

National Society of Pershing Rifles
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National Society of Pershing Angels

ROYAL BLUE
AND
WHITE
ANNUAL CONVENTION

Step Competition



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(Letter Of Instructions)

National Society of Pershing Rifles
National Society of Pershing Angels
Company J-8
Company J-8-5

MEMORANDUM OF INSTRUCTION

2 April 2011

SUBJECT: Annual Royal Blue & White Step Competition, 2011

1. The Annual Royal Blue and White Step Competition is scheduled to take place on Saturday, 2 April, at Morgan State University. Enclosed, you will find all of the rules for each event in the competition.
2. A schedule of events is contained at Enclosure 3. Changes to the events will be transmitted in periodic updates or during the meeting for Step Team Commanders before the competition begins.
3. For information, contact: P/A Le' Dara Clark
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CRYSTAL JOHNSON
P/A STEP COMMANDER
NATIONAL SOCIETY OF PERSHING ANGELS

Enclosures:

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Application / Entry form

ANNUAL ROYAL BLUE and WHITE CONVENTION 2011 Drill Competition Entry Form

Cost is \$15 per team for step, \$5 for party hop, and \$10 for both:

Each school may enter only one team per event. Check events you wish to participate in or mark the all event box.

SCHOOL _____

___ Step competition

___ Party Hop competition

___ Step and Party Hop competition

COMPANY COMMANDER'S SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

STEP TEAM COMMADER'S SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

Total amount enclosed: _____

ACCEPTANCE OF REPONSIBILITY

Whereas the Morgan State University, the Morgan State University Army ROTC department, and the J-8 Pershing Rifles and J-8-5 Pershing Angels have agreed to sponsor the Annual Blue and White Convention's Step Competition to be held on 2 April 2011 at Morgan State University and permit

Printed Name of Competing Unit

to participate in the said Step Competition

Printed Name of Commanding Officer

is desirous of holding indemnities free from any and all claims whatsoever arising out of the use of the facilities at Turner's Armory

Now therefore in consideration of the indemnities

I, as the step team commander of the competing step team from _____ (University) do hereby accept full legal and financial responsibility for participation by any and all members of this step team in the 2011 Royal Blue and White Convention Step Competition to be held in Baltimore, MD, on the date of 2 April 2011. This acceptance of responsibility includes any and all accidents, illness, or any type from any cause to any member of this team, its commanders or other students associated in any manner with the step team during this time period, including any related time period required to travel to and from the above mentioned event.

We also agree to hold harmless all students, officers, employees of Morgan State University and members of the National Society of Pershing Rifles J-8 and Pershing Angels J-8-5, all judges and volunteers participating in the meet for any injuries sustained by any member of our entire group, either participating in the Royal Blue and White Convention Step competition or as a non-participant.

As the commander of the above team, I hereby also accept all rules, regulations and guidelines set forth in the General Operating Procedures of the Royal Blue and White Convention Drill Meet and the competition standard operating procedures of the competition in which our team has been entered.

SIGNATURE-Step Team Commander

DATE

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS

3. Special Notes for Advisors and Company Commanders.
 - a. Our Pershing rifles and Angels take their cues from us. Often in the heat of things, we get upset and mumble about the idiots who are judging the event or of the rule that lets another team gain an “unfair” advantage. We shouldn’t be surprised, therefore, when some of the teams walk away from the competition feeling robbed by the unfairness of it all; just another lesson that playing by the rules gets you nothing.
 - b. The school is large and there are lots of places for rifles and angels to roam. It is important that the commanders know where their team members are at all times.
 - c. Special note: Each company will be introduced during the opening ceremony. If your school has some sort of motto or team cheer; this would be the appropriate time to shout it.
 - d. Company J-8 and J-8-5 will take part the judging and administrative aspects of the competition. Do not ask for their advice or opinions. Company J-8 and J-8-5 will not complete in the Step competition but will voluntarily demonstrate drill ability after the Step competition.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS

1. Guiding Philosophy. This Step competition is intended to serve the following needs and purposes:
 - a. **To provide a step competition for the National Society of Pershing Rifles and Pershing Angels.**
 - b. **To give our societies a chance to compare their own proficiency against that of other companies.**
 - c. **To foster a spirit of camaraderie among the societies.**

2. Coordinating Instructions.
 - a. Uniforms and Equipment. Rifles and Angles will dress uniforms proper for their step performance. Uniforms should be unified and of appropriate attire.
 - b. Drill/ Step Floor. The drill and step competitions may be confined to the Turners Armory's drill floor.
 - c. Security. Each company is responsible for security of its equipment and the personal belongings of its personnel.
 - d. Judges. The hosts of the Step competition will arrange for judges. They will be organized to evaluate the graded event. Decisions of the Head Judge are final.
 - e. Scoring Procedures. Scores will be tallied under the direction and supervision of the Head Judge. The four judges will submit their score sheets to the tally section immediately after each team performs. If the scores of the judges vary by more than ten (10) points, the Head judge will assign the score he deems proper. In the event of a tie, the Head Judge's score will determine the outcome. **No scores will be shared** until the competition is over.
 - f. Conduct. Company Commanders and/or Step Team Commanders will brief their units on the requirements for good sportsmanship and discipline during the competition. The public, press, officers of the National Society of Pershing Rifles and Pershing Angels, officers of Morgan State University, and city government have been invited. Care must be taken to ensure that those in the competition wear appropriate uniforms and wear them properly, and that they exhibit appropriate conduct at all times.
 - g. Fees. \$15.00 for the step competition, \$5 for the party hop competition, and \$10 for both competitions.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
1200	In-processing	Units Check in ; ensure that teams listed on the entry form will complete
1215	Initial Briefing	Coordination meeting for all teams. Coordinator, Chief Judge, and team captains will be present. Meeting will clarify rules and procedures, and will disseminate last minute changes. P/A Teams not represented will not be penalized, but no effort will be made to inform them of rule changes or other items raised in the meeting.
1245	Drill Competition	Drill events will not follow a set order. Teams maybe scheduled for the drill floor before they are inspected. Companies will not be asked to do more than one event at a time and every effort will be made to ensure time is available between events.
1500	Step Competition	Stepping events will not follow a set order. Teams maybe scheduled for the drill floor before they are inspected. Companies will not be asked to do more than one event at a time and every effort will be made to ensure time is available between events.
1530	Conclusion	Awards will be announced for knockout. Companies are dismissed

STEP COMPETITION

COMPANY: _____

GRADING – ALL JUDGES:

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>POINTS POSSIBLE</u>
APPEARANCE OF THE UNIT	0 – 15 _____
DIFFICULTY OF THE UNIT	0 – 30 _____
CRISPNESS OF MOVEMENTS	0 – 30 _____
ORIGINALITY OF PERFORMANCE	0 – 25 _____
TOTAL	0 – 100 _____

TIME ALLOWED – 8 MINUTES (Minimum – 4 minutes)

PENALTIES (SENIOR JUDGE ONLY)

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>POINTS</u>
Team Size (25 points one person under 3 persons)	_____
Time Violation (over 8 min; 1 pt/sec; max 15 pts.)	_____
Maneuvers judged to be in poor taste (1 – 25 points)	_____

SIGNATURE OF HEAD JUDGE