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Seasoned instructors train next generation of Special Forces tacticians

Special Forces Qualification Course students operate as a small team moving to and assaulting objectives during the Tactical Combat Skills phase of the course. Working throughout the day and night, these students spend eight weeks learning and rehearsing advanced rifle and pistol marksmanship, heavy weapons, mounted and urban operations, sensitive-site exploitation, troop-leading procedures and small-unit tactics.

By Sgt. Taresha D. Neal
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Special Forces students are in place and all is quiet as Special Forces instructors patiently stand by and wait for their students to begin their assault. As the early light of dawn slowly approaches, an order is shouted by one of the students and the mission begins. The students apply what they have learned about special-operations tactics, and a once-quiet, wooded area is quickly filled with the sound of machine-gun fire.

Special Forces instructors train and guide students during the Tactical Combat Skills phase of the Special Forces Qualification Course at Fort Bragg. During the TCS phase, the Special Forces candidates learn and rehearse advanced rifle and pistol marksmanship, heavy weapons, mounted and urban operations, sensitive-site exploitation, troop-leading procedures, and squad- and platoon-level tactical combat skills.

Leading this 12-man team of TCS instructors is Sgt. 1st Class Travis R. Newton, the chief instructor from Field Team Two, Company B, 1st Battalion, 1st Special Warfare Training Group (Airborne).

"We all come from different areas of operations and apply our different techniques," Newton said. "This is to truly develop a well-rounded Soldier that can deploy anywhere around the world."

"We're here to give these Soldiers all our knowledge and to show them how to adapt to these different situations in which they will find themselves very soon," he said, "so they can bring everybody home alive."

In TCS, the instructors are constantly engaged with their students, whether they're in the classroom or in the field.

"We care about the Soldiers and everything they do," Newton said. "We're out here for eight weeks straight eating, sleeping and living with them."

Newton said the instructors have a vested interest in the outcome and the skills the students gain. These students will be working for other Special Forces Soldiers who are still deployed. Newton explained further that the learning outcome for TCS is for the students to be able to teach the basics of TCS to other Soldiers and foreign nationals.

Sgt. 1st Class Edwin Diaz, a primary instructor, said instructors will teach a class until the students know the material. The students are then taken out into the field where they conduct practical exercises

all day and night, he said.

Sgt. 1st Class Timothy J. Hankins, a primary instructor, said maintaining strict standards is what's going to determine life or death on the battlefield.

"You train like you fight," Hankins said. "If you train lazy, you're going to fight lazy."

After the students have reached their objective, the instructors give the all-clear to let the students know that the exercise is over.

Gathering around the training area, the instructors and student platoon sergeant conduct an after-action review so the students can further hone their skills.

These students are still many months away

from graduating the qualification course and earning their green berets.

Even upon graduation, these Soldiers will be considered no more than Special Forces apprentices; capable of successfully operating on a Special Forces detachment, but not yet experts. Over the coming years, they will train and operate alongside their Special Forces teammates before truly mastering small-unit tactics.

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Chief Instructor, Tactical Combat Skills, 1st Bn., 1st SWTG(A)

ARSOF attributes drive Special Forces 18X entry training

By Maj. Jeffrey Ortoli

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The making of a Special Forces Soldier requires a considerable amount of mentoring from the seasoned, combat-experienced professionals found within the cadre of the 1st Special Warfare Training Group (Airborne).



Ortoli

Throughout the Special Forces Qualification Course, cadre members impart a myriad of hard-won lessons learned, garnered from both combat and training experiences, to the prospective Special Forces Soldiers in both classroom instruction and practical exercises. The bedrock of these lessons are the command-defined Special Forces attributes.

These attributes are the intangible characteristics our Soldiers possess that make them successful in operational environments and mission sets. The attributes are: integrity, courage, perseverance, personal responsibility, professionalism, adaptability, capability and the ability to perform as a team-player.

All Special Forces Soldiers must aspire to internalize the desired set of shared attitudes and values in order to be successful in the SFQC and the operational units. The attributes are used as the litmus test to gauge student growth and development throughout the SFQC, and are even integrated into student performance counseling and punitive actions. If the students do not display the attributes in their actions and practices, they are recycled or relieved from the SFQC.

The 18X students learn the attributes through a progressive learning approach. When they first arrive, cadre provide them with initial training. Once the students graduate from Special Forces Selection and Assessment and progress to the Common Leader Training phase of the SFQC, the students become responsible for their learning and development. During CLT, the students prepare and brief a formal presentation to the company commander and first sergeant, along with their fellow students.

Students are grouped into 10-man sections and assigned one of the attributes for presentation. The students then develop, prepare and present a 30-minute brief in a formal setting. The formal briefing process has proven to be a valuable tool in bolstering the students' skills in presenting information in a professional, timely manner and provides an underpinning of the attributes needed to be successful on today's tumultuous battlefield. Together, the invaluable guidance given by SFQC cadre and the continued adherence to the attributes throughout the SFQC not only guarantees students' success, it also provides a solid foundation for tomorrow's Special Forces Soldiers to build upon throughout their careers.



Inside Staff & Faculty Development

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SWCS Staff and Faculty Development Division, Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1

The following individuals have been recognized as the command's

Civilians of the Quarter

1st Quarter, 2011

Category 1-6



Andrea N. Kolka

Budget Technician,
4th Battalion, 1st SWTG(A)

Category 7-10



Reginald Underwood

Supervisory Supply Technician,
Support Battalion, 1st SWTG(A)

Category 11-14



Patricia C. Wingfield

Information Specialist,
Media Production Division, DOTD

- New student enrollments in the Civilian Education System Foundation Course have been resumed; the technical problems leading to the suspension of enrollments have been resolved. The course is required for all Army civilian interns, team leaders, supervisors and managers hired after Sept. 30, 2006.

- Please go to the following site on the Portal to view important links:

<https://arsocportal.soc.mil/swcs/g1/sfdd/default.aspx>

- Mandatory Annual Training announcements are listed, as well as training links and information.

- **Reminder!** All civilians must first register in Blackboard for mandatory annual training. For further information, contact Ms. Jackie Weyhenmeyer at (910) 396-6469, or weyhenmj@soc.mil

Upcoming Classes

[March 7-25] ARSOF Instructor Trainer Course
Enrollment closed

[March 8] Substance Abuse Training
9 a.m. - 11 a.m., John F. Kennedy Auditorium

[March 22] SOALP Graduation Ceremony
John F. Kennedy Auditorium

[March 28 - April 15] Instructor Trainer Course
Enrollment closed

[April 19] Newcomer's Brief and Tour
Mandatory for all SWCS newcomers

[April 20 and 21] Speed Reading Class

[April 26] Suicide Awareness Prevention Training
9 a.m. - 10 a.m., John F. Kennedy Auditorium

[April 26] Threat Awareness and Reporting Program
10 a.m. - 11 a.m., John F. Kennedy Auditorium

[April 27 and 28] New SOALP class begins
SOALP: Special Operations Aspiring Leader Program

Upcoming Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Basic Rider Course 10 a.m. SWCS Motorcycle Range	7	SWCS Blood Drive 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Kennedy Hall Atrium	9	Special Forces Warrant Officer Advanced Course Graduation 11 a.m. JFK Auditorium	Training Holiday	12
13	 Civil Affairs Week All week long Pinehurst, N.C.	16	17	Protocol 101 Training 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Conference Room, Moon Hall, Airborne Inn	Robin Sage Begins	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	Robin Sage Ends	31	1	2