EO M424.03 – WEAVE CORDAGE

1. **Performance**:Weave Cordage

2. **Conditions**:

   a. Given:

      (1) Survival knife,

      (2) Supervision, and

      (3) Assistance as required.

   b. Denied: Nil.

   c. Environmental: Field setting.

3. **Standard**:The cadet shall:

   a. make cordage by:

      (1) gathering raw materials; and

      (2) wrapping the raw materials into a 1-m (3-foot) long continuous cord; and

   b. weave cordage into a 0.5-m (1.5-foot) one-strand braid (simple wrap) by:

      (1) holding one end of the cordage between the thumb and forefinger of the non-dominant hand;

      (2) rolling the cordage with the palm of the dominant hand in one direction on the thigh until tight;

      (3) grasping the other end of the cordage;

      (4) placing the middle of the cordage between the teeth;

      (5) bringing both ends of the cordage together;

      (6) holding the ends of the cordage tightly together in one hand;

      (7) releasing the cordage from between the teeth to create the braid;

      (8) tightening the braid; and

      (9) tying an overhand knot at the end of the cordage.

4. **Teaching Points**:

TP	Description	Method	Time	Refs
TP1	Identify the uses for cordage, to include: a. lashing materials together; b. binding materials; c. making snares; d. hanging food; e. hanging items; f. contructing water carrying devices; g. making shelter;	Interactive Lecture	5 min	C2-068 (pp. 241–244)

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	h. constructing clothing; and i. sewing items together.			
TP2	Identify the characteristics of cordage materials, to include: a. length of the fibre, b. strength of the fibre, c. pliability of the fibre, and d. availability of grip on the fibre.	Interactive Lecture	5 min	C2-008 (pp. 319– 320)
TP3	Explain, demonstrate and have the cadets select cordage materials, to include: a. trees, b. stalks, c. leaves, d. roots, and e. miscellaneous materials, to include: 1. rushes / sedges / grasses, 2. animal sinew, and 3. animal hair.	Demonstration and Performance	20 min	C2-008 (pp. 319– 320) C2-068 (pp. 241–243) C2-148 (p. 269)
TP4	Explain, demonstrate and have the cadet construct cordage from the selected materials by wrapping the raw materials into a 1-m (3-foot) long continuous cord.	Demonstration and Performance	20 min	C2-068 (pp. 241–244) C2-148 (p. 269)
TP5	Explain, demonstrate and have the cadets weave cordage into a 0.5-m (1.5-foot) one-strand braid (simple wrap) by: a. holding one end of the cordage between the thumb and forefinger of the non-dominant hand; b. rolling the cordage with the palm of the dominant hand in one direction on the thigh until tight; c. grasping the other end of the cordage; d. placing the middle of the cordage between the teeth; e. bringing both ends of the cordage together; f. holding the ends of the cordage tightly together in one hand; g. releasing the cordage from between the teeth to create the braid; h. tightening the braid; and i. tying an overhand knot at the end of the cordage.	Demonstration and Performance	30 min	C2-068 (pp. 242–244) C2-148 (pp. 269–271)

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5. **Time**:

a. Introduction / Conclusion:	10 min
b. Interactive Lecture:	10 min
c. Demonstration and Performance:	70 min
d. Total:	90 min

6. **Substantiation**:

   a. An interactive lecture was chosen for TPs 1 and 2 as it introduces the cadets to the characteristics and many uses of cordage.

   b. A demonstration and performance was chosen for TPs 3–5 as it allows the instructor to explain and demonstrate making and weaving cordage while providing an opportunity for the cadets to practice this skill under supervision.

7. **References**:

   a. C2-008 ISBN 0-00-653140-7 Wiseman, J. (1999). *The SAS survival handbook*. Hammersmith, London: HarperCollins Publishers.

   b. C2-068 ISBN 0-425-10572-5 Brown, T., Jr., & Morgan, B. (1983). *Tom Brown's field guide: Wilderness survival*. New York, NY: The Berkley Publishing Group.

   c. C2-148 ISBN 978-0-8117-3292-5 Davenport, G. (2006). *Wilderness survival*. Mechanicsburg, PA: Stackpole Books.

8. **Training Aids**:

   a. Natural resources, and

   b. Survival knife.

9. **Learning Aids**:

   a. Natural resources, and

   b. Survival knife.

10. **Test Details**:This lesson is assessed IAW Chapter 3, Annex B, 424 PC.

11. **Remarks**:Select an area where the raw materials required for this EO may be found. If that is not possible, gather enough raw materials, for each cadet, from an alternate location and bring them to the area.

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