



ARMY SPECIAL OPERATIONS 2020



Eighteen years of precise effort and battlefield success in the counter-VEO fight serves as the foundation of our competitive advantage in today's complex security environment. Everything we learned and earned is relevant in our refocus to great power competition. Army Special Operations Forces are positioned around the world executing missions and training where we compete to win. Teamed with our Allies and Partners, our presence, capabilities, and the values we represent contribute each and every day to our Nation's credible deterrence.

Rebalancing the force to a healthier deployment-to-dwell ratio has increased training time to hone our skills and provided more predictability for our Families. As we've improved our readiness, we've restructured our modernization entities with an eye towards tomorrow. We're pairing today's battlefield experience and innovation with concepts and technology suitable for tomorrow. We will retain the hard-earned expertise from 18 years of war, while simultaneously leveraging every advantage of cutting-edge technology, firmly founded on the bedrock of Army and American values. These advantages also ensure, that when called upon, our Men and Women will prevail through the daring determination, precise lethality, and agile creativity which are the hallmarks of their service. This is what makes us truly special and will guarantee our success.

Our military and civilian professionals will focus on the following priority areas over the next year: ***People, Readiness, and Modernization.***

People. Our people are our advantage – their strength, agility, and lethality are the foundation of Army Special Operations. We must invest in our Soldiers, Civilians, and Families through modern programs and policies that will attract, retain, and sustain our force.

Ready. We will enable our units to train and sustain the highest state of readiness. Our Soldiers will maintain an unblinking eye on violent extremist organizations, and will compete, deter, and prepare to win against any threats worldwide. We will be brilliant at the basics, but train to the most demanding standards alongside the Army and Joint Force. We'll do our part to fight and win across the spectrum of conflict.

Modern. Our Modernization must be innovative and adaptive. We will evolve our capabilities, structure, equipment, training, and doctrine to ensure the success of our Men and Women for future crises or wars. Every piece of equipment and force design change must provide our Soldiers the right equipment, structure, and capabilities to dominate in any fight. We will divest what we no longer need in order to focus our resources on our most important requirements.

We understand America's trust in Army Special Operations is hard-earned and based on 70+ years of answering the Nation's call. This trust is re-earned every day and must never be compromised. Our Army and American values provide the foundation by which we fight, reflects our culture, and are the key combat multiplier as we look to a challenging future.

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