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REGIONAL NATIONAL GUARD OFFICER CANDIDATE SCHOOL (OCS) FIELD TRAINING PROGRAM OPEN TO MEDIA

With nearly 120 officer candidates from 13 states enrolled in Phase One of Officer Candidate School, the Connecticut National Guard invites media to view training at Stones Ranch Military Reservation in East Lyme, Conn..

OCS is designed to assess the candidates' abilities before commissioning as officers at the end of a demanding 14-month development program. Phase One, a two-week program, tests the candidates' initial leadership abilities and proficiency on basic soldier skills such as land navigation, general military knowledge and squad and platoon tactics.

Media are invited to view candidates' routine in a field environment on Wednesday, July 11, 2018, beginning at 6:00 a.m., with opportunities for interviews with OCS leadership, instructors and candidates. Events will include:

6:00 a.m.: Parking lot ACROSS from 500 Boston Post Road, East Lyme, Conn. opens.

6:30 a.m.: First shuttle to training site. Please note: Civilian vehicles are not permitted on the training site and the shuttle is mandatory.

6:45 a.m.: Second transportation shuttle to training site. (If necessary)

7:00 – 10:00 a.m.: Preparation for daily regiment while in field environment, followed by land navigation training (Interview opportunities available).

Media are not permitted on Stones Ranch without prior coordination and an escort at all times. Those interested in attending must notify Maj. Mike Petersen in advance to coordinate transportation. Those who do not coordinate will be turned away for security purposes. Maj. Petersen can be reached at 860-524-4857 or at michael.t.petersen.mil@mail.mil.

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GPS Location: Parking Lot is ACROSS the street from 500 Boston Post Road, East Lyme, Conn.

Directions to Stones Ranch Geodetic Parking Lot FROM I-95 NORTH: Take Exit 75 (4 Mile River Road). Turn right on 4 Mile River Road. Turn right on US-1 and proceed approximately a half-mile to the parking lot on your LEFT (across from 500 Boston Post Road). Connecticut National Guard personnel will check Government I.D. and direct you further.

Directions to Stones Ranch Geodetic Parking Lot FROM I-95 SOUTH: Take Exit 75 (US-1 toward Flanders/Waterford). Follow US-1 approximately four miles to the parking lot on your RIGHT (across from 500 Boston Post Road). Connecticut National Guard personnel will check Government I.D. and direct you further.

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