

MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: FY00 Aerial Target Requirements

1. The Targets Management Office (TMO) is currently assembling the FY 00 aerial target training requirements. SHORAD units equipped with the BRADLEY STINGER FIGHTING VEHICLE, LINEBACKER, MANPADS, and AVENGER air defense systems are of specific interest. In particular, the requirements for 1/5<sup>th</sup> Scale Remotely Piloted Vehicle Target (RPVT) System and Scoring are sought. Request unit training data be provided on enclosure 1 and returned to TMO NLT 31 Aug 99. Separate data sheets should be submitted for each Exercise planned.

2. As you know, the Radio Controlled Miniature Aerial Target (RCMAT) has been phased out. The Ballistic Aerial Target System (BATS) will be phased out effective 30 Sep 00. Inventory will diminish throughout this period, and the RPVT will become the principal aerial training target. The Standards in Training Commission (STRAC) document, DA PAM 350-38 is currently under revision and will reflect these changes in target vehicles.

3. The funding process for Aerial Targets support is directly related to the language in the STRAC. In recent years only gunnery live fire training and qualification support has been viewed essential, and the TMO has been funded accordingly. All missile engagements using the RPVT have been funded from resources provided by the unit to the TMO through transmission of a Military Interdepartmental Purchase Request (MIPR). To the extent that the target vehicle supply and support schedule permit, this policy will continue through FY 00. During FY 00, BATS will continue to be the primary target for LFX missile engagements. Recommend units concurrently plan both their RPVT and BATS requirements for this training year. The BATS must be requisitioned through the supply system.

3. To accurately project our budget needs, it is imperative that you identify the gunnery live fire training exercises (LFX) in number and duration for the total training year.

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Unforecast requirements submitted at the last minute are supported only at the expense of those who carefully projected their needs for training support. The demand for RPVT flight services and scoring support during FY 00 is expected to increase dramatically. Since we are limited contractually in the number of simultaneous missions supported, an early and thorough projection of target support needs will aid in resolving scheduling conflicts. Mission date changes are expected as range priorities vary; however, it is important that units establish their needs early and do so as accurately as possible.

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## AERIAL TARGET TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

UNIT	
MAILING ADDRESS	
POC (NAME)	
DSN PHONE #	
DSN FAX #	
COMM PHONE #	
Email Address	
TRAINING LOCATION:	
DATES:	SETUP _____ TRACKING _____ LIVE FIRE _____
NUMBER OF ROUNDS <input type="checkbox"/> 25MM _____ <input type="checkbox"/> 50CAL _____	Equipment "SHIP TO" address:
QUANTITY OF MISSILES TO FIRE	BASIC _____ RMP _____
TYPE WEAPON SYSTEM	
REQUIRED DEVICES (Circle) <input type="checkbox"/> Scoring/MDI * Dual Flts (One launch site) <input type="checkbox"/> PGS Retro's ** <input type="checkbox"/> IR PODS ** <input type="checkbox"/> MILES **	Comments (If Appl.)
PROPOSED QTY TARGETS REQUIRED: (Circle) <input type="checkbox"/> SU-25 RPVT 1/5 <sup>TH</sup> SCALE _____ <input type="checkbox"/> MI-24 RPVT 1/5 <sup>TH</sup> SCALE _____ <input type="checkbox"/> BATS *** _____	Comments (If Appl.)

\*Scoring/MDI Support authorized for gun systems ONLY.

\*\*Devices unique to the 1/5<sup>th</sup> scale RPVT system.

\*\*\* Items must be requisitioned

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