MEMORANDUM FOR Record

SUBJECT: Combat Diver Qualification Course ATRRS Course Information

1. General Information

a. PURPOSE. Train select US Army Special Forces, other US SOF units within USASOC, Foreign military, and US Government personnel as combat subsurface and surface infiltrators.

b. SCOPE. Students are trained in specialized physical conditioning, waterborne operations to include day and night ocean subsurface navigation swims, day and night team infiltration dives, deep dives, search dives, diving physics, physiology and injuries, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, marine hazards, tides and currents, US Navy dive tables, submarine lock-in/lock-out familiarization, closed-circuit and open-circuit dives, surface swims, small boat operations, and a course culmination situational training exercise (STX).

c. GENERAL. The Special Forces Underwater Operations (SFUWO) committee conducts the Combat Diver Qualification Course (CDQC), Combat Diving Supervisor Course (CDSC), and Combat Diving Medical Technician Course (CDMTC) and serves as the Army's Subject Matter Experts (SME) in developing special operations under and overwater doctrine and programs of instruction. The SFUWO committee is designated as Company C, 2nd battalion, 1st Special Warfare Training Group (Airborne) located on Fleming Key, Trumbo Point Annex, NAS Key West, Florida. This course has a maximum/optimum class size maximum 42, optimum 35 and minimum class size of 6.

2. Student Information

a. STUDENT PREREQUISITES. Students must meet the following prerequisites prior to attending CDQC:

1) Be one of the following: (AR 611-75 para. 2-16)

   i) A commissioned officer who holds a Specialty Code (SC) in one of the following series: 11, 18, 60, 61, 62, or 65.
ii) A warrant officer with MOS 180A (SF warrant officer).

iii) An enlisted Service member in CMF 11, 18, or 68W serving in approved diving positions designated by SC, MOS, SQI, or ASI applicable to combat divers.

iv) A military Service academy or Reserve Officer Training Corps cadet.

2) Must successfully complete the following:

i) Pass an APFT with a minimum physical standard for combat diver training of 52 push-ups and 62 sit-ups within a 2-minute period. (AR 611-75 para. 2-18 sub. e)

ii) Perform seven overhand grip pull-ups. (AR 611-75 para. 2-18 sub. f)

iii) Complete a 5-mile run in 40 minutes or less. (AR 611-75 para. 2-18 sub. h)

iv) Meet medical fitness standards IAW AR 40-501 (Standards of Medical Fitness) within 24 months prior to the start date of the scheduled CDQC and ensure that signed DD Forms 2807-1 and 2808 with all lab reports, EKG, and official CXR reads are sent to the SFUWO Diving Medical Officer (DMO) at divemed@socom.mil NLT 4 weeks prior to the course start date. Go to the company page on the USASOC portal for the CDQC physical exam checklist:


v) Pass CDQC prerequisites as outlined by USAFKSWCS. Successful completion of CDQC prerequisites will be certified, in writing, by the first Lieutenant Colonel or higher in the chain of command. This memorandum must be dated within 6 months (see below Policy Number 17-53) of start date of the scheduled CDQC. (AR 611-75 para. 2-18 sub. d)

*Note Policy Number 17-53 Pre-CDQC Training Program

1) The Command Diving Officer (CDO) at each SFG (A) is the Maritime Operations Detachment (MOD) OIC (Dive Supervisor, E-7 or above). (para. 3 sub. b)

2) While graduation from an approved Pre-CDQC program is valid for up to 12 months, MODS must provide each CDQC candidate the CDQC Pre-Requisite Validation Memorandum dated within 30 days of the student’s scheduled CDQC date. An example of the CDQC Pre-requisite Validation Memorandum is posted on the 1st SFC (A) G3 Training, MAROPS Portal page. (para. 3 sub. j)

3) Each memorandum will be signed by the MOD OIC/NCOIC. (para. 3 sub. k)
vi) Must pass a hyperbaric chamber pressure equalization test (given during the first day of the course) in accordance with the requirements contained in AR 40–501. Note. Requesting or desiring any variation from the above standards will require a waiver from the CG, USAJFKSWCS no later than 45 days prior to the start date. (AR 611-75 para. 2-17 sub. c-8)

vii) Waivers for attendance will be granted only by the Commander, 1st Special Warfare Training Group, upon recommendation by the USAJFKSWCS surgeon. Waiver requests must be sent to Commander, U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School, Command Surgeon (AOJK–GPM) (DEAN), Fort Bragg, NC 28310–5200. (AR 611-75 para. 2-17 sub. a-3)

3. Reporting Instructions

1) Reporting. All students will report through the main entrance of Bldg KW-100 NET 0900 and NLT 2000 on the scheduled reporting date (usually Sunday). Lunch is the first meal provided on this day (1130-1300). Students will not be allowed on the SFUWO compound prior to the reporting date. Students will report to the S-1 NCO in Room 214.

2) Students will not be allowed to attend CDQC without the following:

(i) Travel orders (DD Form 1610)
(ii) Hard copy of physical (DD Form 2807-1, DD Form 2808, all labs, EKG, and official CXR reads attached)
(iii) Hazardous duty orders for airborne operations
(iv) Commander's prerequisite validation memorandum (MAC Validation Memo)
(v) Copy of flight itinerary

3) CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT common to all. Students will need the following items:

- Issues desert tan/coyote brown T-shirts (Cotton/No Underarmour) 8 ea*
- Military authorized boots 1 pr
- ACU/Multi Cam's 4 sets * (no patches sterile for diving)
- Garrison Top with patches 1 ea (for Graduation)
- Beret 1 ea (for graduation)
- Patrol/Boonie cap 1 ea*
- Athletic shoes, lace type 2 pr
- Neoprene booties (for diving) 1 pr
- Military Style Camelbak type water system, 70 or 100 oz. 1 ea
- Sunglasses, all black 1 ea* (logo and lens subdued)
- Thin dive gloves or mechanic type gloves, black 1 pr
- Personal hygiene and Toiletry bag items for two weeks
- 1 Gallon clear water container (Arizona Iced Tea type, can be purchased in Key West at NEX on Trumbo Point)
• UDT swim trunks with standard OD nametape sewn or last name 1" stenciled on the right front leg (100% cotton or 65/35 Poly/Cotton blend acceptable) 2 pr
• PT shorts (all black, nylon) 3 ea*
• Sweatshirt, (all black or military) 1 ea*
• Sweatpants, (all black or military) 1 ea*
• Issued wet weather top 1 ea*
• White or black socks ankle length 8 pr*
• Approved rigger belt with V-ring for helo operations, black/tan/coyote brown 1 ea
• Waterproof watch 2 ea
• Pens/pencils as required
• Notebooks as required
• Basic calculator (no phones) 1 ea
• Croc/Teva sandal 1 pr (MUST be closed toe)
• Body glide personal Lubricant RECOMMENDED
• GTC, personal debit card, cash/checks as required

*Note: All clothing worn during duty hours must be military in style. Clothing will be neat and clean in appearance.
*Note: Graduation Uniform
• Garrison Top with Patches
• UDT (serviceable)
• Beret

MALE STUDENTS ONLY

Military issue briefs, underwear Brown or White 8 pr (80% cotton blend sold by Clothing Sales)

FEMALE STUDENTS ONLY

Sports Bras (No underwire, no clasp, and no hooks) minimum 8 pr sold by clothing sales in black/tan/coyote brown.
Sports underwear minimum 8 pr sold by clothing sales in black/tan/coyote brown.

4. Transportation

1) Travel to and from Key West will be by commercial air or privately owned vehicle (POV). Students will not use POV's while attending the course.

2) Airline tickets. Parent units will provide students with airline tickets to and from the course location as per TDY travel orders. Flights into Key West limit travelers to one check-in bag with a weight limit of 70 pounds and one carry-on bag. Travel from the airport should be by taxi to "the Army dive school on Trumbo Point." Make sure the taxi is able to get onto base. Students will not be allowed to leave the compound before
1500 on the graduation date. It takes approximately 20 minutes to get to the airport. Students should plan accordingly when scheduling departure flights.

3) BILLETING AND MESS. Students will be billeted in the Company C barracks NET 0900 of the scheduled report date and report NLT 2000 of the scheduled report date. If report occurs outside 0900-2000 call staff study 786-575-7145. On graduation day students will make flight arrangements NET 1600 and NLT 2200. Students arriving and departing from overseas assignments to include foreign students as well as any other student arriving early and not leaving the day of graduation (or outside 1600-2200) need to make lodging arrangements at the Navy Gateway Inns & Suites (BEQ/BOQ), Trumbo Point Annex, comm: (305) 293-4305/4118 or DSN: 483-4305/4118. Statements of non-availability will not be issued. Foreign students must report to SFUWO with a meal card provided by their unit S1. If needed SFUWO S1 can provide an example of the Basic Allowance and Substance (BAS) recoupment memorandum/DA Form 4187.

4) Directions to the Special Forces Underwater Operations compound, Fleming Key, Trumbo Point Annex, US Naval Air Station Key West, Florida: Take US 1 Overseas Highway to Key West. Make a right off of US 1/N. Roosevelt Blvd onto Palm Avenue Causeway. Travel over the bridge, make right at first stop light onto Ely St and enter the gate at Trumbo Point Annex, NAS Key West, FL. Make first left onto Chevalier Ave, continue to the stop sign and make a right then an immediate left onto Whiting Ave. Make first right onto Fleming Key Rd and go over the bridge. Make a right at T-intersection onto Mustin Rd and continue until you reach the SFUWO compound (approximately 1.75 miles). If gate is closed, call staff duty 786-575-7145 from the box.

5) Bicycles. Bicycles may be rented after the second week of training and will be the only available means of transportation during the course. Bicycle rentals should be authorized in your orders. The estimated cost for the bicycle rental is $53.22 per week for a total of $266.10 (5 weeks) for the duration of CDQC. Coordination for bicycle rentals will be made by the SM.

5. Medical

1) Students are not allowed to self-medicate or treat other students while attending CDQC. This includes but is not limited to over-the-counter medications and dietary supplements. All medications will be administered by the SFUWO medical staff. Students on prescription medications should include the prescription information to the SFUWO DMO when submitting the physical for review if not already annotated on the physical. During in-processing, students will be required to complete a DA Form 7349 to annotate any change in medical readiness status since the last physical. Future students should review this form prior to travel to ensure they do not have any disqualifying changes. Direct all medical questions to the SFUWO DMO at comm: 305-293-4154, e-mail: divemed@socom.mil, or brett.ambroson@socom.mil
6. Contact Information

1) Staff Duty: 786-575-7145

2) Physicals and medical issues: SFUWO DMO office, 305-293-4154, e-mail: divemed@socom.mil

3) S-1 NCO: comm: office 305-293-4150

4) Operations Sergeant: OPS SGT office 305-293-4166

7. Additional Information

1) The combat diver physical fitness test (PFT/5 mile run) will be administered at 0500 on the course start date (usually Monday). These are must pass prerequisites for entrance into the course. Units are encouraged to have students travel on the day prior (Sunday) to the course report date to ensure that the student is well rested for the PFT.

2) Grooming

(i) Male Students are expected to report for class within the standards outlined in AR 670-1 and maintain those standards throughout the course.

(ii) Female Students will have a haircut IAW Female Short Length standards in AR 670-1 prior to arrival. AR 670-1 defines a Female Short Haircut as, "hair length that extends no more than 1 inch from the scalp (excluding bangs). Hair may be no shorter than 1/4 inch from the scalp (unless due to medical condition or injury), but may be evenly tapered to the scalp within 2 inches of the hair line edges.

3) Carry on (Highly Recommended-due to possible lost checked baggage IOT begin CDQC)
   - Issues desert tan/coyote brown T-shirts (Cotton/No Underarmour) 1ea
   - PT shorts (all black, nylon) 1 ea
   - White or black socks ankle length 1 ea
   - Athletic shoes, lace type 1 ea
   - UDT swim trunks with standard OD nametape sewn or last name 1"stenciled on the right front leg (100% cotton or 65/35 Poly/Cotton blend acceptable) 1 ea
   - ACU/Multi Cam's (no patches sterile for diving) 1 ea

* Note- These items can be included in items required in Clothing and Equipment (See reporting instructions).

4) It is imperative that all administrative actions or problems be settled with the student's parent unit prior to the student's departure from the service member home station.
5) The Combat Diver Qualification Course is physically and mentally demanding. It is the responsibility of the student and the student's unit to ensure that proper preparation has been made prior to arrival in Key West.