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**MEMORANDUM FOR LEADERS, SENIOR MILITARY COLLEGES**

**SUBJECT: SMC Ethics Bowl**

1. Background:

**WHAT**

The Senior Military College’s Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl (SMCIEB) Competition (hosted by UNG) is a one-day, virtual collegiate competition held amongst the six SMCs within the United States in partnership with the TRUIST Center for Ethical Leadership (TRUIST CEL). Teams from each of the six SMCs would compete in a debate-style competition around six ethical cases developed in partnership with each of the six SMCs and the TRUIST CEL. The six ethical case topics would be determined by the SMCs and written/finalized by the TRUIST CEL. There would be two rounds and a final round within the competition to determine the top team. The inaugural year was 2023. UNG was unable to host the competition in 2024 and we now propose to restart the SMCIEB in spring 2025. The top team will be awarded the 1<sup>st</sup> place SMCIEB trophy and a \$5,000 operational donation from the TRUIST CEL, awarded to their SMC-Commandant’s/Superintendent’s Office.

**WHY**

The SMCs are leadership development institutions. This event provides an opportunity for our future military leaders (and potentially our current military leaders who may serve as judges) to discuss (proactively) top ethical issues facing the United States military.

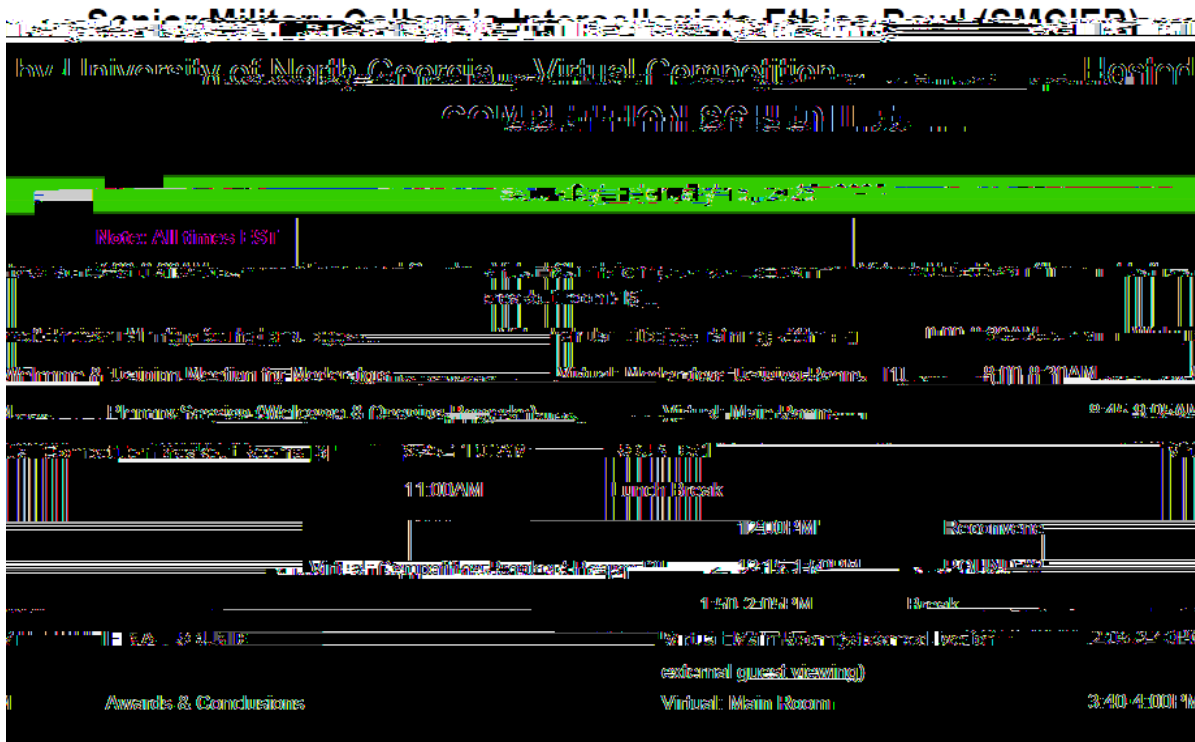
2. Timeline 2024/2025:

FALL 24	SMC Teams recruited/determined for Spring 25 (3-6 Cadets)
DEC (by 13 <sup>th</sup> )	TRUIST CEL releases the competition cases
DEC	SMC Teams planning/researching/practicing/preparing
SPRING 25	
JAN-FEB	SMC Teams planning/researching/practicing/preparing
FEB 15 <sup>th</sup>	SMC Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl Competition - Virtual

3. Requirements: Each SMC will develop one competition team comprised of a min. of three and max. of six Cadets (with a Coach) that will compete on behalf of the SMC during the competition. Each SMC will recruit at least one judge for the competition, in collaboration with the TRUIST CEL. Optional: Each SMC can provide a case topic for consideration.

Note – Additional UNG Requirements: There will be three moderators, which will be UNG Cadets, they will moderate both the main rounds and one will go on to moderate the final round.

4. If you have any questions regarding this proposal, please contact Dr. Rose Procter, Executive Director, TRUIST Center for Ethical Leadership, UNG at (706) 867-2966 or by email at [rose.procter@ung.edu](mailto:rose.procter@ung.edu).



**ROUND SCHEDULE EXAMPLE** (using round #1-all rounds have the same schedule during their specific time period)

Time	Activity
8:25-9:27AM	Setting in round
9:52AM	Case #1 read
10:00AM	Judges Q&A (up to 10 minutes)
10:12AM	Judge final scoring and end of first case session
10:12-10:14AM	Setting in round
10:14-10:15AM	and teams sign off case/question posted on screen
10:45AM	Judges Q&A (up to 10 minutes)