

## SPECIAL OPERATIONS MILITARY DECEPTION PLANNERS COURSE (SMPC)

**ATRRS SCHOOL CODE:** 331

**COURSE CODE:** 2E-F286/011-F119

**Course Duration** 3 weeks

### 1. COURSE DATA

a. **PURPOSE.** Provide USSOCOM units with the information necessary to prepare students for the Special Operations Military Deception Planners Course (SMPC).

b. **SCOPE.** This memorandum covers the administrative requirements for the SMPC. This document is UNCLASSIFIED. This memorandum facilitates the proper preparation of the individual, his equipment, orders, and other requisite information for attendance to the course. This document will eliminate the systemic problems typically encountered by the students during each class.

c. **GENERAL.** HHC/5/1 SWTG(A), Advanced Skills Detachment conduct the SMPC and serve as Subject Matter Experts (SME) on Military Deception tactics, techniques and procedures.

d. **COURSE INFORMATION.** The SMPC is a classified course of instruction based at Fort Bragg, NC that develops an ARSOF Soldier who will be able to plan, manage and terminate MILDEC operations as the Military Deception Officer (MDO) during the conduct of IW operations as well as understand the history, principles, legal aspects and authorities of MILDEC operations.

### 2. PREREQUISITES

a. **STUDENT PREREQUISITES:** Students must meet the following prerequisites prior to attending the course. If the individual does not meet the prerequisites then a waiver must be sent to Commander, 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> Special Warfare Training Group (Airborne) for approval. The selection prerequisites:

(1) Must be in the 18, 37, 38 CMF. Waivers are available through the POC of this memorandum.

(2) Possess the rank of E-7 thru E-9, W1 thru W3, or O-4 thru O-5 with a validated mission requirement. Waivers are available through the POC's of this memorandum.

(3) Department of Defense (DOD) and Other Government Agency (OGA) civilians assigned to a position requiring this training may attend this course subject to the approval of Commander, USAJFKSWCS.

(4) Must be a U.S. citizen.

(5) Must meet the service component's height and weight standards.

(6) Must have a current TOP SECRET/SCI security clearance. For more information see welcome letter.

### 3. **CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT.**

a. Military students are required to wear ACUs or the service equivalent for the duration of the course. Civilian students are required to wear casual business attire.

4. **GROOMING STANDARDS.** AR 670-1 or relevant service equivalent applies.

### 5. **FUNDS.**

a. Students will report to the SMPC with an active U.S. Government Corporate Credit Card with a \$5,000.00 Credit Limit and a \$1,000 Cash Advance Authorization.

b. Credit limits and cash advance authorizations must be completed by parent units prior to course attendance. Students that lack sufficient funds to train will be dropped from the course.

6. **TRAVEL ORDERS.** Students not stationed at Fort Bragg will require travel orders covering the entire course period.

7. **BILLETING.** Use of government billeting is not directed by SMPC. Units may select to have students utilize government billeting if sufficient billeting is available. Students should plan to stay at local off-base hotels in Fayetteville, Spring Lake, North Carolina (vic. Ft Bragg) through the course. At no time should a student sign a lease for the duration of the course.

### 8. **TRANSPORTATION**

(1) Rental cars. Rental cars are necessary for TDY student transportation in and around Fort Bragg.

(2) Airline tickets. Parent units must provide personnel with airline tickets to and from the course location as per TDY travel orders.

### 9. **INCIDENTALS/PROPORTIONAL RATES.** NA

10. **REPORTING INSTRUCTIONS.** All students will report to Bank Hall, room 201 NLT 0845 on the first day of the course with the following:

Dressed in ACUs or equivalent service uniform (civilians in business casual)

- TDY or Attachment orders
- Functional USASOC/SOCOM SIPRnet account (personnel attending from outside the USASOC/SOCOM enterprise will be issued stub accounts for the duration of the course)

- Functional Government Credit Card with sufficient credit limit to cover TDY costs.

## **12. PROCEDURES FOR REQUESTING WAIVERS.**

a. General. All candidates for the SMPC must meet the pre-requisites as described in this document. If the SMPC candidate does not meet the prescribed pre-requisites, a waiver is required. Waiver approval authority resides with Commander, 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> Special Warfare Training Group (Airborne).

b. Procedure. The waiver process must be initiated a minimum of 4 weeks from the start date of the class. Waivers shall be generated at the echelon requesting the training. Units shall submit the waiver with a complete justification and pertinent detail of the candidate's training requirement. The waiver will be processed by the unit Military Deception Officer and endorsed by the first O-5 in the requestor's chain of command. The waiver will then be forwarded to the CDR, through the S3, 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> Special Warfare Training Group (Airborne) for final approval/disapproval.

## **13. CONTACT NUMBERS**

a. 5<sup>th</sup> BN, 1<sup>st</sup> SWTG: 910-432-7089, 910-432-2072

b. Advanced Skills Detachment/5/1: 910-396-1960, 910-907-5179