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MEMORANDUM OF INSTRUCTION

SUBJECT: Force Protection Standards

1. This memorandum applies to all U.S. Soldiers assigned and attached to Task Force Raider while serving in any force protection capacity. The purpose of this memorandum is to implement procedures that will standardize how force protection shifts are prepared, posted and executed. It is designed to enhance accountability of equipment and to ensure that Soldiers are properly prepared and supervised during their force protection mission.

2. All forces serving in a force protection role, regardless of size, will establish the following leadership to ensure the guard force is properly supervised:

a. Officer of the Guard (OOG): Responsible for analyzing the force protection requirements based on likely threat situation. Receives and disseminates reports from higher regarding enemy threats and likely enemy courses of action. Assists the SOG in assembling and inspecting the guard force. Assists in requisitioning and distributing logistical support for the guard force. Provides assistance to the SOG as needed throughout the guard period. Responsible for checking on the guard force periodically to ensure they are operating in accordance with established standards.

b. Sergeant of the Guard (SOG): Receives and disseminates threat reports as applicable. Assembles and inspects each guard relief and corrects any deficiencies prior to posting the relief. Personally accompanies the COR in posting each guard relief. Supervises the 100% serial number inventory of all equipment used by the guards during each change of shift. Responsible for requisitioning, receiving and distributing all logistical requirements to support the guard force in the execution of their mission. Responsible for checking on the guard force periodically to ensure they are operating in accordance with established standards.

c. Commander of the Relief (COR): Responsible for assembling their relief and preparing them for inspection. Receives and disseminates reports and information as required. Accompanies the SOG in posting their relief and conducts 100% serial number inventory during the change of each shift. Remains with guard shift to supervise the conduct and adherence to standards throughout the guard shift. Requests logistical support and assist in its distribution as required.

3. Guard Mount: All units conducting any type of force protection will hold formal guard mounts for each relief. Guard mounts will take place far enough in advance to allow sufficient time to correct any deficiencies found. The guard mount will be held by the

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Sergeant of the Guard, accompanied by the Officer of the Guard, for the purpose of evaluating the readiness of each sentinel. Detailed combat uniform standards are outlined in the Raider TACSOP under Chapter 1. The inspection of the guards will include, but is not limited to:

- a. ACU complete (A2CU/FACU as applicable)
- b. IOTV complete with MOLLE pouches and IFAK
- c. Weapon (clean and serviceable with optic and laser tied down)
- d. Basic load of ammunition
- e. Basic load of food and water (as applicable)
- f. Individual PPE (gloves, kneepads, eye pro, etc). Clear lenses for eye pro on hand for transition to night operations.
- g. NODs (tied off to IOTV or MOLLE during daylight, mounted to ACH and tied off for night operations) with spare batteries on hand.
- h. Additional sensitive items and communications devices tied down
- i. Additional mission essential equipment
- j. Wet weather/cold weather gear as needed
- k. The COR, SOG and OOG will each maintain a copy of the Master Authorization List (MAL) or other similar document that contains a list of all sensitive items, by serial number, for each piece of equipment their guards have in their possession. The list will also include any equipment that is maintained at the individual guard posts
 - l. General Orders
 - m. Special Instructions (details pertaining to the specific location and requirements)

4. Posting Guards: Upon completing of guard mount, the Sergeant of the Guard, accompanied by the Commander of the Relief, will post each relief. When posting the relief, a detailed inspection of the position will be conducted. At a minimum, the inspection will include, but is not limited to the following:

- a. Cleanliness and serviceability of crew served weapons and components (headspace and timing, spare barrels, tripods, optics tied down, etc.)
- b. Basic load of ammunition present and serviceable
- c. A 100% serial number inventory of all equipment that is assigned to each position
- d. Range card and/or sector sketch (legible and accurate)
- e. A map and compass (ensure Soldiers know where their position is on the map)
- f. Spare batteries on hand for each piece of equipment at that location (night optics, radios, laser designators, etc.)
- g. Communications check with higher headquarters to verify operation status of devices and to notify the Officer of the Guard that the relief has been posted.
- h. Reporting Drills – the SOG will require each Sentinel to practice reporting a Direct Fire and Indirect Fire threat using TRPs and azimuths IAW established range cards. Emphasis will be on using the SALT-R format.

5. Conduct: The following conduct while on force protection is by no means and all inclusive list. At a minimum, the guard force will follow the general guidelines as follows:

- a. Sleeping is not permitted on guard. Guards must remain alert and vigilant throughout their shift.

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b. Smoking is not permitted at night. Smoking illuminates the guard and provides an easy means for the enemy to observe sentinels and establish their patterns. It also provides a point of aim in the event the enemy decides to engage the guard.

c. Eating should be discouraged while on guard. Extended missions and the lack of personnel may make this impractical. If eating must be done, limit eating to only one guard at a time while the other guard scans the assigned sector.

d. Guards must scan their assigned sectors constantly with optics. Boredom and complacency easily sets in on force protection, causing guards to simply sit there. An active effort must be made to continuously to find the enemy. Use optics to watch key areas of interest and likely enemy positions. The enemy is always observing our guards and conducting reconnaissance, see if you can pick them up.

e. Guards must remain in uniform at all times. There is no telling when an attack will occur so guards must be ready at all times. Our personal protective equipment protects Soldiers better than anything we have ever had in the past. This gear is useless if it is across the COP during an attack.

6. POC for this action is the undersigned at .

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