

**General:** Welcome Back! As you can tell AC-Bragg is still alive and kicking. Not sure when the ultimate decision will be made regarding the future of the AC concept but for now there is no change. With that said, please take the time to read all of this Odds & Ends and pay close attention to the suspense dates. A copy of this will also be sent via snail-mail and will be posted to the AC-Bragg website as well.

**Budget:**

- **FY05 Budget:** The FY05 budget closeout is nearly complete. We did a pretty good job of spending our allocations this year but we can always do better.
- **FY06 Budget:** As of now, I have not heard anything about a continuing resolution to kick off FY06 but if this year is like most, I'm sure we can expect one. As soon as I have a final copy of your FY06 budget I'll get it to each of you. Please remember we will be funded at about 64% in OMA and about 78% MPA for FY06. Also, remember that RPA is now called MPA and it can no longer be used for cadet travel and billeting. That now comes out of OMA when approved by the AC. In the near future I'll be asking each of you to complete an online process to forecast how much of you budget you expect to spend by month. I will not be asking for a dollar amount but rather a percentage. That percentage is what I will expect you to execute each month/quarter. More to follow on that. POC is Mr. John Sovine, (910) 396-4066 or [john.sovine@usacc.army.mil](mailto:john.sovine@usacc.army.mil).
- **Cost Savings:** Each of you need to take a hard look at your FY06 expenses, especially when it comes to OMA. A couple of items that come to mind are AOL subscriptions and copiers. For those of you that have access to the internet through a reliable school LAN, you do not need an alternate internet service provider. You can cancel your subscription to AOL or whatever service provider you are using. You will continue to receive the funding but you will be able to use it for other OMA expenses. As you know we now utilize the web portal for our primary means of contacting each of you and do not use AOL or other email addresses as a means of routine communication. Another area that you need to take a close look at is your copier contract if you

have one, especially those of you supported by Ft. Jackson. You may be able to get a better deal else where. The Ft. Jackson contract will cost each of you under the standard contract \$1347.24. For those of you under the higher count contract, the cost will be \$1936.80. The POCs at Ft. Jackson are Mr. John Hawkins, (803) 751-6912 and Ms. Meridy Stanley, (803) 751-4020. You are not required to utilize the Ft. Jackson contract, it's up to you.

## **GPC:**

- **Certification Problems:** There are still a number of you that are repeatedly late on certifying your GPC accounts through the C.A.R.E. system. In order to enforce the Cadet Command requirement of having your accounts certified within 3 days (including opening day) of the opening of the certification window the following measures will be taken for those of you that do not certify in a timely manner.
  - First Time Offenders: Verbal counseling
  - Second Time Offenders: Written counseling; GPC suspension for 30 days
  - Third Time Offenders: Probation for the approving official

Additionally, it is your responsibility as an approving official to have an alternate approving official that can certify in your absence. I recommend coordinating with the billing official of a sister program and each of you becoming the others alternate. If you have any questions contact me at (910) 396-4066 or by email at [john.sovine@usacc.army.mil](mailto:john.sovine@usacc.army.mil).

- **Reallocation:** GPC reallocation of OMA/MPA funds is still an issue for some of you. Please make sure you reallocate during the approval process every month. In addition, effective 01 Sep 05 JROTC GPC cards will no longer be coded to allow for the purchase of meals and lodging to support cadets at drills and camps.
- **Certification Window:** In November 05 the GPC certification window will change from the 24<sup>th</sup> of each month to the 19<sup>th</sup> of each month. This change is effective 19 Nov 05.

**Master Training Schedule:** *The suspense date for the Master Training Schedule was 1 Sep 05.* We're still missing about 50 master training schedules. As of 7 October those units that have not submitted their training schedules will be placed on probations. POC is Mr. Buck Jenkins, (910) 396-0662 or [buck.jenkins@usacc.army.mil](mailto:buck.jenkins@usacc.army.mil).

**Email Addresses:** This is still a problem. As stated in previous Odds and Ends we now utilize your web portal email address for all official email communications originating out of AC-Bragg. As such, many of you have set the forwarding rules to forward your web portal email to a more convenient email address. Some of those forwarding addresses are either incorrect or the mailbox is over its size limit. If either of these two problems pertains to you, you will not receive the email traffic from this office and may miss receiving important information. Please make sure your forwarding information is correct and your mailbox is not over its size limit.

**Instructor Management:**

➤ *Annual Appraisals* were due to AC-Bragg no later than 15 Jun. *If it isn't here it's late.* We're still missing about 30 evaluations. An electronic version of the form can be downloaded from the AC-Bragg website. Please make sure your evaluation has the medical certification portion completed. This is a requirement for every evaluation. Additionally, for those of you that do not meet the screening weight, you must submit the body fat worksheet along with your evaluation. Also, please do not forget to sign the evaluation. Lastly, the counseling dates for AIs must be completed. Contact Mr. Rudy Ford if you are having difficulties completing the evaluation. He can be reached at (910) 396-8807 or by email at [rudolph.ford@usacc.army.mil](mailto:rudolph.ford@usacc.army.mil).

**CCR 145-2:** As all of you know there is a new CCR on the street dated 1 May 05. Please become familiar with it. You can download it from either the web portal or the AC-Bragg website. If any of you still need a hard copy contact me at (910) 396-4066 and I'll drop a copy in the mail to you.

**EVENT CALENDAR:**

a. 5 <sup>TH</sup> Annual Scotland HS Drill Meet	1 Oct 05	910-276-7370
b. Lexington SHS Rifle Match	15 Oct 05	336-242-1566
c. East Rowan Raider Meet	15 Oct 05	704-279-1408
d. AC Bragg Raider Meet North	5 Nov 05	804-780-6254
e. 9 <sup>th</sup> Annual T.O. Wright Drill Meet	12 Nov 05	336-643-4131X-124
f. Lake City HS Drill/Raider/Rifle Meet	19 Nov 05	843-374-3321X-325
g. Lancer Annual Turkey Shoot-Postal	19 Nov 05	804-639-6679
h. AC Bragg Raider Meet South	3 Dec 05	
i. George Wythe Air Rifle Match	10 Dec 05	804-231-0877
j. 2005-2006 Army JROTC Air Rifle Postal Competition program time line:		
- Postal targets turned into CMP	1 Dec 05	
- Postal results become final	17 Dec 05	
- Invitations sent to winners	17 Dec 05	
- Eastern Region Entry Forms due	15 Jan 06	
- Eastern Region Championships	9-11 Feb 06	
- National JROTC Air Rifle Championship	23-25 Mar 06	

Note: For more detailed information on the above events go to the AC Bragg website.

**RAPPELLING:**

Units desiring to conduct rappel training with cadets must comply with AC-Bragg Rappel MOI. At a minimum the following procedures should be adhered to prior to scheduling training:

- Two rappel certified instructors to conduct rappel training
- Annual Risk Assessment sent to AC-Bragg
- Annual Tower inspection sent to AC-Bragg

Individuals who attended and passed Rappel Instructor Certification Training, the certification is good for 5 years provided rappelling duties are performed semi-annually. AC-Bragg will conduct Rappel Instructor Certification Training annually as required. Individuals requiring certification should contact Mr. Perry or Mr. James for details.

**REPORTS:** All reports must be submitted utilizing the JUMS/JCIMS Interface. Suspense dates is 1 October 2005 as posted on the AC Bragg website. Units needing assistance should contact AC-Bragg at 910-396-4066/8706/8606.

**JSOCC ATTENDANCE:** As a reminder JSOCC attendance is mandatory. Those scheduled to attend and notified of the requirement must attend. If you are a no show you will be placed on probation and rescheduled to attend within the next 6 months. To preclude this from happening please notify us well in advance if you will be unable to attend at the scheduled time. That should allow us to replace you with another cadre member and reschedule you for a future date. Emergencies which require last minute changes will be addressed on a case by case basis.

**NEW EQUIPMQNT:** As you know lots of new automation equipment is on the way and in some instances already arriving. I'll attempt to explain exactly what each of you will be receiving at a minimum. First though, let me explain a problem that we have encountered. The second classroom package has started arriving. During the contracting phase an error occurred and every school was shipped a second classroom package regardless of the number of classrooms you actually have. The intent was to only ship a second package to programs with more than one classroom. We are in the process of determining how best to handle the excess equipment. In the mean time store the equipment in the original boxes and do not use any part of it to include the laptop. Additional guidance will be published in the very near future. Now for the laundry list of equipment you can expect to see:

**New Automation Equipment**

<b>Group Purchase</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Cost Each</b>	<b>Anticipated Ship Date</b>	<b>DD250 Required</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Classroom Equipment Purchase	32" TV	\$525.00	Shipping	Yes for all equipment
	DVD Player	\$68.00	Now	
	LCD Projector	\$1500.00	7 Oct	
	Projection Screen	\$245.00		
	Laptop	\$1616.00		
2 <sup>nd</sup> CPS Purchase	CPS	\$1600.00	Mid October	Yes
	2x E-Pads	\$175.00 each		
Walk & Talk Purchase	Smart Board	\$2257.00	Nov/Dec	Yes

**DD 250s:** As the equipment arrives please complete a DD250 as in the past. Send a copy to AC-Bragg and forward the original to your support installation. This will allow the equipment to be added to your hand receipt. For those schools that received an excess 2<sup>nd</sup> classroom equipment package do not complete the DD250 at this time for those particular items. An example DD 250 is attached as well as a blank DD 250 for your use.

**FORMAL INSPECTION COORDINATION:** For those of you that are scheduled for a formal inspection this year please follow the previous guidance regarding the scheduling of a uniformed individual to conduct in-ranks inspections. If you encounter problems, contact Mr. Buck Jenkins at (910) 396-0662.