



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS, RANGER TRAINING BRIGADE
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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD:

SUBJECT: Command Sergeant Major Welcome Letter

1. Congratulations on your selection to attend the United States Army Ranger School. Ranger School is a leadership course that will teach what you are capable of doing under stressful situations. By nature of the course, you will emerge a more confident, tactically proficient leader with the ability to accomplish any mission assigned. This welcome letter should give you an idea of what to expect and some things that are expected of you when you arrive.

a. All Ranger students will have a **Ranger haircut** prior to arrival on Zero Day. A **Ranger haircut is defined as:** stubble-entire head shaved with hair clippers with no guard attached. There is no requirement to shave your head with a razor.

b. Cellular phones **ARE NOT AUTHORIZED during the course**. If you bring a cell phone to the course it will be locked in your unauthorized baggage and returned at the end of the course. If you are caught with a phone at any time during the course, it is an SOR offense and grounds for dismissal.

c. Unauthorized items, as defined in the RTB packing list, ([see packing list](#)), will not be stored by RTB unless the student is TDY enroute or OCONUS.

d. Tobacco and caffeine products of any kind are forbidden, and will be grounds for immediate dismissal from the Ranger course.

e. With the advent of ALTHA, the computer based record keeping system; medical records will no longer be brought to Ranger School by Students. Ranger Students will only bring a copy of their current physical (along with any waivers) and a MEDPROS printout that includes a routine immunization summery printout (Routine Adult + H1N1 module). See the [medical link](#) on the RTB webpage for more information.

f. Students should have all personal/financial issues in order prior to attending Ranger Training.

g. Students **must** be physically fit when reporting. The standards for Ranger School are well known and available on the website. You are expected to show up physically capable of achieving those standards. The three events that cause most students to recycle or fail Ranger School are the P.T. test, the 5 mile run, and land navigation with at very close fourth being the footmarch. Success in those events significantly increases your chance of graduating. Do not rely on adrenaline to overcome a shortcoming in your fitness level.

h. Students reporting for Ranger School will report **NO EARLIER THAN 1000** hours and **NO LATER THAN 1300** hours on Zero Day which is on the Sunday before the class start date. The uniform is ACU's or your service equivalent. I recommend if you are flying into Columbus or Atlanta you have a complete uniform and seasonal APFU in your carryon bags. This is in case your check baggage doesn't make it.

i. Finally, do not attend Ranger School on a timeline. Your attitude should be: I'm here until the mission is complete and the only mission is the RANGER TAB. Ensure that all business is accomplished before attending so you can maintain focus.

2. POC is RTB Senior TAC, (706) 544-6413/7310.

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