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**USACC OPORD 08-24-XXX- Junior Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (JROTC) SY24-25 Essay Contest**

**(U) Assignments:**

* 1. (U) **OPR (Lead):** USACC,JROTC.
  2. (U) **OCRs (Assists):** USACC,2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th Brigades.
  3. (U) **Info Only:** All other HQ USACC staff elements.

**(U) Suspense**:

1. (U) **14 MAR 25:** USACC,2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th Brigades submit their essay nominations to the USACC JROTC Directorate at [usarmy.knox.usacc.list.hq-jrotc-](mailto:usarmy.knox.usacc.list.hq-jrotc-education@army.mil) [education@army.mil](mailto:usarmy.knox.usacc.list.hq-jrotc-education@army.mil).

**(U) References:** USACC Regulation 145-2: JROTC Organization, Administration, Operations, Training and Support, 12 August 2022.

1. **Time Zone Used Throughout the OPORD**: ROMEO. (Eastern Daylight) (GMT - 4:00)
   1. **(U) SITUATION.** The JROTC Essay Contest is an annual competition designed to give Cadets an opportunity to assimilate lessons learned from JROTC curriculum and communicate their knowledge in writing. Participating in the essay contest exposes Cadets to a key component of 21st century education skills: writing. Writing in accordance with national standards outlined in the Common Core State Standards help Cadets prepare for college and careers.
   2. **(U) MISSION.** USACC conducts a JROTC Essay Contest in SY 24-25 in support of JROTC’s mission to motivate young people to become better citizens, and to instill in students the values of citizenship, service to the United States, personal responsibility, and a sense of accomplishment.
   3. **(U) EXECUTION.**
2. (U) Concept of Operations.
   * + 1. (U) All Cadets enrolled in JROTC are encouraged to participate in the essay contest. A Cadet’s essay must be their own work. Instructors will evaluate each Cadet’s essay using the rubric in Annex A and select oneessay to submit to their Brigade. Based on the number of essays allocated to each Brigade (see Annex B), the Brigades will select the best essay(s) and submit them to the JROTC Directorate. The JROTC Directorate will select one winner from each Brigade.
3. (U) Tasks to Subordinate Units/Staff.
4. (U) **USACC, JROTC**.
5. (U) Conduct JROTC Essay Contest.
6. (U) Coordinate final judging to select and announce national winners.
7. (U) Approve awards for national winners.
8. (U) **USACC, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th Brigade.**
9. (U) Ensure JROTC Instructors (SAI/AI) conduct the JROTC Essay Contest in their schools and select one essay to submit to their Brigade. Essays must adhere to the rubric in Annex A.
10. (U) Coordinate judging to select the best essay(s). Based on the number of essays allocated in Annex B, submit essays to JROTC Directorate, Education and Curriculum Division at [usarmy.knox.usacc.list.hq-jrotc-education@army.mil.](mailto:usarmy.knox.usacc.list.hq-jrotc-education@army.mil) Submit essay(s) **NLT 14 MAR 25**.
11. (U) Prepare and send congratulatory letters to essay winners.
12. (U) Coordinate local awards ceremony to recognize essay winners.
13. (U) Coordinating Instructions.
14. (U) SY24-25 Essay Theme: “Integrity” Essay cover page will include the Cadet’s:
    * + - 1. (U) First and last name
          2. (U) LET number
          3. (U) High school name
          4. (U) High school address (street, city, state, and zip code)
          5. (U) SAI or AI name and email address
15. (U)Each Brigade will select their top essays and submit them to the JROTC Directorate for final judging and selection of the national winners. National winners will receive a Two-Star Note from the Commanding General, USACC and a roundtrip to JLAB at The Catholic University of America in Washington, DC.
    1. **(U) SUSTAINMENT.** N/A
    2. **(U) COMMAND AND CONTROL.**
16. Command.
    * + 1. (U) USACC, JROTC is the lead for this OPORD. POC information can be found in paragraph 5.b. below.
        2. (U) Direct general OPORD inquiries and task closure reports to USACC, G3, CUOPS, (502) 624-1187/ 4271, GAL: USARMY Ft Knox USACC Mailbox HQ G3 Ops, [usarmy.knox.usacc.mbx.hq-g3-ops@army.mil](mailto:usarmy.knox.usacc.mbx.hq-g3-ops@army.mil). Direct specific inquiries regarding this OPORD to the POCs listed in paragraph 5.b. below.
        3. (U) All USACC OPORDs are posted in the files section of the  [USACC-ORDERS Teams / SharePoint Folder](https://armyeitaas.sharepoint-mil.us/:f:/r/teams/USACC-ORDERS/Shared%20Documents/General/USACC%20OPORDs?csf=1&web=1&e=SnOsCT).
17. Signal.
18. (U) Primary POC: USACC, JROTC, Mr. Adam Palm, (502) 624-1330,

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1. (U) Alternate POC: USACC, JROTC, Mr. Christopher Saine (502) [624-1824, christopher.b.saine.](mailto:adam.m.palm.ctr@army.mil)[ctr@army.mil](mailto:ctr@army.mil)

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# ANNEXES:

Annex A – JROTC Essay Contest Rubric for SY 24-25 Annex B – Brigade Essay Allocations for SY 24-25

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