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The U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School at Fort Bragg, N.C., is the Army's Special Operations Center of Excellence, managing and resourcing professional growth for Soldiers in the Army's three distinct special-operations branches: Special Forces, Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations.

SWCS builds the only force specifically trained and educated to shape foreign political and military environments in order to prevent war. Special-operations Soldiers do this by working with host nations, regional partners and indigenous populations in a culturally attuned manner that allows them to bridge language barriers, open lines of communication and connect with key political and military leaders in a way that is both immediate and enduring.

On any given day, approximately 4,100 students are enrolled in SWCS's training programs. Courses range from entry-level training to advanced education and technical skills for seasoned officers and NCOs. In all, SWCS offers more than 65 unique courses that give Soldiers the skills they need to survive and succeed on the battlefield.

The 1st Special Warfare Training Group (Airborne) qualifies Soldiers to enter the special-operations community, and teaches them advanced techniques as they progress through their careers. Fort Bragg-based training include the Special Forces, Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations qualification courses, Advanced Individual Training for Army Reserve Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations specialists, and a number of advanced-skill courses. The 1st SWTG(A) also maintains satellite training facilities across the country, including the Special Forces Underwater Operations School in Key West, Fla., Advanced Mountain Operations School at Fort Carson, Colo., and Military Freefall School in Yuma, Ariz.

The Joint Special Operations Medical Training Center, operating under the auspices of the Special Warfare Medical Group (Airborne), is the central training facility for Department of Defense special-operations combat medics. The JSOMTC creates well-educated and professionally trained SOF combat medics with a solid understanding of the knowledge and skills required by the force to provide standard-of-care medical treatment, regardless of the conditions.

The Special Warfare Education Group (Airborne) produces agile, adaptive-thinking Soldiers while acting as an intellectual repository as well as an incubator of emerging thought and creative ideas in regional studies, foreign language, culture, adaptive thinking and leadership, behavioral science and education. Its Foreign Language Initial Acquisition Program, second only to the Defense Language Institute in its throughput, trains more than 1,500 Soldiers annually in the program's seven core languages.

Additionally, SWCS leads efforts to professionalize the Army's entire special-operations force through the Special Forces Warrant Officer Institute and the David K. Thuma Noncommissioned Officer Academy.

SWCS classes and field exercises are led by more than 400 military instructors, each of whom has operated in the same environments, for the same units, as their students will. Their real-world experience not only enhances the courses' instruction; it fosters camaraderie built on students' and instructors' shared sense of duty and commitment. Annually, one third of the uniformed instructors rotate back to the operational force from which they came, to maintain operational relevancy in both SWCS and the Army's special-operations units. As military personnel rotate between assignments, more than 200 expert civilian instructors and staff members support training, doctrine development and publishing initiatives by providing unique skill-sets.

Army special-operations Soldiers have a tremendous impact on today's world. At each stage in their careers, the U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School is with them to guide and develop their skills.

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