



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
1-183^D REGIONAL TRAINING INSTITUTE
2101 EAST PARADE AVENUE
FORT PICKETT, BLACKSTONE
VIRGINIA, 23824

NGVA-RTI-A

DATE

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

Subject: 1-183D Regional Training Institute (RTI) – Rappel Master Welcome Letter

1. Congratulations on your selection to attend a course here with the 1-183D RTI. Report time is between 0900 and 1700 hours on the report date. Report to Building 2101 upon arrival where you will sign-in, in-process, and receive further instructions. You will be responsible for all meals on the report date.

2. Requirements for In-processing:

- a. Copy of current Physical Health Assessment (PHA) within the past 12 months
- b. DA 705 receiving a passing score on the APFT within the past 30 days. (Record or Diagnostic).
- c. Three (3) copies of student orders and / DD1610 (DTS Travel Authorization)
- d. Copy of Permanent Profile (DA 3349), if applicable
- e. Common Access Card (CAC)
- f. One (1) set of ID tags
- g. Diploma or Orders of certification of one of the following schools:
Air Assault, Ranger, Sapper, or Military Mountaineer
- h. Post Reservation Checklist completed in ATTRS by your unit's ATTRS Operator
- i. Name, Rank, phone number and email address of your unit's RNCO and 1SG
- j. Active Duty Soldiers receiving BAS MUST bring a copy of their DA 4187, signed by their Command, stopping BAS while they are attending the assigned course.

k. RTI Commanders / Commandants have the authority to deny enrollment or disenroll Soldiers that are grossly obese, or otherwise physically unable to meet course requirements due to safety concerns.

l. Soldiers flying should book flights into Richmond International Airport (Airport Code - RIC) as transportation is provided by the Institution. Flight Itineraries are required to be emailed NLT 5 business days prior to report date of the course. The link-up point at the Airport for transportation is the USO. Flights out can be scheduled no earlier than 1800 hrs on the graduation date.

3. Graduation Requirements. Students must meet the following requirements to successfully complete the Army National Guard 183rd RTI Rappel Master Course.

a. KNOTS: This is a pass/fail exam that requires students to tie four common knots in less than 30 seconds. One re-test will be administered for individuals that do not meet a passing score. Here are some of the common knots you will see throughout the duration of the course: Munter, Water Knot, Bowline, 3 Loop Bowline, Figure 8 loop, Square Knot, and the Hip Rappel Seat.

b. HOOK-UP: This is a Pass/Fail exam that requires students to identify a proper hook-up of a rappeller in ten seconds or less. One re-test will be administered for individuals that do not meet a passing score.

c. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION: This is a Pass/Fail exam that requires students to identify serviceability in four common pieces of rappelling equipment in two minutes or less. One re-test will be administered for individuals that do not meet a passing score.

d. RAPPEL MASTER PERSONNEL INSPECTION: The RMPI segment of training is the most difficult portion of the Rappel Master Course. The majority of training is dedicated to this subject. Students have three minutes and thirty seconds to inspect three rappellers, (Hollywood, Semi-Combat, and Full-Combat configuration) and must identify all major deficiencies. A test and re-test will be administered.

e. AIRCRAFT COMMAND AND CONTROL: This test demonstrates a student's ability to successfully and confidently send rappellers from a UH-60. Students must achieve a score of 100% in order to pass. One re-test will be administered for individuals that do not meet a passing score.

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e. BASIC RAPPELLING: Students must show competency in basic rappelling. Students will rappel from both the wall side and the open side as well as conduct Rappel Master duties.

f. ADVANCED RAPPELING: Students must show competency in an advanced rappelling. Students will be introduced to rescue rappelling techniques as well as learn how to apply the knots they learned previously in the course to properly prepare, rig, and execute a rescue rappel.

g. WRITTEN FINAL: This is a cumulative exam covering all lessons and practical exercises experienced throughout the course. Student must achieve 70% to pass. One re- test will be administered for individuals that do not meet a passing score

4. Additional course information can be found in ATRRS Course Catalog. Our School Code is 1020.

5. Point of Contact are Phone: 434-292-2139 (Branch Chief); Phone: 434-292-2125 (Readiness); Phone: 434-292-2159 (Training)

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Chief Instructor