

2012 Army Digital Photography Contest Guidelines for Participants

Contest open for submissions 15 October-30 November 2012

Two (2) Major Divisions:

- Military Division (active duty military)
- Other Eligible Participants (Family members, Retirees and DA Civilians per AR 215-1)

Eight (8) Categories within in each Major Division (7 for **color** photos and 1 for **monochrome** photos):

- **People** - Photos where a person is the main focus. It may require model release (see "Model/Property Release" on page 2)
- **Military Life** - Images that portray military life
- **Nature & Landscapes** - Landscapes, outdoor scenics, nature images, sunsets, urban landscapes, seascapes, cityscapes, farms, floral, etc.
- **Animals** - Pets, birds, reptiles, amphibians, zoo animals, farm/domesticated animals, insects, etc.
- **Still Life** - Arranged images of diverse inanimate objects: food, plants, artifacts, etc
- **Design Elements** - Images that emphasize line, shape, pattern, form, texture, perspective – can be any subject matter. Note: this is **not** a category for graphic illustrations made in a program like Adobe Illustrator, nor would extreme digital creations belong in this category. This is for line, shape, pattern, etc.
- **Digital Darkroom** - Images created/alterd with computer software which demonstrate art, creativity, impact, with digital alteration the main focus of image (note the digital techniques used to create the picture).
- **Monochrome** - Photography that uses just one color with different vibrancy levels, any subject matter; **ALL** monochrome photos will be entered in this category.

Contest Rules:

- Participants complete online profile and submit entries between **15 Oct to 30 Nov 2012**, at contest website: <https://apps.imcom.army.mil/apptracmain>
- Participants may enter 3 photos per category at Garrison level
- Photos should be high resolution jpg files between 150KB and 2MB (maximum size allowed) and high resolution suitable for printing at 200-300 dpi.
- **Photos with a date stamp or photographer's name on the photo will be disqualified**
- Official photographs taken for service functions or in the line of duty are **not** eligible
- Explanatory text about the photo on the entry form should be brief and concise
- Photos submitted must be original work of participant and taken within the past year (i.e. after Sep 2011); photos previously entered in the Army Photography Contest may not be resubmitted
- All images must have a unique title for identification; "Untitled" is not acceptable as an entry title
- Participants should log back in and view entries to ensure images have uploaded properly; it is the participants' responsibility to ensure the photo is properly loaded. Access contest website through MWR web page link: <http://www.armymwr.com> (Home>Rec &Leisure>Arts & Crafts) (Login to the contest website with your AKO username and password)

Deadlines for Participant Entries: **30 November 2012**

- Submitted online NLT 30 November 2012
- Local contest deadlines may be earlier than 30 November, check with your local garrison POC.

All entries must be submitted online at the contest website, but local Garrisons may request participants bring in the actual photos for display, exhibit or local contest judging.

Disposition of Entries:

Winning entries will be archived by IMCOM G-9, Community Recreation and may be used for exhibitions, publicity and display. All winning entries may be used for exhibitions or news release purposes and may be comprehensively used and/or reproduced without limitation by or on behalf of the Department of Defense.

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Model/Property Release:

- All entries that involve US citizen human subjects who appear, or their personal property appears, in photographs taken in any area not open to the public should include a model/property release
- A model release is normally not required for foreign nationals or recognizable subjects in photographs taken in public places
- Entries without a model release or other form of consent may be rejected if any identifiable subject is depicted in an offensive or objectionable manner.
- The Model Release Form must be completed and signed by the subject or property owner, scanned and emailed to: sandra.l.nordenhold.naf@mail.mil

NOTE: A photograph may fit into more than one category. For example, a landscape with strong lines leading up to a person that you photographed in Korea could be categorized in Nature & Landscapes, People, or Design Elements. But you can only enter a particular photo into one category. Carefully analyze your photo, compare to previous winners, and then choose the most fitting category.