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Best Warrior Competition Closes First Phase

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The U.S. Army's Best Warrior Competition shifted gears on Day 4. The competition, which pits Soldiers and Noncommissioned Officers in competition for the coveted title of the Best of the Best in the Army, moved to a night-time setting for events Wednesday, the last day of the first phase of competition at Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia. The competition is a grueling, weeklong event that tests the skills, knowledge, and professionalism of 26 warriors representing 13 commands. On Wednesday, competitors completed a memorization test before taking part in a 12-mile ruck march through the crisp Virginia night.

The terrain of Fort A.P. Hill was expected to present a tougher challenge for Soldiers than the competition's previous home at Fort Lee, Virginia. The change of venue was meant to allow for a more difficult terrain, which

better emulates battlefield environments, according to Sgt. Maj. of the Army Daniel A. Dailey.

Soldiers who advance past the first phase of competition will be transported today to Washington, D.C., to take part in the second phase. The finalists will be taken on a staff ride through the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area to experience the memorable and sometimes painful Civil War history preserved in Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia.

"It's the whole Soldier concept," Dailey told the Army News Service in June. "We want to make sure everyone is well-rounded." ■

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