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OUR MISSION
The U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School, the Special Operations Center of Excellence, assesses, selects, trains and educates disciplined Civil Affairs, Psychological Operations and Special Forces warriors and leaders, and develops doctrine and capabilities to support the full range of military operations — providing our nation with a highly educated, innovative and adaptive force.

OUR VISION
Forging experts in special warfare to adapt and succeed in a complex, multi-dimensional world through innovative training and education.

WE ARE THE U.S. ARMY’S SPECIAL OPERATIONS CENTER OF EXCELLENCE

PREPARE
We build disciplined, physically fit and mentally strong Army Special Operations Warriors who possess sound judgment, and are critical thinkers and problem solvers in complex, ambiguous environments around the world.

PURSUE
We prioritize people and invest in our Soldiers, Civilians and Families. We employ operationally experienced, properly trained instructors to train, teach and mentor the force through elevated skills and higher education.

PREVENT
We foster innovation and seek the competitive advantage to support future operations in the physical, virtual and cognitive realms that embody the highest level of professionalism, expertise and skill in global Special Operations.

PEOPLE
We celebrate and leverage our Special Operations legacy to be a trusted partner within the Army Centers of Excellence community and provide reach back to the operational force. We honor the ARSOF legacy through the warriors we produce.
The U.S. Army developed the Psychological Warfare Division of the Army General School, Fort Riley, Kansas.

1952 The PSYWAR training activities were transferred to Smoke Bomb Hill, Fort Bragg, N.C., as the PSYWAR Center.

1956 The school was renamed the Special Warfare Center and given the responsibility to develop the doctrine, techniques, training and education of Special Forces and Psychological Operations personnel.

1960 The school’s responsibilities expanded to include counterinsurgency operations.

1962 The Special Warfare Center established a Special Forces Training Group to train enlisted volunteers for operational assignments. An Advanced Training Committee was formed to explore and develop sophisticated methods of infiltration and exfiltration.

1969 On May 16, the school was renamed the John F. Kennedy Center for Military Assistance. The curriculum was expanded to provide training in high-altitude, low-opening (HALO) parachuting and SCUBA operations.

1972 On April 1, the U.S. Army Civil Affairs School was transferred from Fort Gordon, Georgia, to Fort Bragg, operating under the center’s umbrella.

1973 The center was assigned to the new U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command.

1982 On June 1, the center was approved as an independent TRADOC activity under the name U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center. The SWC integrated special operations into Army systems, training and operations, becoming the proponent school for Army special operations forces.

1985 SWC was recognized as the U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School and six training departments were established: Special Forces; Special Operations Advanced Skills; Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape; Foreign Area Officer; Civil Affairs; and Psychological Operations. A few years later, the Noncommissioned Officer Academy was instituted.

1989 USAJFKSWCS was restructured following the establishment of a training group and three training battalions with one support battalion.

1990 USAJFKSWCS was reassigned from TRADOC to the U.S. Army Special Operations Command.

2011 Following an optimization, three additional training battalions were added.

2012 On Dec. 2, USAJFKSWCS was designated as the U.S. Army’s Special Operations Center of Excellence.

01 FORT BRAGG, NORTH CAROLINA
Home to the main campus, including the command headquarters and subordinate unit headquarters. Training facilities include the Noncommissioned Officer’s Academy, Special Forces Warrant Officer Institute, Joint Special Operations Medical Training Center, Clay Hall and Bank Hall.

02 CAMP MACKALL, NORTH CAROLINA
This USAJFKSWCS satellite campus is home to all field training. The training ground, which occupies land in Hoke and Moore counties, houses the Rowe Training Facility, Scottsville Village, the SERE Complex and the SF Preparatory Training Complex.

03 CENTRAL NORTH CAROLINA
We like to say the state of North Carolina is also part of our satellite-campus. The culminating exercise for our SF Qualification Course is run throughout 21 rural counties of N.C., encompassing more than 15,000 square miles, which is known as call Pineland. The exercise is successful due to local citizens who volunteer to assist with training support.

04 YUMA PROVING GROUND, ARIZONA
The U.S. Military Free Fall School trains selected personnel in Military Free Fall operations.

05 KEY WEST, FLORIDA
The Special Forces Underwater Operations School trains selected SOF personnel as combat divers and is located on Fleming Key, Trumbo Point Annex, Naval Air Station, Key West.

06 JOINT BASE LEWIS-MCCORD, WASHINGTON;
AND THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION
Additional advanced skills courses are taught by 6th Battalion, 2nd Special Warfare Training Group (Airborne).

07 FLINT, MICHIGAN; CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY;
TAMPA & SAINT PETERSBURG, FLORIDA;
AND SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI
Special Operations Combat Medic students conduct a 4-week clinical internship in civilian trauma centers working alongside hospital and emergency medical services providers.

08 FORT LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS
The SOF Cell located at the Combined Arms Center in Fort Leavenworth, has oversight on the ARSOF instruction in the Intermediate-Level Education program and the Interagency Master’s Program at Kansas University.
CIVIL AFFAIRS ASSESSMENT AND SELECTION (CAAS)
- **Course Number:** 5D-F11/570-F24
- **Location:** Fort Bragg, N.C.
- **Clearance:** Interim Secret
- **Class Size:** 120
- **Iterations:** 9 per year
- **Course Duration:** 10 days

**Eligibility:** Officer (O2-O3), Enlisted (E4-E6); Active Component

**Prerequisites:** U.S. Army enlisted personnel specialist (E4-E6) or U.S. Army commissioned officers first lieutenant (O2) to captain (O3). (See ATRRS for class dates and other course prerequisites.)

**Course Description:** The course assesses candidates for trainability and suitability to attend the CA Team Leader or the CA NCO pathway and allows the CA Proponent to select candidates for attributes and competencies required to be a member of a CA team.

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CIVIL AFFAIRS QUALIFICATION COURSE (CAQC)

Active Component personnel successfully selected at the CA Assessment and Selection course will enter a 51-week CA Qualification Course that consists of four primary phases of training. Upon completion of training Officers are awarded the 38A CA Branch and Enlisted personnel are awarded the 38B CA MOS.

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CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER TRAINING (ALLIED AND SISTER SERVICES)
- **Course Number:** 5D-38A (X/OS)
- **Location:** Fort Bragg, N.C.
- **Class Size:** 10
- **Iterations:** 3 per year
- **Course Duration:** 15 weeks, 5 days

**Eligibility:** Officers (O2-O4); Active Component personnel are awarded the 38B CA MOS.

**Prerequisites:** See ATRRS for class dates and prerequisites.

**Course Description:** Students will gain an understanding of the significance of the CA organization that is essential to the conduct of unified land operations. They are able to articulate the role of CA in support of special, conventional, and joint forces operations and plan, execute and transition tactical level CA operations in support of civil-military operations. Students learn a systems approach to regional analysis, with the desired outcome being an increase in their cultural competencies and an understanding of countries or regions based on the application of the PMESII-PT operational variables (political, military, economic, social, information, infrastructure, physical environment and time.) CAO training focuses on the CA core tasks (support to civil administration, foreign humanitarian assistance, populace and resources control, nation assistance and civil information management), engagements (including adaptive thinking and leadership and negotiations and mediations), methodologies and combat skills. Finally, they apply knowledge of CA during the CA culmination exercise (Operation Sluss-Tiller) and demonstrate proficiency in each 38A individual critical task.

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CIVIL AFFAIRS CAPTAINS CAREER (38A)
- **Course Number:** 5D-38A-C22
- **Class Size:** 48
- **Course Duration:** 11 weeks

**Prerequisites:** Successfully selected at the CA Assessment and Selection Course. Completion of the SOF Officer Common Core Course or other qualified Army Captains Career Course. (See ATRRS for class dates and other course prerequisites.)

**Course Description:** The outcome of this course is to produce CAO team leaders that are critical and creative thinkers and adaptive problem solvers whose expertise in the human aspects of military operations allows them to lead teams that conduct CA Operations that shape, deter, and influence foreign political and military environments in order to achieve national objectives. With cultural competence and the ability to bridge language barriers, they plan CAO and collaborate with unified action partners. They are attuned to the complexity of the operating environment, regionally focused and possess unique capabilities necessary to operate and influence effectively and efficiently in population-centric conflicts utilizing innovative, low-cost, and small-footprint approaches. CA Team Leaders will apply knowledge and skills of CA by demonstrating proficiency in 38A critical individual tasks, demonstrating technical and tactical skills integral to the duties of a CA Officer, and examining the environment and context in which CAO and Civil-Military Operations take place.

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CIVIL AFFAIRS SPECIALIST (38B) MOS
- **Course Number:** 570-38B00-C45 (MOS)
- **Class Size:** 48
- **Course Duration:** 11 weeks

**Prerequisites:** Successfully selected at the CA Assessment and Selection Course. Graduate of the Army Basic Leader Course. (See ATRRS for class dates and other course prerequisites.)

**Course Description:** This course produces CA NCOs that are critical and creative thinkers and adaptive problem solvers whose expertise in mapping human geography allows them to serve as a member of teams that conduct CA operations that shape, deter, and influence foreign political and military environments in order to achieve national objectives. With cultural competence and the ability to bridge language barriers, they plan CAO and collaborate with unified action partners. They are attuned to the complexity of the operating environment, regionally focused and possess unique capabilities necessary to operate and influence effectively and efficiently in population-centric conflicts utilizing innovative, low-cost and small footprint approaches. CA NCOs will apply knowledge and skills of CA by demonstrating proficiency in 38B critical individual tasks, critical technical and tactical skills integral to the duties of a CA Specialist, and examining the environment and context in which CAO and Civil-Military Operations take place.
**Course** CIVIL AFFAIRS SOF TRAINING (CAST)

- **Course Number:** 5D-F16/570-F30
- **Course Duration:** 10 weeks

**Prerequisites:** Enlisted Soldiers must have successfully completed the CA Specialist (MOS) 570-38B/38-C05 course. Officers must have successfully completed the CA Captains Career (Branch) 5D-38A-C22. (See ATRRS for class dates and other course prerequisites)

**Course Description:** This course trains and evaluates students in associated skills and knowledge required to perform CA operations as a member of U.S. Army Special Operations Command organizations.

Students apply adaptability to perform as part of an ARSOF cross-functional team in an increasingly dynamic, politically sensitive and austere environment. Apply cross-cultural skills and engage the human domain through indigenous governance, while planning, organizing and conducting CA operations with an emphasis on Special Warfare.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Officer (O2-O3); Reserve Component

**Prerequisites:** Successful completion of the CA CCC (Reserve Component) Phase 1. (See ATRRS for class dates and other prerequisites)

**Course Description:** This course begins the U.S. Army Reserve Commissioned Officer's transition to the CA Branch. Outcomes are based on current U.S. Army doctrine and form the building blocks for additional phases that produce critical and creative thinkers, by focusing learning on leadership and operations in company-sized organizations (leadership, cross-cultural skills, unified land operations, staff officer competence, unit training management, decision making and mission command).

**Course Description:**
- **Course Number:** 55-37/38-C23 (DL)
- **Location:** Distance Learning
- **Class Size:** 256
- **Iterations:** 1 (Open Enrollment)
- **Course Duration:** 75 hours

**Eligibility:** Officer (O2-O3); Reserve Component

**Prerequisites:** See ATRRS for class dates and prerequisites.

**Course Description:** This course trains and educates officers in the Army Captains Career Course Common Core requirements, including a combined arms exercise, before transitioning to the CA Branch-required learning of regional analysis (national policy and strategy, regional history and characteristics, operational variable analysis and regional issues.) This phase helps to develop students' critical and creative thinking ability and reinforce leadership and staff officer skills by focusing learning on leadership, cultural competence, unified land operations, decision making, command and training.

**Course Description:**
- **Course Number:** 5-38-C23 (DL)
- **Location:** Distance Learning
- **Class Size:** 192
- **Iterations:** 1 (Open Enrollment)
- **Course Duration:** 120 hours

**Eligibility:** Officer (O2-O3); Reserve Component

**Prerequisites:** Successful completion of the CA CCC (Reserve Component) Phase 2. (See ATRRS for class dates and other prerequisites)

**Course Description:** This course trains and educates officers in the tactical, technical and leadership knowledge needed to lead a CA team and culminates with the assessment of each student on their application of their CA knowledge and skill. This course produces CA Officers who become attuned to the complexity of the operating environment, region and context in which CAO take place. Upon successful completion of this course, officers will be awarded the CA Branch, 38A and enlisted personnel will be awarded the CA MOS, 38B and receive credit for 38B Advanced Leaders Course.

**Course Description:**
- **Course Number:** 5D-F13/011-F123
- **Course Duration:** 3 weeks, 3 days

**Prerequisites:** See ATRRS for class dates and prerequisites.

**Course Description:** Students apply knowledge gained throughout the CAQC by demonstrating proficiency in 38A individual critical tasks and 38B (Skill Level 1 to Skill Level 3) individual critical tasks. Application includes demonstration of technical and tactical skills integral to the leadership of a CA Team Leader and duties of a CA NCO; adaptive thinking and leadership attributes and abilities; and examining the environment and context in which CAO take place.

Upon successful completion of this class, students will be awarded the CA Branch, 38A and enlisted personnel will be awarded the CA MOS, 38B and receive credit for 38B Advanced Leaders Course.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Officer (O2-O3); Reserve Component

**Prerequisites:** Successful completion of the CA CCC (Reserve Component) Phase 1. (See ATRRS for class dates and other prerequisites)

**Course Description:** This course trains and educates officers in the Army Captains Career Course Common Core requirements, including a combined arms exercise, before transitioning to the CA Branch-required learning of regional analysis (national policy and strategy, regional history and characteristics, operational variable analysis and regional issues.) This phase helps to develop students' critical and creative thinking ability and reinforce leadership and staff officer skills by focusing learning on leadership, cultural competence, unified land operations, decision making, command and training.

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**Prerequisites:** See ATRRS for class dates and prerequisites.

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**Course Description:**
- **Course Number:** 5D-F16/570-F30
- **Location:** Distance Learning
- **Class Size:** 256
- **Iterations:** 1 (Open Enrollment)
- **Course Duration:** 75 hours

**Eligibility:** Officer (O2-O3); Reserve Component

**Prerequisites:** Successful completion of the CA CCC (Reserve Component) Phase 1. (See ATRRS for class dates and other prerequisites)

**Course Description:** This course trains and educates officers in the Army Captains Career Course Common Core requirements, including a combined arms exercise, before transitioning to the CA Branch-required learning of regional analysis (national policy and strategy, regional history and characteristics, operational variable analysis and regional issues.) This phase helps to develop students' critical and creative thinking ability and reinforce leadership and staff officer skills by focusing learning on leadership, cultural competence, unified land operations, decision making, command and training.

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- **Iterations:** 1 (Open Enrollment)
- **Course Duration:** 75 hours

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**Prerequisites:** See ATRRS for class dates and prerequisites.

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- **Iterations:** 1 (Open Enrollment)
- **Course Duration:** 120 hours

**Eligibility:** Officer (O2-O3); Reserve Component

**Prerequisites:** Successful completion of the CA CCC (Reserve Component) Phase 2. (See ATRRS for class dates and other prerequisites)

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- **Location:** Distance Learning
- **Class Size:** 192
- **Iterations:** 1 (Open Enrollment)
- **Course Duration:** 120 hours

**Eligibility:** Officer (O2-O3); Reserve Component

**Prerequisites:** Successful completion of the CA CCC (Reserve Component) Phase 2. (See ATRRS for class dates and other prerequisites)
USAJFKSWCS assesses, selects, trains and educates Active Component personnel for service in the Psychological Operations Regiment to conduct PSYOP operations in support of global special operations missions. Additionally, Reserve Component personnel are trained and educated in PSYOP operations to serve in Reserve Civil Affairs units across the United States.

**PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS**

**PSYOP ASSESSMENT AND SELECTION (POAS)**
- **Course Number:** SE-F1/234-F41
- **Location:** Fort Bragg, N.C.
- **Clearance:** N/A
- **Class Size:** 120
- **Iterations:** 8 per year
- **Course Duration:** 10 days

**Eligibility:** Officer (O2[P]-O3), Enlisted (E3-E5[P]); Active Component

**Prerequisites:** See ATRRS for class dates and prerequisites.

**Course Description:** Candidates undergo psychological, intellectual, physical and problem-solving (dilemma-based) team event assessments. To assess Active-component ARSOF PSYOP candidates for trainability and suitability to attend the qualification course. Each individual is assessed for trainability and suitability based on the attributes defined in DA Pam 600-3, DA PAM 600-25, as well as the ARSOF attributes. Assessments are conducted throughout the course and consist of individual physical fitness/confidence events, intelligence/psychological exams/assessments, and individual and team problem solving (dilemma-based) assessments.

**PSYOP OFFICER TRAINING (ALLIED AND SISTER SERVICES)**
- **Course Number:** SE-07A-(O)
- **Location:** Fort Bragg, N.C.
- **Clearance:** Secret
- **Class Size:** 19
- **Iterations:** 3 per year
- **Course Duration:** 8 weeks

**Eligibility:** Officers (O3-O4), Enlisted (E3-E7); Allied (International Students); Sister Services

**Prerequisites:** Must be a sister-service officer or enlisted personnel, or an allied officer with a valid quota for attendance. (See ATRRS for class dates and other prerequisites.)

**Scope:** This is not a branch-producing course. This course will focus on PSYOP doctrine; organization and employment; the MISO-development process; influence and communication principles; social and behavioral science; adaptive leadership techniques; public diplomacy; interagency; MISO analysis; and contemporary issues in MISO. This course consists of the following modules: Module 1: 37A/37F Core Training; Module 2: Culmination Exercise.

**Course Description:** To train and educate selected sister-service officers, enlisted personnel and allied officers in MISO basic skills and competencies.

**PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS QUALIFICATION COURSE (POQC)**
The 47-week resident course synchronizes Active Component NCO and Officer training, combining the two for major course events to maximize training benefit. Upon completion of the course, the MOS or Branch is awarded to the graduate.
**Course Description:** This course trains active-Army Reserve Component enlisted Soldiers to perform duties as a PSYOP NCO on a regional or a tactical team. Students will be imbued with the warrior ethos; capable of planning, executing and assessing MISO across all environments; operating in technologically superior and austere environments; responsive to asymmetrical challenges; adaptive; culturally aware, regionally focused and language-capable. Students will analyze the roles and missions of MISO through the assessment of the political military factors, U.S. foreign policy, MISO studies, host-nation infrastructure, capabilities, organizations, people and events of an operational environment to determine their psychological impact on U.S. military operations. Students will learn to collect MISO-relevant information; analyze target audiences; select themes, symbols, media types and psychological actions; analyze supported unit missions; derive MISO missions; MISO-related equipment; PSYOP team operations; and common core subjects.

**Prerequisites:** See ATRRS for class dates and prerequisites.

**Course Duration:** 25 weeks, 1 day

**Course Number:** 5E-37/38-C23

**Location:** Fort Bragg, N.C.

**Clearance:** Secret

**Class Size:** 43

**Iterations:** 4 per year

**Course Duration:** 29 days

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**PSYOP SPECIALIST, ADVANCED INDIVIDUAL TRAINING (RESERVE)**

This course trains active-Army Reserve Component enlisted Soldiers in the critical tasks required to perform duties as a PSYOP specialist on a Tactical PSYOP Team. Students will be capable of planning, executing and assessing MISO in military operations in a variety of environments; operating in technologically superior and austere environments; responsive to asymmetrical challenges; and adaptive. Students will analyze the roles and missions of MISO through the assessment of the political military factors, U.S. foreign policy, MISO studies, host-nation infrastructure, capabilities, organizations, people and events of an operational environment to determine their psychological impact on U.S. military operations. Students will learn to collect MISO-relevant information; conduct target audience analysis; select themes, symbols, media types and psychological actions; analyze supported unit missions; derive MISO missions; MISO-related equipment; PSYOP team operations; and common core subjects.

**Prerequisites:** See ATRRS for class dates and prerequisites.

**Course Description:** This course is designed to train and qualify Reserve Component enlisted Soldiers in the basic skills and competencies required to perform duties as a PSYOP specialist on a Tactical PSYOP Team. Students will be capable of planning, executing and assessing MISO in military operations in a variety of environments; operating in technologically superior and austere environments; responsive to asymmetrical challenges; and adaptive. Students will analyze the roles and missions of MISO through the assessment of the political military factors, U.S. foreign policy, MISO studies, host-nation infrastructure, capabilities, organizations, people and events of an operational environment to determine their psychological impact on U.S. military operations. Students will learn to collect MISO-relevant information; conduct target audience analysis; select themes, symbols, media types and psychological actions; analyze supported unit missions; derive MISO missions; perform mounted and dismounted land navigation; operate communications and MISO-related equipment; drivers training, weapons training, map reading and patrolling; operate as a member of a PSYOP team; and learn common core subjects.

**Course Duration:** 10 weeks

**Class Size:** 42

**Iterations:** 8 per year
USA/JFKSWCS assesses, selects, trains and qualifies individuals to serve in the Special Forces Regiment as a Green Beret and wear the Special Forces Tab. Special Forces personnel return to the schoolhouse throughout their careers for advanced skills training, leadership development, Professional Military Education and higher civilian education.

### SPECIAL FORCES PREPARATORY COURSE (SFPC)
- **Course Number:** 011-F82
- **Location:** Fort Bragg, N.C.
- **Clearance:** N/A
- **Class Size:** 120
- **Iterations:** 8 per year
- **Course Duration:** 19 days

**Eligibility:** 18X, Active and Reserve Component

**Prerequisites:** See ATRRS for class dates and prerequisites.

**Scope:** Designed to optimize 18X and REP-63 (National Guard) Soldiers physical and mental performance and preparation for successful completion of the Special Forces Assessment and Selection course.

**Course Description:** The program utilizes a holistic approach to physical conditioning that includes nutrition, hydration, injury prevention and rehabilitation and exercise program development. Additional areas of emphasis include the progressive development of the skills necessary for land navigation and leadership in dynamic and complex environments.

### SPECIAL FORCES ASSESSMENT AND SELECTION (SFAS)
- **Course Number:** 2E-F129/011-F44
- **Location:** Fort Bragg, N.C.
- **Clearance:** N/A
- **Class Size:** 400
- **Iterations:** 8 per year
- **Course Duration:** 24 days

**Eligibility:** Officer, Enlisted; Active and Reserve Component

**Prerequisites:** See ATRRS for class dates and prerequisites.

**Scope:** The SFAS course is designed to reliably predict successful completion of the Special Forces Qualification Course and for service in the Special Forces Regiment. SFAS utilizes an individual-focused assessment process that is designed to select candidates capable of meeting the requirements of the SFQC (trainable) and suitable for service in the regiment.

**Course Description:** SFAS uses four broad dimensions of assessment to include intellect, social, character and physical, which are integrated and evaluated utilizing a holistic approach. Numerous knowledge, skills, abilities and other characteristics load on the four dimensions to build a comprehensive assessment of the candidate’s potential. A core competency model, ARSOF attributes, serve as the vehicle to collect, evaluate and present the objective and subjective data in a manner to facilitate selection decision methodology.

### SPECIAL FORCES QUALIFICATION COURSE (SFQC)
The 51-56 week (18D adds 36 weeks to SFQC length) qualification course has six main phases. Upon completion of the course Soldiers earn the right to wear the Special Forces Tab and don the Green Beret. Newly minted Green Berets are assigned to one of five Active Duty or two National Guard Special Forces Groups.

### SPECIAL FORCES ORIENTATION COURSE
- **Course Number:** 2E-F253/011-F95
- **Course Duration:** 1 week

**Prerequisites:** See ATRRS for class dates and prerequisites.

**Course Description:** Provides an introduction to Special Forces and establishes an understanding of unconventional warfare, command and control architectures, SF History, SF Attributes and the nine principal tasks of SF. Students are also introduced to Human Dynamics (THOR3), Adaptive Thinking and given initial instruction on Level 10 Tasks. The course is separated into two modules and falls under the auspices of the 4th Battalion, 1st Special Warfare Training Group (A). NCOs will also receive Advanced Leader Course instruction in order to meet TRADOC requirements for ALC upon completion of the SFQC.
SPECIAL FORCES MILITARY OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTY (MOS) + SURVIVAL EVASION RESISTANCE AND ESCAPE (SERE)

- Iterations: 4 per year (18D, 7 per year)

**Prerequisites:** Students must have successfully passed the SF Orientation Course before entering MOS training. Any variation from prerequisites requires a waiver from the Commanding General USAJFKSWCS. (See ATARS for class dates and other course prerequisites.)

**Course Description:** Each Soldier attending the SFCQ is assigned to one of five SF, Career Management Field 18, Military Occupational Specialties for enlisted Soldiers or Area of Concentration (Branch 18) for officers: SF Detachment Commander (18A); SF Weapons Sergeant (18B); SF Engineer Sergeant (18C); SF Medical Sergeant (18D); or SF Communications Sergeant (18E).

**Purpose:** To train selected officers in the critical MOS and skill-level tasks and competencies required to perform the duties of a SF detachment commander of a Special Forces Operational Detachment-Alpha.

To train selected Enlisted Soldiers in the critical MOS and skill-level tasks and competencies required to perform the duties of a SF weapons sergeant, engineer sergeant, medical sergeant and communications sergeant on an SFODA.

### 18A: Special Forces Detachment Officer (2E-18A)

- **Course Number:** 2E F53S01/1 F9S
- **Course Duration:** 11 weeks

**Course Description:** The 18A course builds on the foundational spectrum of problem analysis and resolution design associated with SF core missions across the elements of the national power spectrum. Duties and functional area familiarization of the 16 series MOSs, communications, engineer, medical, weapons, intelligence; the military decision making process; special operations mission planning; adaptive thinking and leadership; special recognition; direct action; unconventional warfare; foreign internal defense; counterinsurgency operations; military operations in urban terrain; inter-agency operations; warrior skills advanced special operations skills; functional operation; elements of national power considerations; intelligence; operation plan and conduct; close air support; and field training exercises.

### 18B: Special Forces Weapons Sergeant (011-18B30-C45)

- **Course Number:** 2E F53S05/1 F9S
- **Course Duration:** 11 weeks

**Course Description:** Students learn direct fire system inspections and procedures; mortars, light/heavy weapons, sniper systems, anti-armor systems, forward observer and fire direction center procedures, close-air support; plan and conduct training.

**Module A - Light Weapons:** This module is designed to produce a weapons sergeant capable of employing, maintaining, arming and engaging targets with select U.S. and foreign pistols, rifles, shotguns, submachine guns and machine guns and optics. Students learn Small Arms Fundamentals, Firing, Sniper Weapons Systems Familiarization, Combat Marksmanship Sustainment Training, Crew Served Machine Gun Target Engagement Fundamentals, Small Arms Characteristics Examination, Small Arms Basic Operations Exam, Small Arms Employment Exam, and Small Arms Hands on Examination.

**Module B - Heavy Weapons:** This module is designed to produce a weapons sergeant capable of employing, maintaining and engaging targets with select U.S. and foreign anti-armor weapons, crew-served weapons, anti-aircraft missiles, mortars and conduct of Forward Observation.

**Course Description:** This module presents a MI32 Lightweight Handheld Mortar Ballistic Computer as well as Fire Direction Center procedures, and procedures for employing (laying for direction) the mortar to fire, Anti-Tank Written Examination, Anti-Tank Hands-on Examination, Mortar Hands-on Examination, and Served Fire Written Examination.

**Module C - Tactics:** This module presents Fundamentals of Tacticians, Operations, Terms Symbols and Graphics, Troop Leading Procedures, Offensive operations, Defensive operations, Patrolling, Patrolling, Operational Terms and Graphics Examination, and Tactics Examination. The purpose of this module is to produce a weapons sergeant proficient in Light Infantry tactics. This module also presents the SF weapon systems and procedures he was taught throughout the FID exercise.

**Module D - Reconnaissance:** This module teaches the Soldiers on basic communications fundamentals such as SDN-L (V3B), SOP/PK/G and Cell Phone Technology.

**Module E - Engineer Field Training Exercise:** This module instructs Soldiers in the tactical application of critical tasks learned during the FID exercise.

**Module F - High Frequency Communications:** This module instructors Soldiers in the use of the high frequency radio spectrum to communicate, such as training in antenna theory and radio wave propagation, the calculation of length to determine how to make HF/VHF antennas for short-, medium- and long-range communications. The operation and trouble-shooting of the AN/PRC-137 Special Mission Radio Set is also instruct.

**Module G - Field Performance Exam MAX GAIN:** This module instructs Soldiers in the matters of communications planning such as transmission site selection; the duties and responsibilities of the SF Communications Sergeant; signal support in the SF Group, AN/PRC-115 mission planning and preparing a signal annex to an operations order as it pertains to a SF Communications Sergeant. The field performance module also measures the Soldiers ability through testing and grading to measure proficiency in the use and techniques of the equipment and procedures he was taught throughout the Special Forces Communications Sergeant Course. The Soldiers must achieve a passing grade to become qualified.
**UNCONVENTIONAL WARFARE CULMINATION EXERCISE (ROBIN SAGE)**

- **Course Number:** 2E-F255/011-F97
- **Course Duration:** 4 weeks

Prerequisites: See ATRRS for class dates and prerequisites.

**Purpose:** To train, evaluate and qualify students in SF skills acquired in individual and MOS training necessary to perform their duties on a SFODA including mission planning, interagency operations, unconventional-warfare phases, organization and planning and UW culmination practicum.

**Course Description:**

- Must put together all of the skills they have learned throughout the SFQC to successfully navigate the unconventional warfare environment during Robin Sage. Robin Sage has been the litmus test for Soldiers striving to earn the coveted Green Beret for more than 60 years. Students are organized into SF Operational Detachments Alpha. The SFODA is trained and mentored throughout the exercise from mission receipt through planning and infiltration by combat-proven SF operators. Students are taught the necessary skills to survive and succeed in a UW environment consisting of a notional country characterized by political instability and armed conflict that forces Soldiers to exercise both individual and collective problem solving. A key to the success of the Robin Sage training is its real-world feel that is established by the use of guerilla forces. The SFODA must assess the combat effectiveness of the G-forces and then train them in basic individual tasks from each of the MOSs as well as collective tasks in basic small-unit tactics, while remaining responsive to asymmetrical challenges. During this training, the SFODA must demonstrate its knowledge of UW doctrine and operational techniques. Participating in this rigorous and realistic training exercise provides the future Special Forces Soldier with the skills and confidence needed to successfully deploy with an SFODA.

**SPECIAL FORCES COMBAT DIVER QUALIFICATION COURSE (CDQC)**

- **Course Number:** 2E-G/AS4W/011-AS1W7
- **Location:** Key West, Florida
- **Clearance:** N/A
- **Class Size:** 15
- **Iterations:** 5 per year
- **Course Duration:** 5 per year

Prerequisites: See ATRRS for class dates and prerequisites.

**Course Description:** To qualify individuals as basic military open-circuit and closed-circuit combat divers knowledgeable in waterborne surface infiltration and exfiltration tactics, techniques and procedures operationally focused on a climate characterized by political instability and armed conflict that forces Soldiers to exercise both individual and collective problem solving. A key to the success of the Robin Sage training is its real-world feel that is established by the use of guerilla forces. The SFODA must assess the combat effectiveness of the G-forces and then train them in basic individual tasks from each of the MOSs as well as collective tasks in basic small-unit tactics, while remaining responsive to asymmetrical challenges. During this training, the SFODA must demonstrate its knowledge of UW doctrine and operational techniques. Participating in this rigorous and realistic training exercise provides the future Special Forces Soldier with the skills and confidence needed to successfully deploy with an SFODA.

**Regimental First Formation (Graduation)**

- **Course Number:** 2E-F235/011-F143
- **Course Duration:** 1 week

Course Description: Upon successful completion of all course requirements students are awarded the SF Tab and attend the Regimental First Formation where they are honored as the newest members of the SF Regiment. Those who are already language qualified are assigned to a SF Group, all others continue with training at the Basic Special Operations Language Training Course.

**Basic Special Operations Language Training (BSOLT)**

- **Course Number:** 2E-F233/011-F143
- **Course Duration:** 25 weeks, 1 day

Course Description: The ability to speak a foreign language and understand the diverse cultures they operate in, is just one of the unique skills that separates SF Soldiers in the operational environment. Prior to assignment to a SF Group, students are assigned one of 17 core languages based on the region they will deploy to in their assigned group.

See page 41 for additional information on BSOLT.

**SPECIAL FORCES COMBAT DIVING MEDICAL TECHNICIAN (CDMT)**

- **Course Number:** 011-ASIQ
- **Location:** Key West, Florida
- **Clearance:** N/A
- **Class Size:** 17
- **Iterations:** 3 per year
- **Course Duration:** 3 weeks

Prerequisites: See ATRRS for class dates and prerequisites.

**Course Description:** Medical planning for diving operations; diving physiology; altitude diving; diving physics; diving physiology, neurological assessment, dangerous marine life; U.S. Navy Dive Treatment Tables, stress in diving, differential diagnosis of diving accidents and injuries, decompression theory and sickness; hyperbaric chamber operations; hyperbaric oxygen therapy; air purity standards and a Diving Medical Technician Course culmination situational training exercise-medical actions.

**SPECIAL FORCES COMBAT DIVER**

The SF Underwater Operations Committee conducts all combat dive courses and serves as the Army’s subject-matter experts in developing special operations under-and-over water doctrine and programs of instruction. The SFUWO is located on Fleming Key, Trumbo Point Annex, NAS Key West, Florida.
The Military Free Fall School trains SOF, Joint, Interagency, Intergovernmental, and Multinational personnel in MFF Operations at Yuma Proving Ground, Arizona. The MFF capability provides commanders a flexible SOF insertion option to counter threats from state actors, rapid defense of key terrain, and reduced risk clandestine infiltration into politically sensitive areas.

**MILITARY FREE FALL**

**Course Number:** 2E-F56/011-F15  
**Location:** Yuma Proving Ground, Arizona  
**Clearance:** N/A  
**Class Size:** 80  
**Iterations:** 9 per year  
**Course Duration:** 3 weeks, 2 days

*Eligibility:* Officer, Warrant Officer, Enlisted, ARSOF; Active and Reserve Component; Sister Service; Selected DoD Civilians  
*Prerequisites:* See ATRRS for class dates and prerequisites  
*Course Description:* MFFJM training focuses on jumpmaster personnel inspection, emergency procedures, oxygen equipment, wind-drift calculations, jump commands, aircraft procedures, spotting, ram-air personnel parachute packing and rigging, advanced high-altitude, high-opening infiltration skills and glide path/parachute navigation system. Students plan and execute day and night, oxygen, night vision devices, weapons, and individual combat equipment MFF operations and are evaluated on their ability to conduct MFFJM duties throughout all phases of MFF operations.

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*Eligibility:* Officer, Warrant Officer, Enlisted, ARSOF; Active and Reserve Component; Sister Service; Selected DoD Civilians  
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**SPECIAL FORCES SNIPER COURSE (SFSC)**
- **Course Number:** 2E-F67/011-ASW3
- **Location:** Fort Bragg, N.C.
- **Clearance:** Secret
- **Class Size:** 40
- **Iterations:** 4 per year
- **Course Duration:** 9 weeks

**Eligibility:** Officer, Warrant Officer, Enlisted, ARSOF, Active and Reserve Component

**Prerequisites:** See ATRRS for class dates and prerequisites

**Course Description:** Trains select special operations forces personnel in Level 1 special operations sniper skills and operational procedures necessary to engage select targets with precision rifle fire in support of all special operations missions across the operational continuum. Further provides instruction and practical application of advanced marksmanship techniques, rural field craft, technical surveillance equipment and alternate sniper weapon systems.

**Scope:** Provides specialized and comprehensive instruction and training in the tactics and techniques required by the 1st Special Forces Command (Airborne) Theater Crisis Response Forces to accomplish assigned missions, to enhance the common skill readiness level of currently designated CRF personnel and to provide a basic entry-level training program for personnel assigned to Theater CRFs.

**Eligibility:** Officer, Warrant Officer, Enlisted, ARSOF, Active and Reserve Component

**Prerequisites:** See ATRRS for class dates and prerequisites

**Course Description:** Train Soldiers to competency with designated light foreign weapons systems up to 12.7mm. The Soldier will be capable of operating, maintaining and employing designated weapons and will be familiar with construction and operating company-size light weapon ranges with partner forces.

**Course Scope:** USASOC SOF-P-P is a small-arms maintenance course for SOF weapons that includes instruction with practical application and hands-on experience. The Armorer’s Course will provide USASOC personnel with the knowledge, skills and abilities necessary for successful enhanced organization-level maintenance. This course is designed to support the SOF warrior with their unique equipment. The course changes as weapons are added or deleted in the SOF inventory.

**Eligibility:** Warrant Officer, Enlisted; ARSOF; Active Component; Regionally Aligned Forces (Conventional)

**Prerequisites:** Service members must have been awarded the MOS of 91E, 91F or 18B and be recommended for attendance to the Joint Armament Facility Basic Armorer Course. (See ATRRS for class dates and other prerequisites)

**Course Scope:** USASOC SOF-P course provides students with hands-on training with SOF-specific weapons. Topics covered: SOF logistics, weapon nomenclature, description, reference publications, cycle of operations; field strip, detailed disassembly, gauging procedures, reassembly and safety/function check. SOF weapons covered are: MK-47: Advanced Lightweight Grenade Launcher; M3 Carl-Gustaf; Multi-role anti-armor; anti-tank weapons system; MK-44: Gun Weapon System; RIS II URG Rail Interface System II; Upper Receiver Group; MK-17 Combat Assault Rifle; Glock 19 Compact Pistol; Future Addition: MK-21 Precision Sniper Rifle.

**Eligibility:** Enlisted, Warrant Officer; ARSOF; Active Component; Regionally Aligned Forces (Conventional); Sister Service

**Prerequisites:** Soldiers must have been awarded the MOS of 91E, 91F or 18B and be recommended for attendance to the Joint Armament Facility Basic Armorer Course. (See ATRRS for class dates and other prerequisites)

**Course Scope:** Students will be trained in extensive small-arms repairman skills using basic small-arms tools, specialty small-arms tools and gauges for weapons. Students learn how to assess, gauge and repair weapons within their scope of work and which weapons maintenance tasks must be repaired at depot-level maintenance.

**Course Description:** The SOFNAC provides hands-on training with SOF-specific weapons, non-standard weapons and foreign weapons systems to inspect, troubleshoot, disassemble, repair, clean, reassemble and perform the function test. Soldiers will be shown how to render weapons safe, and study characteristics, features and variations within weapon family types. Soldiers learn proper gauging procedures, testing and final inspections, special tool uses and corrosion control. Course focuses on 17 common foreign weapons, but can be modified to instruct any weapon within the inventory at the unit’s request.

**Eligibility:** Officer, Warrant Officer, Enlisted, Active Component, Regionally Aligned Forces (Conventional)

**Prerequisites:** See ATRRS for class dates and prerequisites

**Course Description:** The SOFNAC will provide students with hands-on training with SOF-specific weapons, non-standard weapons and foreign weapons systems to inspect, troubleshoot, disassemble, repair, clean, reassemble and perform the function test. Students will be shown how to render weapons safe, and study characteristics, features and variations within weapon family types. Soldiers learn proper gauging procedures, testing and final inspections, special tool uses and corrosion control. Course focuses on 17 common foreign weapons, but can be modified to instruct any weapon within the inventory at the unit’s request.

**Eligibility:** Officer, Warrant Officer, Enlisted, Active Component, Regionally Aligned Forces (Conventional)

**Prerequisites:** See ATRRS for class dates and prerequisites

**Course Description:** The SOFNAC provides instruction with practical application and hands-on experience. The Armorer’s Course will provide USASOC personnel with the knowledge, skills and abilities necessary for successful enhanced organization-level maintenance. This course is designed to support the SOF warrior with their unique equipment. The course changes as weapons are added or deleted in the SOF inventory.

**Eligibility:** Warrant Officer, Enlisted; ARSOF; Active Component; Regionally Aligned Forces (Conventional)

**Prerequisites:** Service members must have been awarded the MOS of 91E, 91F or 18B and be recommended for attendance to the Joint Armament Facility Basic Armorer Course. (See ATRRS for class dates and other prerequisites)

**Course Scope:** USASOC SOF-P course provides students with hands-on training with SOF-specific weapons. Topics covered: SOF logistics, weapon nomenclature, description, reference publications, cycle of operations; field strip, detailed disassembly, gauging procedures, reassembly and safety/function check. SOF weapons covered are: MK-47: Advanced Lightweight Grenade Launcher; M3 Carl-Gustaf; Multi-role anti-armor; anti-tank weapons system; MK-44: Gun Weapon System; RIS II URG Rail Interface System II; Upper Receiver Group; MK-17 Combat Assault Rifle; Glock 19 Compact Pistol; Future Addition: MK-21 Precision Sniper Rifle.

**Eligibility:** Officer, Warrant Officer, Enlisted, Active Component, Regionally Aligned Forces (Conventional)

**Prerequisites:** See ATRRS for class dates and prerequisites

**Course Description:** The SOFNAC provides instruction with practical application and hands-on experience. The Armorer’s Course will provide USASOC personnel with the knowledge, skills and abilities necessary for successful enhanced organization-level maintenance. This course is designed to support the SOF warrior with their unique equipment. The course changes as weapons are added or deleted in the SOF inventory.

**Eligibility:** Warrant Officer, Enlisted; ARSOF; Active Component; Regionally Aligned Forces (Conventional)

**Prerequisites:** See ATRRS for class dates and other prerequisites

**Course Scope:** USASOC SOF-P course provides students with hands-on training with SOF-specific weapons. Topics covered: SOF logistics, weapon nomenclature, description, reference publications, cycle of operations; field strip, detailed disassembly, gauging procedures, reassembly and safety/function check. SOF weapons covered are: MK-47: Advanced Lightweight Grenade Launcher; M3 Carl-Gustaf; Multi-role anti-armor; anti-tank weapons system; MK-44: Gun Weapon System; RIS II URG Rail Interface System II; Upper Receiver Group; MK-17 Combat Assault Rifle; Glock 19 Compact Pistol; Future Addition: MK-21 Precision Sniper Rifle.

**Eligibility:** Officer, Warrant Officer, Enlisted, Active Component, Regionally Aligned Forces (Conventional)

**Prerequisites:** See ATRRS for class dates and other prerequisites

**Course Scope:** USASOC SOF-P course provides students with hands-on training with SOF-specific weapons. Topics covered: SOF logistics, weapon nomenclature, description, reference publications, cycle of operations; field strip, detailed disassembly, gauging procedures, reassembly and safety/function check. SOF weapons covered are: MK-47: Advanced Lightweight Grenade Launcher; M3 Carl-Gustaf; Multi-role anti-armor; anti-tank weapons system; MK-44: Gun Weapon System; RIS II URG Rail Interface System II; Upper Receiver Group; MK-17 Combat Assault Rifle; Glock 19 Compact Pistol; Future Addition: MK-21 Precision Sniper Rifle.
ADVANCED SKILLS

USAJKFSWCS Advanced Skills are taught by 6th Battalion, 2nd Special Warfare Training Group (Airborne). 6th Battalion trains and educates Army Special Operations Forces, Joint Special Operations Forces and interagency personnel in advanced operational skills, in order to provide organic capabilities to address evolving threats in complex and ambiguous environments in support of Multi-Domain Operations.

ADVANCED SPECIAL OPERATIONS TECHNIQUES COURSE (ASOTC)

- Course Number: 2E-F141/011-F27
- Clearance: Secret/NOFORN
- Class Size: 30/24
- Iterations: 8 per year
- Course Duration: 18 weeks

Eligibility: Officer (O2-O4), Warrant Officer (WO1-CW3), Enlisted (E5-E8); Active and Reserve Component; Sister Service; DoD Civilian; Warrant Officer (WO1-CW5), Enlisted (E5-E9); ARSOF; Active and Reserve Component; Sister Service; Mobile Training Team. Attendees must hold one of the above prerequisites requires a waiver approved by Commander, USSOCOM. Course Description: The ASOTC trains, educates and qualifies graduates to manage and employ Advanced Special Operations Techniques in support of SOF Core Activities and operations.

OPERATIONAL RISK MANAGEMENT COURSE (ORMC)

- Course Number: 2E-F 226/011-F135
- Location: Fort Bragg, N.C.
- Clearance: Secret/NOFORN
- Class Size: 20
- Iterations: 6 per year
- Course Duration: 3 weeks

Eligibility: Officer, Warrant Officer, Enlisted (E4-E9); ARSOF; Active and Reserve Component; Sister Service; Mobile Training Team. Prerequisites: Must be listed in the USSOCOM NTKMM registry as briefed onto ACCM. Must be assigned to a SOF unit supporting SOF operations or an Intelligence Community entity. Attendees must hold one of the certifying course with a minimum of three years of experience. Must possess a Top Secret security clearance with SCI eligibility. Must have an active SIPR network account within the U.S. Special Operations Command Network Domain and active SIPR Token card. Any variation from the above prerequisites requires a waiver approved by Commander, USSOCOM. Course Description: The ORMC trains, educates, and qualifies graduates to manage and prepare Special Operations Techniques in support of SOF Core Activities and operations.

SECURITY CLEARANCE

Attendees of all intelligence courses must possess a current and active security clearances, verifiable in JPAS, at the level required by each course.

See the ATRRS Course catalog for current data and prerequisites.

ADVANCED SPECIAL OPERATIONS TECHNIQUES MANAGERS COURSE (ASOTMC)

- Course Number: 2E-F272/011-F111
- Location: Fort Bragg, N.C.
- Clearance: TS/SCI
- Class Size: 16
- Iterations: 6 per year
- Course Duration: 4 weeks.

Eligibility: Officer (O3–O5), Warrant Officer (WO1-CWS), Enlisted (E7–E9); Active and Reserve Component; Sister Service; DoD Civilian (GS11-GS15) Prerequisites: Must be a graduate of the Advanced Special Operations Techniques Course or equivalent following qualifications: CAT I, II or III, Credentialed Counter-intelligence Agents, Intelligence Analysts and DoD civilian equivalent with appropriate training and experience level. All applicants must be rated. Applicants failing to meet the minimum criteria but are essential personnel to operational requirements may submit waivers on a case-by-case basis.

Course Scope: The ASOTMC trains, educates, and qualifies select Intelligence personnel to identify, evaluate, and mitigate risk associated with Sensitive Activities.

SPECIAL WARFARE BRIGHTON COURSE

- Course Number: 2E-F232/011-F141
- Location: Fort Bragg, N.C.
- Clearance: Secret
- Class Size: 92
- Iterations: 5 per year
- Course Duration: 6 weeks

Eligibility: Officer (O3–O6), Warrant Officer (W01-CWS), Enlisted (E5–E9); ARSOF, Active and Reserve Component; Sister Service; Regionally Aligned Forces (Conventional); DoD Civilian; Contractor, Select U.S. Interagency Civilians.

Prerequisites: Course-directed, online-based pre-training will be assigned after attendance is confirmed.

Course Scope: Brighton trains & educates DoD personnel in digital (cyberspace) defense, reconnaissance and offense in support of ground-tactical commanders’ objectives.

Course Description: Brighton instructs students on managing their digital footprint in the cyberspace domain, while conducting digital reconnaissance of localized adversarial network systems. Brighton teaches tactics, techniques and procedures associated with implementing the SOF Unique Operational Risk Management process.

Course Description: The ORMC trains, educates, and qualifies select Special Operations and Intelligence personnel to identify, evaluate, and mitigate risk associated with Sensitive Activities.
**SPECIAL WARFARE TOUCHSTONE COURSE**

- **Course Number:** 22E-F231/011-F1-140
- **Location:** Fort Bragg, N.C.
- **Clearance:** Secret
- **Class Size:** 32
- **Iterations:** 6 per year
- **Course Duration:** 4 weeks

**Eligibility:** Officer (O3-O6), Warrant Officer (WO1-CW4), Enlisted (E5-E9); ARSOF; Active and Reserve Component; Sister Service; Regionally Aligned Forces (Conventional); DoD Civilian; Contractor

**Course Scope:** The Touchstone course instructs select Army Special Operation Forces, General Purpose Forces and other DoD personnel in Open Source Research methodology. It covers the methodology of processing and analyzing digital data to provide commanders the necessary force protection, situation awareness and understanding for mission execution. This information supports the Common Operating Picture and enables Traditional Military Activities at the tactical and operational levels of war.

**Course Description:** The Touchstone curriculum focuses on the methodologies of processing and analyzing digital data to provide commanders the necessary force protection, situation awareness and understanding for mission execution. The learning objectives are realized by emphasizing a research process over a tools-based approach and applying a mission-focus to research efforts. This includes surveying the digital landscape, research planning, understanding PAI resources, data organization, and managing risk associated with digital activity.

**SPECIAL WARFARE NETWORK DEVELOPMENT COURSE (SWNDC)**

- **Course Number:** 2E-F271/011-F110
- **Location:** Fort Bragg, N.C.
- **Clearance:** Secret
- **Class Size:** 24
- **Iterations:** 6 per year (4 MTT, 2 Resident)
- **Course Duration:** 4 weeks

**Eligibility:** Officer (O3-O5), Warrant Officer (WO1-CW5), Enlisted (E6-E9); ARSOF, Active and Reserve Component; DoD Civilian; Mobile Training Team

**Prerequisites:** Must be a USAISOC component qualified Service Member or civilian equivalent to all listed positions from Career Management Field 18 – SF CFM37-PO or CFM38-CA. Must have a minimum of two years SOF experience at the operational or tactical level.

**Course Scope:** The SWNDC trains and educates ARSOF Soldiers in Special Warfare and Unconventional Warfare principles in order to design, develop, assess, vet, protect and expand complex indigenous/resistance networks in support of U.S. Irrregular Warfare objectives during joint operations.

**Course Description:** The SWNDC addresses Preparation of the Environment and UW Fundamentals, Network Characteristics, Interagency and DoD Resources, and applicable directives, regulations, policy and laws. Curriculum focuses on leveraging political, economic and social networks, indigenous movements and cases studies. The course integrates all foundational instruction with analysis of Joint Special Operations Areas for assigned networks. The result is functional network models which can lead to further research and planning for indigenous networks in support of Ground Combattant Commanders and TSOC goals and objectives. SWNDC emphasizes critical and creative thinking, technical obfuscation, detailed analysis, open source and classified network research, bias management, network development methodology, and collaboration with the whole-of-government.

**SPECIAL WARFARE OPERATIONAL DESIGN COURSE (SWODC)**

- **Course Number:** 2E-F269/011-F108
- **Location:** Fort Bragg, N.C.
- **Clearance:** Secret
- **Class Size:** 24
- **Iterations:** 6 per year (2 MTT, 4 Resident)
- **Course Duration:** 5 weeks

**Eligibility:** Officer (O3-O5), Warrant Officer (WO1-CW5), Enlisted (E6-E9); ARSOF, Active and Reserve Component; Select Interagency Civilians

**Prerequisites:** USOOCOM component qualified or select Interagency civilian with two years of tactical SOF experience

**Course Scope:** Senior personnel conduct Special Warfare and support to resistance campaign planning. Course Description: The SWODC educates students in the art of SW campaign planning, preparing them to be technical SW operational planners capable of analyzing, assessing, and developing regional resistance and surrogate capabilities in permissive, uncertain and hostile environments through PE and SW activities. Students are exposed to planning from a Joint, Interagency, Intergovernmental and Multinational perspective during the Joint Interagency Task Force introduction. SWODC graduates are adaptive, with the ability to understand and implement the unique requirements associated with developing the components of a resistance, proxy, or surrogate force. SWODC graduates will be able to articulate requirements to commanders, staff and other US military components. The result is a draft SW campaign planning to support the GCC and strategic level decision makers.

**SPECIAL OPERATIONS MILITARY DECEPTION PLANNER’S COURSE (SMPC)**

- **Course Number:** 2E-F286/011-F119
- **Location:** Fort Bragg, N.C.
- **Clearance:** Top Secret
- **Class Size:** 24
- **Iterations:** 5 per year
- **Course Duration:** 3 weeks

**Eligibility:** Officer (O3-O5), Warrant Officer (CW3-CW4), Enlisted (E7-E9); ARSOF; Active and Reserve Component; Sister Service; Regionally Aligned Forces (Conventional); DoD Civilian

**Prerequisites:** Special Operations Service Members or select DoD personnel who are currently assigned to or preparing to assume duties as a Military Deception Officer at the special operations task force level or above.

**Course Scope:** The SMPC trains and certifies selected personnel in the planning, execution and termination of Joint Military Deception in support of general purpose forces, traditional SOF and Joint SOF core activities.

**Course Description:** The SMPC trains and educates MDOs and MILDEC planners on core tasks within the deception cycle for creating MILDEC programs. SMPC covers four Irregular Warfare scenarios focused on COCOM contingency plans, JTF operational level plans, and tactical-level disruption plans. SMPC also incorporates Defense in support of OPSEC scenarios supporting SOF technical capabilities and movement of forces. SMPC graduates are certified as MDOs and MILDEC planners under SOCOM COCOM (TSOC) authorities and missions.

**SPECIAL FORCES INTELLIGENCE SERGEANT COURSE (MOS 18F)**

- **Course Number:** 011-18F40
- **Location:** Fort Bragg, N.C.
- **Clearance:** Secret/NOFORN
- **Class Size:** 50
- **Iterations:** 4 per year
- **Course Duration:** 14 weeks

**Eligibility:** Special Forces Enlisted (E6-E9); Active and Reserve Component

**Prerequisites:** Active component and Reserve U.S. Army Special Forces enlisted personnel in the rank of Staff Sergeant and above who have a valid mission need and have been nominated by their chain of command for attendance. Must have current (Secret) security clearance and have submitted for a Top Secret clearance for MOS eligibility post-course attendance (completion of background investigation is not required to attend the course).

**Course Scope:** The SF Intelligence Sergeants Course trains qualified and experienced senior Special Forces Sergeants for the critical position of being an SFODA Intelligence Sergeant.

**Course Description:** Students receive instruction on intelligence doctrine fundamentals, structural analysis, analytic programs, lethal and non-lethal targeting, strategic analysis, evasion planning and national inter-agency exchange (conducted in Washington D.C.). Focused on the process of Intelligence Preparation of the Battlefield, students are trained in all current and emerging capabilities necessary for the development of the threat/environmental situation in any region around the world and in support of the SFODA.
**OPERATOR ADVANCED COURSE**

- **Course Number:** 2E-F256/011-F98
- **Location:** Fort Bragg, N.C.
- **Clearance:** Secret/FVEY
- **Class Size:** 24
- **Iterations:** 9 per year
- **Course Duration:** 3 weeks

**Eligibility:** Officer (O1-O3), Warrant Officer (WO1-CW3), Enlisted (E1-E8), ARSOF, Active and Reserve Component; Sister Service; DoD Civilian; Select Allied (International Students)

**Prerequisites:** Must be a graduate of one of the following USSOCOM courses: SF Qualification Course, SEAL Qualification Course, MARSOC Initial Training Course or a USSOCOM assigned CMF 74 operating in direct support of special operations. Must have a valid mission requirement. USSOCOM assigned CMF 37 and 38 Soldiers are eligible with a waiver verifying assignment and operational requirement. Select International Military Students who meet the following specific requirement(s) are eligible: 1) Must purchase equipment through FMS NA; 2) Must be a member of a specific group or select coalition partner nation; 3) Must have an accepted clearance (must be authorized under an identified general security agreement with the U.S.). Must not attend FDS modules OA0005 Restricted to FVEY.

**Course Scope:** Qualifies Joint SOF, SOF enablers, Interagency, and select partner-nation personnel in multi-disciplinary, advanced site exploitation with a focus on deriving actionable intelligence and preserving prosecutorial evidence in support of all SOF missions.

**Course Description:** The course consists of advanced tactical SOF Site Exploitation focused on organic-fielded Operator Advanced Kits. Students are trained in team organization, responsibilities, planning, interagency collaboration, biometrics, forensics, document and media exploitation, cell phone exploitation, and bulk and trace analysis. Students utilize both presumptive (NIK, SEEKER-E, SABRE, S003, etc.) and confirmatory (gas chromatograph mass spectrometry, True/First Defender etc.) technologies. Throughout the course, Students are trained to utilize the SOFEX Portal for digital handling of collected and processed materials to provide remote support to tactical-level entities and further triage materials for strategic level processing.

**EXPLOITATION ANALYSIS CENTER COURSE**

- **Course Number:** 2E-F261/011-F101
- **Location:** Fort Bragg, N.C.
- **Clearance:** Secret/NOFORN
- **Class Size:** 8
- **Iterations:** 9 per year
- **Course Duration:** 3 weeks

**Eligibility:** Officer (O1-O3), Warrant Officer (WO1-CW3), Enlisted (E1-E8), Active and Reserve Component; Sister Service, Government Civilian

**Prerequisites:** Must be a graduate of one of the following USSOCOM courses: SF Qualification Course, SEAL Qualification Course, MARSOC Initial Training Course (ITC) or a USSOCOM assigned CMF 74 operating in direct support of special operations. Must have a valid mission requirement.

**Course Scope:** The Exploitation Analysis Center Course qualifies selected Personnel to perform the duties and responsibilities of a globally-deployed SOF Exploitation Analysis Center. Students use exploitation skills in a laboratory environment to perform detailed analysis utilizing CELLEX, DOMEX, Advanced/Live Scan Biometrics on collected exploitable materials to support operational commanders.

**Course Description:** This course consists of advanced forensic photography, weapons tactical intelligence, post-blast processing, advanced/livescan biometrics, document and media exploitation, cell phone exploitation, and bulk and trace analysis. Students utilize both presumptive (NIK, SEEKER-E, SABRE, S003, etc.) and confirmatory (gas chromatograph mass spectrometry, True/First Defender etc.) technologies. Throughout the course, Students are trained to utilize the SOFEX Portal for digital handling of collected and processed materials to provide remote support to tactical-level entities and further triage materials for strategic level processing.

**SOF SURVEILLANCE AWARENESS COURSE**

- **Course Number:** 2E-F285/011-F118
- **Location:** Fort Bragg, N.C.
- **Clearance:** Secret
- **Class Size:** 24
- **Iterations:** 2 per year
- **Course Duration:** 4 weeks

**Eligibility:** Officer (O3 and above), Warrant Officer (WO1 and above), Enlisted (E6 and above), ARSOF, Active and Reserve Component; Sister Service, Government Civilian

**Prerequisites:** Must be CMF-18 (Special Forces) in the grade of E6 and above, WO1 and above, and O3 and above. Other USSOCOM and interagency personnel must submit waivers to attend the course. Waivers will be approved by the 6th Battalion, 2nd SWTG(A) Commander on a case-by-case basis based on an operational requirement for this capability as determined by the prospective attendee’s command.

**Course Scope:** This course educates select personnel to create a comprehensive awareness of physical surveillance techniques in order to provide elements with the ability to identify surveillance in support of force protection. This training is designed to increase survivability, situational awareness, and understanding of adversarial physical surveillance.

**Course Description:** This course is designed to train and develop SOF and SOF enablers capable of determining their surveillance status in urban and rural environments in order to increase survivability, situational awareness, and understanding of technology in the operational environment. The course is designed off operational vignettes to provide real-world relevancy.

**SOF TECHNICAL SURVEILLANCE COURSE**

- **Course Number:** 2E-F214/011-F124
- **Location:** Fort Bragg, N.C.
- **Clearance:** Secret
- **Class Size:** 24
- **Iterations:** 2 per year
- **Course Duration:** 5 weeks

**Eligibility:** Officer (O3-05), Warrant Officer (WO1-CW5), Enlisted (E4-E9), ARSOF, Active and Reserve Component; Sister Service

**Prerequisites:** Must be USSOCOM personnel with at least one year of SOF experience or interagency personnel with an operational requirement for this capability as determined by their command. Students must be a graduate of one of the following USSOCOM training courses: Special Forces Qualification Course, Seal Qualification Course, MARSOC Initial Training Course (ITC), 75th Ranger Regiment or special mission unit.

**Course Scope:** The Technical Surveillance Course educates and trains select SOF and interagency personnel on skills necessary to employ program of record technologies to support Technical Surveillance Operations and perform duties in a Technical Support Detachment.

**Course Description:** This course trains select SOF and interagency personnel in the skills necessary to conduct and support TSO utilizing program of record equipment. The course consists of mission planning for technical support operations; installation, employment, and recovery of program of record equipment; photography; close target reconnaissance; methods of entry and bypass; and authorities and permissions which govern TSO.

**SOF TECHNICAL SUPPORT DETACHMENT COURSE**

- **Course Number:** 2E-F259/011-F99
- **Location:** Fort Bragg, N.C.
- **Clearance:** Secret
- **Class Size:** 12
- **Iterations:** 2 per year
- **Course Duration:** 4 weeks

**Eligibility:** Officer (O3 and above), Warrant Officer (WO1-CW5), Enlisted (E6-E9), Active and Reserve Component; Interagency Personnel

**Prerequisites:** Must be CMF-18 (SF). Other USSOCOM and interagency personnel must submit waivers to attend the course. Waivers will be approved by the 6th Battalion, 2nd SWTG(A) Commander on a case-by-case basis based on an operational requirement for this capability as determined by the prospective attendee’s command.

**Course Scope:** The Technical Support Detachment Course educates and trains select SOF and interagency personnel in the skills necessary to fabricate and modify items in support of Technical Surveillance Operations (TSO) and perform duties on a Technical Support Detachment.

**Course Description:** The course consists of multi-medium fabrication technologies and techniques, including basic and advanced electronics fabrication and modification; Students will be trained in other skills, concepts, and responsibilities that support the employment program of record technologies.
This section provides a comprehensive review of the courses available to more than one ARSOF regiment, however, they are not necessarily open to all Army Special Operations Forces. Please see course prerequisites to determine eligibility. Some courses listed in this section may be attended as part of an ARSOF qualification course or may also be taken as a stand-alone course.

**SURVIVOR EVASION RESISTANCE AND ESCAPE (SERE) — HIGH RISK (LEVEL C)**

- **Course Number:** 3A-F38/012-F27
- **Location:** Fort Bragg, N.C., Camp Mackall
- **Clearance:** Interim Secret
- **Class Size:** 100
- **Course Duration:** 15 days
- **Rations:** 17 per year

**Eligibility:** Officer, Warrant Officer, Enlisted (ARSOF: Active Component, Reserve Component)

**Prerequisites:** Must be a U.S. citizen in the Army Active- or Reserve-component special-operations forces. Students must possess a minimum of an interim secret clearance. Students must have a memorandum from their security manager verifying their secret clearance dated not earlier than 30 days prior to the start date. Students must possess a completed physical within two years of the start date. Physical must include a normal EKG and urinalysis test. Students must report with deployment medical records during in processing. Any physical abnormalities will require a written evaluation by the appropriate medical specialists. Letter required from the Soldier’s unit commander verifying that the applicant has received training in drown-proofing techniques. Any variation from the above standards requires a waiver from the Commanding General, USAFJAKOSWG. (See ATRRS for class dates and other course prerequisites.)

**Scope:** Intensive training in support of the Code of Conduct. Training includes survival fieldcraft skills, techniques of evasion, resistance to exploitation and resolution skills in all types of environments. Students will participate in a survival-and-evasion field training exercise and in a resistance training laboratory. When SERE is done in conjunction with SFQC, the physical is acceptable for SFAS/SFQC will suffice.

**Course Description:** Level-C is designed for personnel whose “jobs, specialties or assignments entail a significant or high risk of capture and exploitation.” AR 350-30 supports DoD 1300.21’s mandate: “As a minimum, the personnel training shall include a general understanding of the real threats and the psychological impacts of war, the importance of the Code of Conduct in our nation’s defense and the right of all members of the Armed Forces to be treated asguiant captives.” This program is dedicated to educating and preparing service members to resist exploitation and to properly apply the Code of Conduct. The course culminates with a day of detentions in which the students receive individual and group feedback from the instructors. These constructive critiques help students process everything they have been through, to solidify the skills they applied properly and to identify areas that need adjustment. An important capability taught focuses on a broad spectrum of current captivity environments. The Peace Time/ Government Hostage Detention course provides students with the situational awareness needed to resist exploitation in a number of unpredictable environments common in the current operational arena, from friendly government detentions to highly volatile hostage and terrorist captivities. PGD/HD incorporates a unique learning tool, the academic role-play laboratory, in which students benefit from observing and critiquing each other in role-play scenarios with the instructors.

**SECURITY ASSISTANCE TEAM TRAINING AND ORIENTATION**

- **Course Number:** 3A-F41/011-F24
- **Location:** Fort Bragg, N.C.
- **Clearance:** Interim Secret
- **Class Size:** 158
- **Course Duration:** 3 days

**Eligibility:** Officer, Warrant Officer, Enlisted (ARSOF: Active Component, Reserve Component) DoD Civilian, Contractor

**Prerequisites:** DoD military personnel, DoD civilian personnel and civilian contractors on assignment to a Security Assistance Team, as well as accompanying spouses of SAT members. (See ATRRS for class dates and other course prerequisites.)

**Scope:** General subjects including SERE, antiterrorism and weapons training.

**Course Description:** Within the U.S. Army, the Security Assistance Training Team Orientation Course provides training required for security-assistance teams deploying to locations outside the continental United States in either a permanent change of station or temporary duty status from continental U.S. based organizations. The course is designed to prepare security-assistance team members to serve overseas as official representatives of the U.S. Government and U.S. Army.

The course is taught at two threat levels: one for deployments to countries considered to have a normal level or risk, and the other for those with a high-risk based on U.S. State Department guidance.

The POI is divided into five general areas: general subjects, SERE, antiterrorism, weapons training and administration. The high-risk option adds additional emphasis on SERE and anti-terrorist training. There is also a live-fire element. In cases where the team is deploying to an area with an extremely high level of threat, the members will attend the Individual Terrorist Awareness Course.
SPECIAL OPERATIONS MILITARY DECEPTION PLANNER’S COURSE

- **Course Number:** 2E-F296/011-F119
- **Location:** Fort Bragg, N.C.
- **Clearance:** Top Secret
- **Class Size:** 20
- **Iterations:** 3 per year
- **Course Duration:** 3 weeks

**Eligibility:** Officer, Warrant Officer, Enlisted (ARSOF, Active Component, Reserve Component)

**Prerequisites:** Must be a graduate of the SF Warrant Officer Staff Course and SF Operations Course, enrolled in the SF CA/PS Instructor Course, and a graduate of a SOF Pre-Command Staff College.

**Scope:** The USAJFKSWCS ARSOF MILDEC Operations Course presents the core MILDEC tasks and knowledge to execute the deception cycle as the military deception officer of a special-operations force staff/conventional force staff during an irregular-warfare scenario in a problem-centered, active-learning environment.

**Outcome:** Students will:
1. Understand MILDEC legal and policy guidelines
2. Apply deception principles to support MILDEC objectives
3. Apply deception techniques to support MILDEC objectives
4. Apply deception tactics to support MILDEC objectives

**Course Description:** The USAJFKSWCS Joint MILDEC Operations Course is designed to train selected personnel in the planning, execution, and termination of joint military deception in support of general purpose forces, traditional SOF and joint SOF core activities. Instruction is a combination of lectures and practical exercises using classified materials up to the top secret level.

REGIONAL ANALYSIS COURSE

- **Course Number:** 2E-F290/011-F23
- **Location:** Fort Bragg, N.C.
- **Clearance:** Secret
- **Class Size:** 128
- **Iterations:** 3 per year
- **Course Duration:** 4 weeks

**Eligibility:** Officer (ARSOF, Active Component, Reserve Component)

**Prerequisites:** Must be a graduate of the SF Warrant Officer Staff Course and SF Operations Course, enrolled in the SF CA/PS Instructor Course, and a graduate of a SOF Pre-Command Staff College.

**Scope:** The USAJFKSWCS ARSOF MILDEC Operations Course presents the core MILDEC tasks and knowledge to execute the deception cycle as the military deception officer of a special-operations force staff/conventional force staff during an irregular-warfare scenario in a problem-centered, active-learning environment.

**Outcome:** Students will:
1. Understand the operational variables
2. Apply the operational variable analysis systems approach to a given region
3. Identify U.S. National interests specific to their region
4. Demonstrate an understanding of their region through analysis of foundational culture, history, current issues and events

ADVANCED SKILLS

**MEDICAL**
- Special Operations Combat Medic
- Special Forces Medical Sergeant
- Special Forces Medical Sergeant Skills Sustainment
- Special Operations Combat Medical Skills Sustainment
- Special Operations Civil Affairs Medical Sergeant

**LANGUAGE**
- Basic Language

**LEADERSHIP**
- Special Operations Forces Pre-Command Course
SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMBAT MEDIC (SOCM)

- **Course Number:** 300-ASW1
- **Location:** JSOMTC, Fort Bragg, N.C.
- **Clearance:** Not Required
- **Class Size:** 87
- **Iterations:** 8 per year
- **Course Duration:** 36 weeks (180 training days)

**Eligibility:** Enlisted (ARGOF, Active Component, Reserve Component, Sister Service)

**Army Prerequisites:** Must be a volunteer in any enlisted rank of the Army. Complete the Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE, Level D) within six months of course entry date. Pass the Army Physical Fitness Test with a minimum of 60 points in each event and an overall score of 240 or above (scored in the student’s age group standards JAW FM 7-29) or service equivalent. Special Forces Medical Sergeant course, 180 students, attending SOC will pass the Physical Fitness Test. The PFT is an age and gender neutral assessment that is administered to enter SOC for 180 students with follow on to the SFMS course. The PFT requires a minimum in each of the four events: 57 push-ups (within 2 minutes), 66 sit-ups (within 2 minutes), 14-24 mile-run, and 8 pull-ups minimum. Hold or be designated for assignment to a Special Operations medical position or be selected to attend the 180 SFMS course. (See ATARRS for class dates and other course prerequisites.)

**Navy Prerequisites:** Personnel must be enlisted (E3-E5), in the HM L02A Special Operations Independent Duty Corpsman training pipeline, and have met the requirements as per MILPERSMAN 1306-983 to attend NEC HM L02A or a legacy L11A (Special Amphibious Reconnaissance Corpsman). (See CMTRAC and MILPERSMAN 1306-983 for other course prerequisites.)

**Scope:** The SOC course is subdivided into individual modules, all of which are designed to ensure inclusion of the cognitive, psychomotor and affective learning domains required of the Advanced Tactical Paramedic and National Registry-Paramedic Committees. The course qualifies these enlisted service members as highly trained combat medics with the necessary skills to provide initial medical and trauma care and to sustain a casualty for up to 72 hours if needed before evacuation occurs. The target audience for SOC is Army and Navy enlisted service members who, hold, or are designated for, assignment to a special operations medical position.

**Special Information:** In order to graduate the course and deploy as a USSOCOM medic, students must pass the Advanced Tactical Paramedic Examination, which is a cumulative, externally promulgated written exam administered by the USSOCOM ATP Certification Committee and the National Registry-Paramedic exam.

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**Course Description:** SOC is based on an approved critical task list which is reviewed and updated by the Joint Medical Enlisted Advisory Committee as directed by the US SOCOM Command Surgeon IAW USSOCOM Directive 350-29. The course consists of a series of didactic and performance-based learning objectives presented in a logical sequence, enabling the students to progress through the training both individually and as a collective group. The SOC course is broken into the following blocks:

**01 Emergency Medical Technician:** During this block students are certified in Basic Life Support through American Heart Association approved curriculum; EMT prepares students to sit for the National Registry for Emergency Medical Technician exam and culminates with NREMT certification; Medical Math — instructs how to prepare, calculate and administer medications.

**02 Clinical Fundamentals:** Anatomy and Physiology teaches the structures and functions of 11 organ systems and how to identify the anatomical structures and their functions of cadavers in the laboratory. Physical Examination teaches patient interaction, history taking, physical examination techniques, clinical decision making, documentation and introduces students to radiology and laboratory procedures.

**03 Clinical Medicine:** During this block students are taught pathophysiology, pharmacology and preventive medicine.

**04 Trauma 1:** Students certify in Advanced Cardiac Life Support through AHA approved curriculum. Students conduct Pediatric Educator for Prehospital Professionals that certifies them in PEPP through approved curriculum. This block focuses on Military Medicine, which instructs on medical planning in support of tactical operations, preventive medicine and weapons of mass destruction. Trauma is broken down to pathophysiology, assessment, and management of traumatic injuries. Advanced Trauma Practical Skills instruction is conducted on intra-abdominal and intracranial access, endotracheal intubation, needle decompression, tourniquet application, nasogastric intubation, urinary catheterization and Extended Focused Assessment with Sonography in Trauma examination.

**05 Trauma 2:** Students conduct Trauma Patient Assessments and learn management of a trauma casualty. Combat Trauma Management instructs on additional life-saving trauma interventions including hemorrhage control, cricothyroidotomy, and tube thoracotomy and further enhances overall trauma management skills.

**06 Trauma 3:** Students conduct Tactical Combat Casualty Care, which instructs on TCCC triage, casualty collection point operations and multi-purpose canine emergency and trauma care. Prolonged Field Care instructs on medical leadership and utilization of additional resources in the management of complicated trauma patient scenarios through the use of patient simulators. Students will execute the Advanced Tactical Paramedic Examination, which certifies students as Advanced Tactical Paramedics. This block culminates with a Field Training Exercise that serves as the culmination exercise for the SOC course and is a comprehensive assessment of training received throughout the course.

**07 Paramedic Rotation:** This Clinical Rotation Field Internship is a clinical practicum designed to integrate didactic knowledge with practical experience in both prehospital settings with emergency medical services and in clinical settings at various medical centers.
SPECIAL FORCES MEDICAL SERGEANT (SFMS)

- Course Number: 011-18D30-C45
- Location: JSOMTC, Fort Bragg, N.C.
- Clearance: Secret
- Class Size: 50
- Iterations: 7 per year
- Course Duration: 16 weeks

Eligibility: Enlisted (ARSOF, Active Component, Reserve Component, Sister Service)

Prerequisites: Enlisted (IE-37) Soldiers who have been selected to participate in the Special Forces Qualification Course and who have graduated from the Special Operations Combat Medic Course. (See ATRRS for class dates and other course prerequisites.)

Navy Prerequisites: Enlisted (IE-57) Sailor who has successfully completed and met the requirements as per MILPERSMAN 1306-963 to attend the NEC-HMLOA, Special Operations Independent Duty Corpsman. (NOTE: See CANTRAC and MILPERSMAN 1306-963 for other course prerequisites).

Scope: To train and qualify selected noncommissioned officers in the 18D MOS portion of the SFQC, teaching noncommissioned officers in the 18D Component, Reserve Component, and as independent, remotely supervised providers OCONUS. Graduates, and as independent, remotely supervised providers OCONUS.

Eligibility: Enlisted (ARSOF, Active Component, Reserve Component, Sister Service)

Prerequisites: Students must be a graduate of a USSSO-COM approved Special Operations Advanced Tactical Paramedic producing course with a valid SO-ATP card (SOF Medics with an expired SO-ATP card may attend under the prior approval of the course director or JSOMTC Dean). Students must be a SOF service member with a primary duty specialty in SOF medicine and must be assigned to, or projected to be assigned to, one of the following: USSSOCOM, JSOC, USASOC, NAVSPECWARCOM, AFSSOC or any of their subordinate units or agencies. Service members will attend the course once every two years to receive special-operations combat medical refresher training. (See ATRRS for class dates and other course prerequisites.)

Scope: SOCSCC provides renewal for Basic Life Support, Advanced Cardiac Life Support, Pediatric Education for Prehospital Professionals, National Registry EMT-Basic, National Registry EMT-Paramedic and Advanced Tactical Practitioner certifications. It also refreshes trauma management skills through a variety of methods including, hands-on skills refresher, scenario based training and a dynamic Field Training Exercise.

Course Description: The SOCSCC course is designed to sustain the personnel medical skills of the Special Operations Medical Corps. The course will attend the course once every two years to receive special-operations combat medical refresher training. (See ATRRS for class dates and other course prerequisites.)

Eligibility: Enlisted (ARSOF, Active Component, Reserve Component, Sister Service)

Prerequisites: Students must be a graduate of the SF Medical Sergeant Course and be eligible to receive a Special Operations Advanced Tactical Paramedic card. Students must be a SOF service member with a primary duty specialty in SF medicine and must be assigned to, or projected to be assigned to, one of the following: USSSOCOM, JSOC, USASOC, NAVSPECWARCOM, AFSSOC or any of their subordinate units or agencies. Students must attend the course once every four years to receive special-operations combat medical refresher training. (See ATRRS for class dates and other course prerequisites.)

Scope: The course provides renewal for Basic Life Support, Advanced Cardiac Life Support, Pediatric Education for Prehospital Professionals, National Registry EMT-Basic, National Registry EMT-Paramedic and Advanced Tactical Practitioner certifications. It also refreshes trauma management skills through a variety of methods including, hands-on skills refresher, scenario based training and a dynamic Field Training Exercise.

Course Description: The SOCSCC course is designed to sustain the personnel medical skills of the Special Operations Medical Corps with high quality training and instruction.
CIVIL AFFAIRS MEDICAL SERGEANT (SOCAMS)

Course Number: 390-F20
Location: JSOMTC, Fort Bragg, N.C.
Clearance: Interim Secret
Class Size: 16
Iterations: 4 per year
Course Duration: 8 weeks, 3 days

Eligibility: Enlisted (ARSF), Active Component

Prerequisites: Students must be Active Army 38B, 3BB candidate or MOS 68W volunteer noncommissioned officer in grade E7 through E7. NCOs must have successfully completed the Special Operations Combat Medic (SOI ASIIC1) Course. NCOs must successfully complete airborne training with award of SQI P.

Combat Medic (300 ASIW1) Course.
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Active Army 38B, 38B candidate or
Component (Active Component, Reserve Component, Sister Service)

Clearance and Veterinary Science and
- Disease Risk Management, Host
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- to humans by arthropods (direct and indi
- pests-control operations.
- proper restraint of animals; administration
- instruction and practical application of
- performing clinical procedures; and
- establishing preventive medical measures
- related to the veterinary patient. Addi
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- and storage of an animal food source as
- as herd health (livestock and horses),
- physical and chemical restraint, zoonotic
- disease, biosecurity and military working
dogs (fundamentals, capabilities and
- medical care).

Part 2 (Agriculture): Students receive stu
dent instruction and practical application
to identify and evaluate the impact of
- and external factors affecting MN
- farm systems; to include the economic
- stability of the individual farmer, village
country, along with advising host
- nation in animal husbandry and herd
- health requirements.

Module G: Veterinary-Agriculture:
Module H: Water:

This module is designed to provide the
- instruction and practical application in
- proper restraint of animals; administration
- instruction and practical application of
- performing clinical procedures; and
- establishing preventive medical measures
- related to the veterinary patient. Addi
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country, along with advising host
- nation in animal husbandry and herd
- health requirements.

Eligibility: Officer, Warrant Officer, Enlisted (Active Component, Reserve Component, Sister Service)

17 Core Languages:

- Arabic-Egyptian __________ 2E-F00X/011-FAE (AE)
- Arabic-Levantine __________ 2E-FXX/011-FQL
- Arabic-Modern Standard __________ 2E-F121/011-F36 (AD)
- Chinese-Mandarin __________ 2E-F124/011-F85 (CM)
- Dari __________ 2E-F216/011-F97 (PG)
- French __________ 2E-F120/011-F35 (FR)
- Indonesian __________ 2E-F212/011-F83 (JN)
- Japanese __________ 2E-F00X/011-FJU (JL)
- Korean __________ 2E-F115/011-F30 (KP)
- Pashto-Afghan __________ 2E-F219/011-F90 (Pv)
- Persian Farsi __________ 2E-F122-011-F37 (PF)
- Portuguese-Brazilian __________ 2E-F124-011-F39 (PT)
- Russian __________ 2E-F118/011-F33 (RU)
- Spanish __________ 2E-F117/011-F32 (Q8)
- Tagalog __________ 2E-F125/011-F40 (TG)
- Thai __________ 2E-F215/011-F86 (TH)
- Urdu __________ 2E-F267/011-F106 (UR)

Eligibility: Officer, Warrant Officer, Enlisted (Active Component, Reserve Component, Sister Service)

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Eligibility: Officer, Warrant Officer, Enlisted (Active Component, Reserve Component, Sister Service)

17 Core Languages:
The MSG David K. Thuma NCOA provides professional military education to Civil Affairs, Psychological Operations and Special Forces NCOs in Army Leader Core Competencies, operations and activities to develop leaders capable of conducting special operations missions around the globe to meet current and emerging national security challenges.

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Master Sgt. Thuma, whose physical prowess was legendary, died unexpectedly from a massive heart attack on June 18, 1998. In 2000, the NCO Academy was named in his memory. In 2010, the Greer Foundation instituted the Iron Thuma Award to individuals who display his incredible stamina, superior fitness, energy and strength. Master Sgt. Thuma exemplified the standards and image of a professional SF Noncommissioned Officer and his memory will serve as a model for all future special operations NCOs.

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**DISTRIBUTED LEADERS COURSE**
The Distributed Leaders Course teaches common core foundational knowledge and is tied directly to courses for the different levels of the Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development System and promotion eligibility. The content is directly linked to resident Professional Military Education instruction.

- **DLC Level 1** is a prerequisite for ATRRS enrollment to the ARSOF Basic Leader Course.
  - SPC/PCL must complete DLC-1 before they can be recommended (boarded) to SGT.

- **DLC Level 2** is a prerequisite for ATRRS enrollment to the Advanced Leader Course.
  - Graduates of the ARSOF BLC are automatically enrolled into DLC-2 upon completion of BLC and start of the Qualification Course.
  - CMF 18, 37, and 38 students then have until the completion of their respective pipelines to complete DLC-2 in order to receive ALC credit.

- **DLC Level 3** is a prerequisite for ATRRS enrollment to the Senior Leader Course (SLC).
  - SSG must complete DLC-3 before they are eligible for consideration for SFC.
  - ALC must be completed before DLC-3 can be initiated.

- **DLC Level 4** is a prerequisite for ATRRS enrollment to the Sergeants Major Course (SMC).
  - SFC must complete DLC-4 before they are eligible for consideration for master sergeant.
  - SLC must be completed before DLC-4 can be initiated.

See ATRRS Course catalog for current data: School Code 633

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**ARSOF BASIC LEADER COURSE**

- **Course Number:** 600-C44 (ARSOF)
- **Location:** Camp Mackall, N.C.
- **Clearance:** Secret
- **Class Size:** 120
- **In Iterations:** 6 per year
- **Course Duration:** 22 days

Eligibility: Enlisted (ARSOF; Active and Reserve Component)

Prerequisites: SF, PO or CA Assessment and Selection. Physical Requirements: Soldiers must complete all physical requirements of BLC. ARSOF BLC is designed and approved for CMF 18, 37 and 38 students under approved memorandum of agreement between the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy and USAJFKSWCS NCOA.

Completion of BLC:

**Scope:** The ARSOF Basic Leader Course is a specific, leader-centric course that serves as the foundation of the NCO Professional Development System. The course will leverage technological and conventional face-to-face instructional methods to train Soldiers in the rank of E2 through E5 to perform both tactical and garrison-related leadership duties.

**Course Description:** The ARSOF BLC focuses on six NCO Common Core Competencies. These competencies are Readiness, Leadership, Training Management, Communications, Operations and Program Management. BLC is designed to build basic leader and trainer skills needed to lead a team-sized element, while providing the foundation for further development along the PME learning continuum. Soldier lethality spans all fundamentals: shooting, moving and communciating, protecting, sustaining and training. The Basic Leader Course fully supports the Army’s missions of lethality by developing smart, thoughtful, and innovative trainers who can communicate effectively, lead and protect their Soldiers, and sustain their equipment. This is achieved by utilizing a curriculum that consists of four phases: Foundations, Leadership, Readiness, and Assessment phase. The BLC prepares Soldiers to lead team size units, by providing an opportunity to acquire the leader skills and knowledge needed to be successful noncommissioned officers. The ARSOF BLC is the foundation for further education and leader development.

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**SPECIAL FORCES SENIOR LEADER COURSE**

- **Course Number:** 0-18-C46
- **Location:** Fort Bragg, N.C.
- **Clearance:** Secret
- **Class Size:** 96
- **Iterations:** 5 per year (FY20); 4 per year (FY21+)
- **Course Duration:** 6 weeks, 2 days

**Scope:** The SF SLC trains and educates knowledgeable, strong and adaptive SF leaders who are capable of solving complex problems across the full spectrum of Special Operations, and Unconventional Warfare specifically, at the Professional Military Education Institutional Training skill level 4.

**Course Description:** The SF SLC curriculum consists of six modules: NCOPD, SOF Strategic Environment, Unconventional Warfare, Unit Training Management, Military Decision Making Process and Preservation of the Force and Family. SF SLC produces experienced and professional senior AE Special Operations NCOs capable of applying clear and concise communication, training, coaching and mentoring peers, subordinates, partners and allied counterparts, and advising SOF and conventional commanders to succeed in complex and uncertain environments while understanding the necessity of preserving the force and their families. Graduates are adaptive and creative warriors capable of planning and implementing SOF principle tasks, who operate and thrive within the complexity of the Joint, Interagency, Intergovernmental, and Multinational (JIIM) environment across the entire range of military operations. Graduates are able to analyze and apply strategy and resource management to meet the joint force commanders’ and interagency requirements.

**Eligibility:** Enlisted (Active Component)

**Prerequisites:** Advanced Leaders Course and DLC-3.

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**PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS ADVANCED LEADER COURSE**

- **Course Number:** 243-37F30-C45
- **Location:** Fort Bragg, N.C.
- **Clearance:** Interim Secret
- **Class Size:** 16
- **Iterations:** 5 per year
- **Course Duration:** 5 weeks

**Scope:** NCO Professional Core Army Standards and Discipline, Leader, Fitness, Research Using a Case-Study, Persuasive Essay, Coaching, Counseling, Mentorship, Military Briefings, Management and Maintenance. PSYOP MOS Core: Building operations planning and techniques, LTP and MDM. Principles of PSYOP: Components of Adaptability, Planning: Supporting Psychological Objectives, PSYOP Estimate, PSYOP Appendix, PSYOP’s Role in MDM and PSYOP Role in UW. Command Post Exercise, to include PSYOP Series Concept Worksheet, and PSYOP Series Approval Package.

**Course Description:** The PSYOP ALC prepares the junior NCO in the Psychological Operations branch to assume positions of greater responsibility. Military Information Support Operations are one of the most effective non-lethal weapons available to combatant commanders. PSYOP ALC provides training on all requisite PSYOP critical tasks to effectively serve as brigade-level staff planners, tactical team sergeants, as well as operational detachment team leaders. ALC hone their skills in the art of influence in order to develop and maintain leadership in support of the U.S. and partner nation goals and objectives. During the course, students participate in a culmination planning exercise in order to allow them to practically apply and build confidence in their newly acquired staff planning skills.

**Eligibility:** Enlisted (Active and Reserve Component)

**Prerequisites:** Basic Leader Course graduate and DLC-2.

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**PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS SENIOR LEADER COURSE**

- **Course Number:** 243-37F40-C46
- **Location:** Fort Bragg, N.C.
- **Clearance:** Secret
- **Class Size:** 20
- **Iterations:** 5 per year
- **Course Duration:** 6 weeks, 2 days

**Scope:** Leadership, military studies, resource management, effective communication, operations, tactics, Military Information Support Operations, persuasion and influence, tactics, planning and techniques, and administrative skills. Instruction also includes: APFT; NCOPD; leadership; counseling; effective communication; FID; COIN; UW; military decision making process; joint special operations task force; CA, SF, and PSYOP Integration; IPR; JOPES (JOPP); center of gravity analysis; risk management; Unit Training Management; SHARP; Ethical Decision Making Process and EO.

**Course Description:** The PSYOP SLC prepares the senior PSYOP NCO to assume positions of greater responsibility. Students are trained on the critical tasks necessary to effectively serve as joint PSYOP planners at the brigade or higher level as well as operational and tactical detachment sergeants. The SLC concludes with a robust CPX in which the students are required to test their skills and knowledge in the development of a strategic MOSO program as staff planners. The PSYOP SLC hones a PSYOP NCO’s expertise in influence and persuasion by expounding upon proven theories of psychology and the methodologies of producing measurable results within full-spectrum operations.

**Eligibility:** Enlisted (Active and Reserve Component)

**Prerequisites:** Advanced Leader Course graduate and DLC-3.

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**CIVIL AFFAIRS SENIOR LEADER COURSE**

- **Course Number:** 570-38B49-C46
- **Location:** Fort Bragg, N.C.
- **Clearance:** Secret
- **Class Size:** 20
- **Iterations:** 5 per year
- **Course Duration:** 6 weeks, 2 days

**Scope:** APFT; NCOER; Leadership; Counseling; Feedback, Coaching, and Mentorship, NCOPD; Ethical Reasoning; Ethical Decision Making Process and EO; SHARP; Effective Communication; Command Project Process and Management; and Transition Operations; CMO Estimate and Annex; Mission Command; National Strategy; FID; COIN; UW; JOPES; Center of Gravity Analysis, Operational Variables and Civil Considerations; Risk Management, Unit Training Management.

**Course Description:** The CA SLC trains NCOs to plan, execute and transition CA operations across the range of military operations. The CA SLC enhances the skills of CA NCOs and prepares them for assignments at the theater special operations command, brigade combat teams and corps-level headquarters. CA senior leaders must be responsive to asymmetrical challenges, adaptive to having the ability to synchronize and integrate supporting missions effectively. They are skilled at the tactical level and capable of executing CA core tasks. They can plan with the understanding of strategic and operational-level implications of tactical actions and have the ability to synchronize and integrate supporting missions unilaterally. The senior noncommissioned officer works through and with indigenous populations and institutions at the tactical level across the full spectrum of coalition, combined, joint, interagency, intergovernmental and multinational operations in support of the CA mission.

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**MASTER LEADER COURSE**

- **Course Number:** 1-250-C6
- **Location:** Fort Bragg, N.C.
- **Clearance:** Secret
- **Class Size:** 36
- **Iterations:** 7 per year
- **Course Duration:** 14 days

**Scope:** The MLC challenges and educates select ARSOF Sergeants First Class to lead their organizations to fight and win in complex operational environments, from battalion and brigade levels, to echelons above Corps.

**Course Description:** The MLC fills the Professional Military Education gap between the Senior Leader Course and the Sergeants Major Course and consists of four Army Learning Areas: Army Leadership and Profession, HumanDimension, Professional Competence and Mission Command. The MLC produces competent senior noncommissioned officers who maintain a positive presence and who are self-aware, adaptive, and able to shape the joint operational environment. They are well versed in the Army Operating Concept 2020-2040 and capable of integrating into joint and multi-domain environments. Graduates are effective communicators capable of expressing themselves professionally through writing and speaking, able to think critically and creatively to identify, analyze and solve complex problems, and readily adapt to operate in volatile, unknown, complex and ambiguous environments.

**Eligibility:** Enlisted (ARSOF, Active Component)

**Prerequisites:** Senior Leader Course graduate and DLC-4.

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**ARSOF SENIOR NCO FUNDAMENTALS COURSE**

- **Course Number:** 1-250-C6 (ARSOF)
- **Location:** Fort Bragg, N.C.
- **Clearance:** Secret
- **Class Size:** 36
- **Iterations:** 7 per year
- **Course Duration:** 4 days

**Scope:** The ARSOF SNCOF course enhances noncommissioned officers’ professional military education by providing the requisite knowledge, competencies, and leadership skills to effectively perform the vast array of duties and responsibilities required of an ARSOF Master Sergeant or First Sergeant.

**Course Description:** The ARSOF SNCOF supplements the curriculum challenges and educates select ARSOF Sergeants First Class in the areas of planning systems and execution, operating within the complexity of the joint, interagency, intergovernmental, and multinational environments, and produces senior NCOs who are capable of operating and thriving at the operational level in ambiguous and complex operational environments. Additionally, graduates are effective communicators, critical thinkers, and are well versed in Theater Special Operations Command roles and responsibilities, statutory and funding authorities, legal matters and processes, identity management, FRP (force management) staff and processes, and noncommissioned officer evaluation reports.
SF WARRANT OFFICER Technical and Tactical Certification Course (SFWOTTC)

- **Course Number:** 2E-180A
- **Location:** Fort Bragg, N.C.
- **Clearance:** Secret
- **Class Size:** 40
- **Iterations:** 2 per year
- **Course Duration:** 18.5 weeks

Eligibility: Officer, Enlisted (Active and Reserve Component)

Prerequisites: Active and National Guard Soldiers selected for the Special Forces Warrant Officer program must meet all provisions IAW AR-135-100, DA Pam 601-8 Commissioned Officer Professional Development and Career Management and DA Pam 601-6 Warrant Officer Procurement Program. Candidates must meet all requirements for the initial award of MOS 180A as prescribed in DA Pam 601-21, Military Occupational Classification and Structure. Any variation from the above standards requires a waiver from the Commanding General, USAJFKSWCS. (See ATRRS for class dates and other course prerequisites.)

Scope: SFWOTTC is a branch-specific course conducted by the Special Forces Warrant Officer Institute, USAJFKSWCS. The course applies the Army Learning Model to education and training. Candidates are provided Army Common Core subjects and learn fundamentals of the Army officer during the Army Leadership and Profession module and are required to demonstrate leadership, comprehension and analysis during military briefings and through written products. Additional modules include: Intelligence Activities, Planning, Army Training Management, ARSOF Doctrine and Operations, Targeting, Whole-of-Government operations and relationships, and a culminating field exercise focused on Preparation of the Environment and analysis of Unconventional Warfare activities and insurgencies. Candidates must be prepared for a learning environment that stresses written and oral communication, problem-solving, critical thinking and the use of analytical frameworks. The ability to lead and plan in uncertain environments is stressed during all phases of training.

Purpose: Educate, train and technically certify candidates for MOS 180A in operational and tactical requirements for planning and executing special operations worldwide. Newly appointed WOs primarily serve as Assistant Detachment Commanders for a SFOD-A.

The SFWOI is the only training institution in the U.S. Army authorized to appoint SF Warrant Officers. All other U.S. Army Warrant Officers are appointed through the Warrant Officer Candidate School at Fort Rucker, Alabama.

SF WARRANT OFFICER AdvANCED Course (SFWOAC)

- **Course Number:** 2-33-C22(DL)/2-33-C32
- **Location:** Fort Bragg, N.C.
- **Clearance:** TS/SCI
- **Class Size:** 25
- **Iterations:** 2 per year
- **Course Duration:** 10 weeks

Eligibility: Warrant Officer (Active and Reserve Component)

Prerequisites: Must be a branch-managed CMF 180A in the rank of CW2 or CW3 and a graduate of the SFWOTTC; select SF warrant officers not managed by the CMF 180A are authorized to attend with prior approval from the Commandant, Special Forces Warrant Officer Institute and their WD Branch.

Scope: The course consists of four modules. Module A (Leadership and the Profession of Arms) requires the student to understand the duties, responsibilities and operational processes of the mid-grade warrant officer and the role of the military in the U.S. National Security Strategy. A Staff Ride to a U.S. national battlefield increases the students’ understanding of how tactical plans are derived from operational and strategic priorities by analyzing key military campaigns of the 20th Century. Module B (Training Management) enables the student to employ effective and efficient training management procedures as a company operations Warrant or as a member of a battalion staff. Module C (Special Operations Forces Doctrine and Operations) prepares the student to develop company- and battalion-level plans that are tactical capabilities to regional or national strategies. Module D (Mission Planning) is a comprehensive culminating exercise that requires the student to develop company- and battalion-level plans that are tactical capabilities to regional or national strategies. This module concludes with a capstone event encompassing real world planning efforts at a select Special Forces Group where the students can apply their mission planning skills. Additionally, the course covers several Comprehensive Fitness General Learning Outcomes that enhance the student’s physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual resilience and reinforce the importance of a leader’s responsibility to promote Comprehensive Soldier Fitness throughout the Army.

Course Description: Educate and develop mid-grade Special Forces warrant officers to serve as leaders, planners and advisors at the company and battalion level as well as select Table of Distribution and Allowance positions throughout the SFOD community.

SF WARRANT OFFICER Intermediate Level Education (SFWOILE)

- **Course Number:** 2E-F08-C8
- **Location:** Fort Bragg, N.C.
- **Clearance:** TS/SCI
- **Class size:** 10
- **Iterations:** 2 per year
- **Course Duration:** 10 weeks

Eligibility: Warrant Officer (Active and Reserve Component)

Prerequisites: Attendees who are CMF 180A must be in the rank of CW2 or CW3 and a graduate of the SFWOAC. Non-CMF 180A senior warrant officers assigned to SOF units, who are in the rank of CW3 or CW4, are authorized to attend SFWOILE to gain an education on SOF-specific mission planning and operations. Non-CMF 180A must seek prior approval for attendance through the Commandant, Special Forces Warrant Officer Institute, USAJFKSWCS and their WD Branch. Additionally, SF Warrant Officers must have completed the Special Operations Military Deception Planner’s Course prior to attending the SFWOILE Course.

Scope: The course consists of six modules encompassing history, theory, doctrine and application. Module A (SFWO Professional Development and Career Management) provides an overview of the duties and responsibilities of Senior Warrant Officers at the SF Battalion level, SF Group level and SFWO personnel management concepts. Module B (Strategic Warfighting Studies) introduces the students to the strategic roles of the U.S. military and the military’s role in whole-of-government approach. Module C (Operational Warfighting Studies) focuses the students on the actual mechanics involved in the preparation of strategic campaign plans through the study of doctrine, Operational Art and Design and the Joint Planning Process. Module D (Military Campaign Studies) increases the students’ understanding of standing of strategic campaigns by analyzing key military campaigns and SOF involvement during 20th and 21st Century conflicts. Module E (OWS Campaign Planning) provides a practical experience that is designed to help the students better understand the importance and applicability of operational warfighting for Special Operations Warrant Officers. Module F (SF Support to Campaign Planning) affords the students the opportunity to apply their knowledge by conducting a capstone event encompassing real world planning efforts, focusing on SF supporting plans, or SOF-centric planning at one of the Theater Special Operations Commands.

Course Description: Educates and develops senior leaders, planners and advisors to support company commanders and SF warrant officers to serve as leaders, planners and advisors at the operational and strategic level. Graduates are Senior Warrant Officer Advisors and joint-capable SOF planners with an operational and strategic mindset.
STAFF AND FACULTY DEVELOPMENT

Our Staff and Faculty Development courses provide training and education to develop the world-class military and civilian instructors, staff and leaders that build our special operations forces. From professional development to mandatory annual training these courses aim to maximize human potential.

COMMOM FACULTY DEVELOPMENT-INSTRUCTOR COURSE (CFD-IC)
- **Course Number:** 2G-F91/011-F79
- **Location:** Fort Bragg, N.C.
- **Clearance:** Secret
- **Class Size:** 50
- **Iterations:** 3 per year
- **Course Duration:** 5 days

**Eligibility:** Officer, Warrant Officer, Enlisted; ARSOF, Active Component

**Prerequisites:** Must be selected as an ARSOF commander, command chief warrant officer or command sergeant major bielot of an SF, CA, PA, Ranger, special operations aviation or special-mission unit squadron, battalion, regiment or group. (Note: See AFARS for class dates and other course prerequisites, school code 531)

**Scope:** Current SDF doctrine, organizations, capabilities, training-management procedures, leader development and command responsibilities. Focuses on required warfighting, leading, training, caring and maintenance skills needed to succeed the first 90 days in command and culminates with a scenario-based, tabletop risk-free crisis-management exercise that provides a medium for exercising the decision-making process in the context of the special-operations operational environment.

**Course Description:** To assist ARSOF command designees and command sergeants major to prepare for beats of group or regiment/command by training on tasks and subjects unique to ARSOF commanders.

COMMON FACULTY DEVELOPMENT-DEVELOPERS COURSE (CFD-DC)
- **Course Number:** 2G-T01
- **Location:** Fort Bragg, N.C.
- **Clearance:** Secret
- **Class Size:** 14
- **Iterations:** 4 per year
- **Course Duration:** 10 days

**Eligibility:** Officer, Warrant Officer, Enlisted; Active, Reserve Component; DoD Civilian, Contractor**

**Scope:** The CFD-DC teaches training developers and senior instructors how to analyze, design and develop instructional materials and subject matter in accordance with guidelines outlined in TRADOC Reg 350-70 and local standard operating procedures.

**Course Description:** This course is required for all training and senior lesson plan developers and is a prerequisite for attending the TRADOC Training Developers Middle Managers’ Course. This course includes all TRADOC analyses, design and development common core tasks and expresses the student to all phases of the ADDIE process and they practice those phases in class. The student is required to complete a Capstone Project to show his proficiency in those same parts — mostly after class. The Capstone Project is the final assessment reflecting degree of proficiency.

**Visit the SFDD portal page for class dates:** [https://usascoc.sog.socom.mil/sites/swcs-swcdot/sfdd/default.aspx](https://usascoc.sog.socom.mil/sites/swcs-swcdot/sfdd/default.aspx)

ARMY SPECIAL OPERATIONS FORCES PRE-COMMAND COURSE
- **Course Number:** 2G-F91/011-F79
- **Location:** Fort Bragg, N.C.
- **Clearance:** Secret
- **Class Size:** 50
- **Iterations:** 3 per year
- **Course Duration:** 5 days

**Eligibility:** Officer, Warrant Officer, Enlisted; ARSOF, Active Component

**Prerequisites:** Must be selected as an ARSOF commander, command chief warrant officer or command sergeant major bielot of an SF, CA, PA, Ranger, special operations aviation or special-mission unit squadron, battalion, regiment or group. (Note: See AFARS for class dates and other course prerequisites, school code 531)

**Scope:** Current SDF doctrine, organizations, capabilities, training-management procedures, leader development and command responsibilities. Focuses on required warfighting, leading, training, caring and maintenance skills needed to succeed the first 90 days in command and culminates with a scenario-based, tabletop risk-free crisis-management exercise that provides a medium for exercising the decision-making process in the context of the special-operations operational environment.

**Course Description:** To assist ARSOF command designees and command sergeants major to prepare for beats of group or regiment/command by training on tasks and subjects unique to ARSOF commanders.

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INSTRUCTIONAL LEADER’S COURSE (ILC)
- **Course Number:** N/A
- **Location:** Fort Bragg, N.C.
- **Clearance:** N/A
- **Class Size:** approx. 14
- **Iterations:** 6 per year
- **Course Duration:** 3 days

**Eligibility:** Officer, Warrant Officer, Enlisted (Active Component), DoD Civilian

**Scope:** To familiarize newly assigned company-level military leaders, senior instructors or course managers with the primary responsibilities of a unit-level instructional leader. These consist of instructor evaluation and development as well as implementing, assessing and evaluating the instructional program. Activities and processes include the Accountable Instructional System, effective management of academic instructional processes, developing capable instructors and conducting quality assessments and evaluations.

**Course Description:** Students evaluate their program of instruction and course materials utilizing current TRADOC and SDOS policies and standards.

SENIOR INSTRUCTIONAL LEADER’S COURSE (SILC)
- **Course Number:** N/A
- **Location:** Fort Bragg, N.C.
- **Clearance:** N/A
- **Class Size:** 5-10
- **Iterations:** 2 per year
- **Course Duration:** 2 days

**Eligibility:** Officer, Warrant Officer, Enlisted; Active Component, DoD Civilian

**Scope:** To familiarize newly assigned battalion-level (and higher) leaders with the primary leadership and management responsibilities of a chief instructional leader. These consist of assessing the implementation of the instructional program by their subordinate units using student performance data combined with the DOTMLPF-F factors. Activities and processes include implementing a command assessment program for focused data collection and sustaining the Command Indicators Dashboard Program to complete the AIS process.

**Course Description:** As part of the USASOC Pre-Command Course, SILC familiarizes USAJKFSCWCS Senior Officers, NCIs and senior civilians on academic instructional processes and provides guidance in management of the learning environment. Major focus is on USAJKFSCWCS academic practices, assessment of instruction, quality evaluations and instructor proficiency development.

**Contractors Note:** Contractors may attend training if training is authorized within their contract. The current contract states that an individual will receive training at no cost to the individual or military.
SOF DOCTRINE AND TRAINING PUBLICATIONS

Accessing Publications Online:

- Army Publishing Directorate
  https://armypubs.army.mil
- Central Army Registry
  https://rdl.train.army.mil/catalog/dashoard
  Instructions: Login with AKO username and password.
  Restrictions: No draft or classified pubs.
- Digital Training Management System
  https://dtms.army.mil
  Instructions: Log in using your CAC or AKO login. Hover over the planning tab at the top of the page, select CATS Unit List, select proponent, select unit type, click apply filter, choose desired task.
  Restrictions: Access is granted by your unit DTMS manager.
- ARSOF Doctrine and Training Library
  USASOC Portal Access:
  Instructions: On the left under documents.
- Army Training Network
  https://atn.army.mil
  Instructions: Go to the Training Enablers tab at the top of the page and click Combined Arms Training Strategies (CATS). If the Training Enablers tab is unavailable, click on the icon for CATS. If the Training Enablers tab is unavailable, click on the icon for CATS.
  Restrictions: Access is granted by your unit.
- Joint Electronic Library
  https://jdeis.js.mil/jdeis
  In all locations, publications are typically available as downloadable portable document format (PDF) files, readable with Adobe Acrobat Reader.

SPECIAL FORCES

SF DOCTRINE

- FM 3-18: SF Operations
- ATP 3-05.1: UW at the CJSTOTF Level
- ATP 3-05.71: (U) ARSOF Resistance and Escape (C)
- ATP 3-18.1: SF Unconventional Warfare
- ATP 3-18.3: (U) SF Direct Action Operations (C)
- ATP 3-18.4: SF Special Reconnaissance
- ATP 3-18.10(C2): SF Air Operations
- ATP 3-18.11(C2): SF Military Free Fall Operations
- ATP 3-18.12(C1): SF Waterborne Operations
- ATP 3-18.13: SF Use of Pack Animals
- ATP 3-18.16: (U) SF Guide to Preparation of the Environment (S//NF)
- ATP 3-18.20: (U) SF Advanced Special Operations Techniques (S//NF)
- ATP 3-18.72: (U) SF Personnel Recovery (S//NF)

SF TRAINING PUBLICATIONS

- TC 18-01.1: UW Mission Planning Guide for the SFODA Level
- TC 18-01.2: UW Mission Planning Guide for the SFODA Level
- TC 18-01.3: UW Mission Planning Guide for the SFODA Level
- TC 18-02: SF Advisor Guide
- TC 18-11 (C2): SF Double-Bag Static Line Operations
- TC 18-32: SF Sniper Training and Employment
- TC 18-35: SF Tracking and Countertracking
- TC 18-20: SF Site Exploitation
- TC 18-09: SF Medical Support to a Resistance
- GTA 31-01-003: Detachment Mission Planning Guide
- GTA 31-02-001: SF Air Operations
- GTA 31-02-002: Air Tasking Order and Special Instructions
- GTA 31-02-003: SF Dive Operations
- GTA 31-70-001: Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape Communications
- ST 31-70-1: SERE Legal Reference
- ST 31-23-1: SAVERSUSP 7

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CA DOCTRINE

- FM 3-57: CA Operations
- ATP 3-57.10: CA Support to Population and Resources Control
- ATP 3-57.20: Civil Affairs Support to Foreign Humanitarian Assistance
- ATP 3-57.30: (DA) Civil Affairs Support to Nation Assistance
- ATP 3-57.50: CA Civil Information Management
- ATP 3-57.60: CA Planning
- ATP 3-57.70: Civil-Military Operations Center
- ATP 3-57.80: Civil-Military Engagement

CA TRAINING PUBLICATIONS

- GTA 41-01-006: CA Organizations and Functions
- GTA 41-01-007: CA General Concepts
- GTA 41-01-008: CA Arts, Monuments & Archives Guide
- GTA 41-01-009: CA Team Guide
- GTA 41-01-010: CA Planning Handbook
- GTA 41-01-011: CA Project Management
- GTA 41-01-012: CA Negotiation and Mediation
- GTA 41-01-013: CA Protection Considerations Guide
- GTA 41-10-001: CA Populace and Resources Control General Concepts
- GTA 41-20-001: FGA General Concepts
- GTA 41-30-001: CA Foreign Assistance General Concepts
- GTA 41-50-001: Civil Information Management
- GTA 41-50-002: CA CIM: Collection
- GTA 41-50-003: CA CIM: Collaboration
- GTA 41-60-001: CA Operations Planning Considerations

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PO DOCTRINE

- FM 3-53: Psychological Operations
- ATP 3-53.1: Military Information in Special Operations
- ATP 3-53.2: Military Information in Conventional Operations

PO TRAINING PUBLICATIONS

- GTA 33-01-001: MISO in the MDP
- GTA 33-01-003: Aerial Delivery Operations
- GTA 33-01-004: MISO Authoritative References
- GTA 33-01-005: Private Industry Terms of Reference
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ONE YEAR, BY THE NUMBERS

11,160
FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC WEAPONS TRAINED ON

13,864,524
ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION FIRED

43,693
INDIVIDUAL AIRBORNE JUMPS

5,970
MARITIME OPERATIONS

10,000+
ANNUAL GRADUATES