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# **COMPETITIVE COMBAT SHOOTING – ROYAL NAVY AND ROYAL MARINES PARTICIPATION IN CENTSAAAM 2007**

### References:

- A. BR 8988.
- B. Infantry Training Vol IV, Pamphlet 20 Competition Shooting.
- C. Army Operational Shooting Policy Volumes 1 and 2.
- D. Infantry Training Vol IV, Regulations for the Planning, Conduct and Supervision of Firing and Training with Infantry Weapon Systems and Pyrotechnics.
- E. CENTSAAAM Admin Order 2007.

### **CENTSAAAM**

1. The Royal Navy and Royal Marines will participate in the Joint Service Central Skill-at-Arms Meeting (CENTSAAAM) to be held on the Bisley/Pirbright range complex during June & July 2007. CENTSAAAM will incorporate the Royal Navy and Royal Marines Skill-at-Arms Meeting (RNRMSAM) and the competition to determine the Champion Shot of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines who will receive Her Majesty The Queen's Medal for Shooting. This is the only medal in the Service that is awarded for excellence in a military skill. Administrative and organisational resources will be shared tri service and with the Territorial Army Rifle Association and will be co-ordinated by Army 4 Div.

2. The RNRM participation in the Central Skill-at-Arms Meeting is sponsored by the Commander-in-Chief FLEET and overseen by the Royal Navy and Royal Marines Rifle Association.

### **KEY DATES FOR 2007**

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| a. | 25 Jun   | Command and Range Teams Form up at Bisley.    |
| b. | 28 Jun   | All teams to be formed – Full Briefing.       |
| c. | 29 Jun   | RN and RM Skill at Arms Meeting commences.    |
| d. | 6 Jul    | Tri Service QM Final & RNRM Presentations     |
| d. | 8 Jul    | Inter Service FIBUA & Service Pistol Matches  |
| e. | 9-10 Jul | NRA Service Rifle Competition                 |
| f. | 11 Jul   | Methuen Cup / Aldershot Cup Matches           |
| g. | 12 Jul   | Inter Service and International Rifle Matches |
| h. | 13 Jul   | All personnel RTU                             |

3. Training may take place at Pirbright/Bisley, as administered by individual Command Associations, from 11 Jun 07.

4. A full CENTSAAAM programme is detailed at Annex A.

### **COMMAND AND CONTROL**

5. The Fleet Armoury Officer, Capt Jim Hilton RM, will have overall Command of the Naval elements taking part in CENTSAAAM. He will be advised by the Chairman RNRMRA for competitive shooting related matters. The 2IC will be a suitably qualified Warrant Officer provided by the Lead Naval Military Training School, HMS RALEIGH; he will also act as the Chief Range Officer. Any discipline/welfare matters will be dealt with in the first instance on site by the OIC and 2IC and any matter that cannot be dealt with at this level will be referred to the individual's parent unit for action. A diagram of the Command and Control organisation appears at Annex B.

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6. All RN and RM personnel will be on duty for the duration of the exercise and administered by the RNRMRA. Administrative assistance will be provided by the Lead NMT School HMS RALEIGH.

### TEAM COMPOSITION

7. Places are allocated to Commands / Areas as shown below:

<u>Command</u>	<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Mounting unit</u>
Plymouth & Scotland	15	HMS RALEIGH
Portsmouth	15	HMS EXCELLENT
Naval Air Command	15	HMS HERON
Royal Marines	15	CTC Lympstone

Notes:

Only a nominated team of 12 firers will count their scores for the Team, the remainder may shoot only as individuals. Each team must consist of at least 4 Tyros (Novices) who have never been part of the nominated team of 12 at Bisley before.

### RANGE TEAMS

8. Range teams will be called forward from Fleet units by augmentation. Range teams will be accommodated within Hythe Lodge (Army Rifle Association HQ) and will mess in the Combined Officers and Senior Rates Mess within Bisley Camp.

### ACCOMMODATION & MESSING

9. Command teams will be accommodated within the RM compound at Bisley. Teams are to be fully formed no later than 1600 hrs on 28 Jun 07. There will be a Team Captains' Meeting in 'Bloomers' at 1800 on 28 Jun 07. Teams will be messed in the All Ranks Messing Facility within the Brunswick Camp Area of Pirbright Barracks.

10. Team Captains are to make their own arrangements for pre CENTSAM training.

### TRAVEL

11. Duty travel is authorised for Command teams to travel to and from Bisley and for the hire and use of suitable vehicles whilst deployed. Transport arrangements are to be handled by each teams mounting unit in accordance with the procedure laid down in BR 8988.

### RULES AND REGULATIONS

12. The rules for competitive combat shooting and participation in CENTSAM & RNSAM are laid down in Infantry Training Vol IV, Pamphlet 20 Competition Shooting. These rules are amplified in the RNRMRA Joint Services CENTSAM 2007 brochure, which will be issued to all competitors. For Range Safety and Range Conduct issues the decisions of the Chief Range Officer are final. All other disputes or issues will be dealt with by the RNRMRA Bisley Committee. The Committee will consist of the following:

Chairman RNRMRA  
2IC & Chief Range Officer  
RNRMRA Bisley Secretary  
Captains Royal Marines, Plymouth, Portsmouth and Naval Air Command teams

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The decisions of the Chairman RNRMRA will be final.

### **DRESS**

13. CS95 with Weapon Training Order webbing is to be worn by all competitors. A limited amount of CS95 can be drawn from HMS RALEIGH by team Captains prior to training. Team Captains are to inform the storeman at NMT on 93 75 41266 to confirm availability of sizes and arrange collection.

### **WEAPONS**

14. All Team Captains are to ensure that team weapons are secured in the Bisley Compound Armoury prior to the competition start. Team Captains are to present a serialised nominal of team weapons to the Bisley 2IC by 28 Jun 07.

### **NAVY SHOOTING DINNER**

15. The annual Royal Navy Shooting Dinner will take place in the Army Clubhouse on the evening of 27 Jun 07. Team Captains are to encourage a maximum attendance at that dinner from their teams. Rig for the event will be jacket and tie.

### **RNRMRA CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER**

16. This year has seen the creation of the RNRMRA Corporate Communications Officer (CCO). The role has been established to help create a more proactive line of communication between the Association and the wider Fleet, to ensure that all are aware of our focused and relevant Aims and Objectives. As the CCO, Lt 'Dickie' Byrd RN (currently EA2 to the Capt RNAS Culdrose – tbr 18 May 07), is aiming to highlight our cause through various means, with the primary focus being presentations to various Command Desig and Professional courses. Moreover, this role will help to maintain our ongoing link with the Fleet N7 Team, NMT Staffs and other organisations such as the Navy News and Fleet Media.

17. Therefore, anyone wishing to use the CCO's services, in support of their Area recruiting or in helping to enlighten your Command of the Association's cause, and if you wish to volunteer to help act as a presenter in support of the latter programme, then contact the CCO at [corporate@RNRMRA.org](mailto:corporate@RNRMRA.org). Furthermore, if you have a story you would like published in the Navy News (with text sent in Word and photos in JPEG), if you wish to have your Command formally invited to attend the Queen's Medal Day, or if you have any questions or suggestions then email the CCO. For further details of the CCO's Aims and Objectives for 2007, then log on to [www.RNRMRA.org](http://www.RNRMRA.org) to view the CCO's 01/07 Newsletter and other useful documents in support of the corporate comms cause.

### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

18. Further information regarding CENTSAAM can be obtained from the RNRMRA Bisley Secretary, Lt Cdr N Benstead RN, on 93 80 20705 or by email ([309-meo@a.dii.mod.uk](mailto:309-meo@a.dii.mod.uk)).

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**ROYAL NAVY/ROYAL MARINES SMALL ARMS MEETING 2007**

ROYAL NAVY & ROYAL MARINES SKILL AT ARMS MEETING								National Rifle Association Matches, Inter-Services & International Matches					
Fri 29 Jun 07	Sat 30 Jun 07	Sun 1 Jul 07	Mon 2 Jul 07	Tue 3 Jul 07	Wed 4 Jul 07	Thu 5 Jul 07	Fri 6 Jul 07	Sat 7 Jul 07	Sun 8 Jul 07	Mon 9 Jul 07	Tue 10 Jul 07	Wed 11 Jul 07	Thu 12 Jul 07
<p><b>0830</b> <u>PIRBRIGHT</u> <u>Hutchings</u> (20 Lanes) Weapon Control • <b>Event 1</b> 300m &amp; 500m Deliberates</p> <p><u>PIRBRIGHT</u> <u>Hutchings</u> (20 Lanes) • <b>Event 2</b> (Stage 1) Match 4</p>	<p><b>0830</b> <u>NELSON</u> (20 Lanes) Events 3-5 Match 11</p> <p><u>NELSON</u> (20 Lanes) • <b>Events</b> <b>6 – 9</b> (Stage 2-5) Match 17</p>	<p><b>0830</b> <u>NELSON</u> (20 Lanes) Events 10 - 12 Match 11</p> <p><u>PIRBRIGHT</u> <u>Drouet</u> (20 Lanes) • <b>Event 13</b> (Stage 6) ETR RouPELL</p>	<p><b>0830</b> <u>PIRBRIGHT</u> <u>Drouet</u> (20 Lanes) • <b>Event 14</b> (Stage 7) ETR Roberts</p> <p><u>PIRBRIGHT</u> <u>Hutchings</u> (20 Lanes) • <b>Event 15</b> (Stage 8) Match 4</p>	<p><b>0830</b> <u>PIRBRIGHT</u> <u>Hutchings</u> (20 Lanes) • <b>Event 16</b> (Stage 9) Match 4</p> <p><u>ASH</u> Pistol Tiles</p>	<p><b>0830</b> <u>CENTURY</u> Butts 18 &amp; 19 • <b>Event 17</b> (Stage 10) Match 8</p> <p><b>1400-1700</b> <u>PIRBRIGHT</u> <u>Hutchings</u> RNRM Rifle Tiles</p>	<p><b>0830</b> <u>CENTURY</u> (20 Lanes) • <b>Event 18</b> (Stage 11) Match 8</p> <p><u>CENTURY</u> (20 Lanes) • <b>Event 19</b> (Stage 12) Match 8</p>	<p><b>0830 - 1530</b> <u>CENTURY</u> (Butt 13) • <b>Event 20</b> <b>Queen's Medal Final</b> (Stage 13) Match 8</p> <p><b>O/C</b> Presentation &amp; Awards (Artists')</p>	<p><b>0900</b> <u>CENTURY</u> (Butt 14) Short Range Target Rifle 300m 6 Lanes <b>0830</b> <u>STONEY</u> <u>CASTLE</u> <b>Rifle VIII Training</b> <u>CENTURY</u> (Butt 14) Short Range Target Rifle 600m 6 Lanes <u>STONEY</u> <u>CASTLE</u> <b>Rifle VIII Training</b></p> <p><u>Stickledown</u> NRA Falling Plates</p>	<p><b>AM</b> <u>LINES</u> Team ADMIN AD: Pistol Trng</p> <p><u>NELSON</u> NRA Inter- Service FIBUA Team Match</p> <p><u>NELSON</u> NRA Inter- Service Pistol and Pistol Tiles</p>	<p><b>AM</b> <u>CENTURY</u> NRA Service Rifle Matches: Bisley Bullet Sitting Standing</p> <p><b>PM</b> <u>CENTURY</u> NRA Service Rifle Matches: Kinnard Stephens Wantage</p>	<p><b>AM</b> <u>CENTURY</u> NRA Service Rifle Matches: Queen Mary Practice 1 &amp; 2</p> <p><b>PM</b> <u>CENTURY</u> NRA Service Rifle Matches: Queen Mary Practice 3 &amp; 4</p>	<p><b>0730</b> <u>CENTURY</u> (Butts 16&amp;17) RNRM Aldershot Cup <b>1000</b> Methuen Cup (Unit Teams) Match 8 <b>1330</b> <u>CENTURY</u> Methuen Cup (Unit Teams) Match 8</p> <p><b>1930</b> <u>BLOOMERS</u> RNRM B-B-Q <b>1930</b> <u>ARA</u> Reception &amp; Beat retreat</p>	<p><b>AM</b> <u>CENTURY</u> <b>United Services Rifle Match</b></p> <p><b>PM</b> <u>CENTURY</u> <b>International Service Rifle Match</b></p>

• EVENT IS A QUEEN'S MEDAL STAGE.

**COMMAND & CONTROL ARRANGEMENTS**

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