risk assessment to ensure environmental, physical, and OPTEMPO hazards do not exist.

c. BN S3

1. Establish the PTOE Test Committees.
2. Maintain DA PT Standards.
3. Provide the evaluators for the PTOE test with assistance from other units.
4. Commander must concur with the company submitting the DA 4187 for the PT Excellence Streamer before sending it through S3 Training to the Battalion Commander.
5. Coordinate with the Battalion S1 for the presentation ceremony.
6. Provide overall staff supervision.
7. Receive results from units.
8. Maintain a file of unit results.
9. Approve/disapprove unit requests to delay forfeiting a streamer after one year if revalidation tests have been cancelled due to risk assessments or mission conflicts.
10. Ensure the Command Group is aware of units testing for the PT Excellence Streamer.

d. BN S4, contract for and maintain accountability of all streamers awarded.

10. The Battalion Commander's Physical Training of Excellence Program will enhance our overall physical readiness and ability to fight, sustain, and survive on any battlefield. I challenge every unit commander to go for the gold streamer.

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11. EFFECTIVE DATE: This policy replaces Commander's Policy Memorandum #9B, Physical Training Excellence Streamer Program, dated 8 July 2013.

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