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Words Matter

Military Information Support students practice negotiation skills at Camp Mackall



Clockwise from left: A student participating in Military Information Support Operations civil disturbance training reacts to an escalating situation with role players during an event on Camp Mackall, Aug. 24. Students attending Military Information Support Operations training practice negotiating techniques. Military Information Support Operations students use loud-speaker techniques to disperse a potentially violent crowd.

Story and photos by Sgt. 1st Class Faith Kawgdoe
40th Public Affairs Detachment

The situation looked grim. A villager with political aspirations gathered a group of locals to protest the government. They hijacked a fuel-laden train and claimed their government is stealing from them while their families starve.

A Military Information Support Operations team entered the scenario and began negotiations to calm the locals and free the train. This is what MISO calls a civil disturbance, and luckily this is only a training exercise.

This exercise is part of the Military Information Support Operations Qualification Course, run by 5th Battalion, 1st Special Warfare Training Group (Airborne) - part of the U.S. Army Special Warfare Center and School, which manages special-operations training for the MISO, Civil Affairs and Special Forces regiments.

A mix of coalition forces, Army and Air Force pepper the training area at Camp Mackall, in Hoffman, N.C. A native of Dayton, Ohio, 1st Lt. Michelle Lukenbill is the only Air Force member

of this team.

According to Lukenbill, this training is a big change from her previous job.

"It's a lot more hands on" Lukenbill said. "In my past job I did a lot of office work, so this is a whole new experience for me."

Lukenbill said practicing her tactical capabilities by learning the M-4 rifle and tactical movements was not easy, but she took the leap into MISO in order to expand her experience level and

to make herself more adaptable for deployments.

"I just think this is a great career-broadening experience for me," Lukenbill said. "I'll be able to deploy with more interesting units and get a bigger perspective of the military."

The international partners and sister service members adds an interesting dynamic to the training and Lukenbill isn't the only one who had to adapt.

"It's a good learning experience for the cadre to hone their teaching," said Sgt. 1st Class John

Wade, a Fairbanks, Calif., native and MISO cadre member. "Just getting that point across and getting to the bottom line. But also it's good for the students to cross-talk with the other forces. It's a chance to learn about the countries they'll be working in or with."

This scenario is just one of a handful the students will be presented with during their week-long exercise at Camp Mackall.

Regardless of the training, Wade said the cadre tend to look

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Instructor, 5th Battalion, 1st SWTG(A)

for all the same things.

"Cool heads always prevail," Wade said. "I'm looking to make sure they take care of their team by pulling good security and look out for each other's welfare; also, a good negotiation. Someone who can come through, speak intelligently and come to a quick resolution, and get the mission completed."

This type of training is useful in today's combat environment.

"It's a tool," said Wade. "It gets a peaceful resolution and that is always better than a violent one."

CFC Update: \$85,317.62

Congratulations!

The SWCS Combined Federal Campaign has taken off, thanks to the generosity of our Soldiers and civilians. So far this year, we have contributed over \$85,000 - already more than this command contributed last year. We have until Dec. 15 to give. Contribute via the CFC website at www.sencfc.org - use the Fort Bragg drop-down menu to select SWCS, or whichever subordinate organization you belong to.



4th Quarter, 2011 Civilians of the Quarter



GS-1 through -6 category

Bonnie Steglich-Randolph

Computer Assistant, SWCS G-6

Steglich-Randolph's significant contributions during the command's optimization moves to ensure over 150 telephone moves were accomplished in a timely manner reflect greatly upon her telecommunications knowledge and abilities. Her dedicated support as the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-6 government purchase card holder ensures the G-6 is able to maintain vital telecommunications connectivity and information technology support for the command.



GS-7 through -9 category

Deborah Forgach

Paralegal, SWCS Staff Judge Advocate

Forgach provided extraordinary expertise, diligence and efficiency to all organizations assigned to this command. Her valuable legal support ensured that all legal actions were completed to an extremely high standard. Her attention to detail and genuine concern for Soldiers have been instrumental in assisting commanders in maintaining good order and discipline by providing quality legal services.



GS-11 category

Michael T. Tucker

Distributed Learning Course Manager, Noncommissioned Officer Academy

Tucker was instrumental in the pressing endeavors to reduce the Noncommissioned Officer Education System backlog within Special Forces. His knowledge, effort and attention to detail were indispensable and had a direct impact on the health and development of the entire Special Forces noncommissioned officer corps.



GS-12 through -14 category

David L. Brand

Department of Education chair, Special Warfare Education Group (Airborne)

Brand displayed unparalleled initiative, superb technical skill and unwavering dedication to duty in keeping with the finest traditions of the Army. His management of the SWCS associate's degree program resulted in enabling over 1,300 Army special-operations forces Soldiers to meet their associates degree academic requirements, and his personal supervision of the American Council on Education accreditation visit resulted in over 125 new college credit hour opportunities for ARSOF training course.



Team category

Budget Division, SWCS G-8

Virginia Bennett, Lynda Gibson, Andrea Kolda, April S. McRae, Dezella M. Peele, Tina R. Poynter, Judy T. Steelman, Petra C. Taylor, Cecilia T. Wallace and Jeanette Wideman

During this quarter, the budget division successfully navigated an extraordinary year-end closeout during a landmark budget year filled with unprecedented congressional budget uncertainty. With more than the usual year-end scrambling and vast movements of funding, the budget division flawlessly orchestrated the closeout of over \$199.2 million in Fiscal Year 2011 funding, the largest ever, despite predictions of huge budget cuts.

Commander's Award for Civilian Service

Varice L. Adams, SWCS G-8

Time in Service to the Federal Government

Joseph S. Pereira, CDID, 25 years

Civilian of the Quarter Runners-Up

Norman Allen, 1st Bn., 1st SWTG(A)

Todd Clayman, 1st SWTG(A)

George Dora, 3rd Bn., 1st SWTG(A)

Leslie Habersham, SWEG(A)

Eva Herrara, CDID

Shery Jaramillo, 3rd Bn., 1st SWTG(A)

James Lane, 1st SWTG(A)

Timothy Landreth, CDID

Donald Long, 1st Bn., 1st SWTG(A)

Patrick McKinney, CDID

John Millward, 4th Bn., 1st SWTG(A)

Peter Riopel, WO1

Terence Story, 1st SWTG(A)

SWCS G-3/G-6/SGS team

Editorial Branch, MPD, CDID team

SWCS Safety Office announces 2011 Safety Awards

SWCS Safety Officer of the Year

Maj. John Scott Kerns, SWMG(A) Safety Officer

SWCS Safety Program of the Year

Company Level

D Company (Robin Sage), 1st Bn., 1st SWTG(A)

Battalion Level

5th Battalion, 1st Special Warfare Training Group (Airborne)

SWCS Individual of Excellence Award

Noncommissioned Officer

Staff Sgt. Robert Rollins, B Co., 5th Bn., 1st SWTG(A)

Civilian

Edward P. Munroe, E Co., 1st Bn., 1st SWTG(A)

SWCS Command Sergeant Major Super Soldier Safety Award

Sgt. 1st Class John Patterson, 4th Bn., 1st SWTG(A)

Recipients of SWCS Commanding General and Command Sergeant Major Safety Coins

1st Special Warfare Training Group (Airborne)

1st Battalion

Adam Bourlet

Master Sgt. Steven Everett

3rd Battalion

Sgt. 1st Class Will Highsmith

Master Sgt. David Stopher

4th Battalion

Sgt. 1st Class Nicholas Cline

Sgt. 1st Class Michael Gibbs

Sgt. 1st Class Matt Gazaway

Sgt. 1st Class Garrett Noonan

5th Battalion

Sgt. 1st Class Joseph Boren

Capt. Andrew Nilson

Sgt. 1st Class Buryl Ewing

Capt. Andrew Potts

Sgt. 1st Class Benjamin Hall

Sgt. 1st Class Victor Rivera

Staff Sgt. Randy Huter

Maj. Gregory Seese

Maj. Carla Kiernan

Sgt. 1st Class Jesus Sierra

Maj. Rafael Linera

Pfc. James Siniscalchi

Master Sgt. Eric Linz

Sgt. 1st Class Benjamin Smith

Sgt. 1st Class John Lutz

Sgt. 1st Class John Wade

1st Sgt. Charles Moore

Support Battalion

Spc. Brandon Baker

Spc. Paudan Mutuku

Sgt. James Bauermeister

Spc. Edrieck Payne

Sgt. Tiffany Brock

Wilda Pratts

Carlos Cabellero

Spc. Bradley Quattlebam

Sgt. Jared Christopherson

Pfc. Norbert Quiles

Staff Sgt. Tyler Clausing

Pfc. Lorenzo Reyes

Richard Forgach III

Staff Sgt. Billy Richard

Sgt. Jose Gonzales

Spc. Jeremiah Rood

David L. Gray

Staff Sgt. Justin Schand

Sgt. Michael Hill

Sgt. Justin Smith

Staff Sgt. Jason Joseph

Sgt. Mark Spetz

Stanley Kinnison

Spc. Dustin Trumbull

Spc. Kevin Linsey

Pfc. Christian Williams

Spc. Samuel Meinhart

Special Warfare Medical Group (Airborne)

Sgt. 1st Class Scott Blough

Timothy Ekstrand

Sgt. 1st Class Brian Comte

Norman Emmendorfer

HMC Patrick Gallaher

Raul Diaz

HMCS Mark McNeil

Dale Mohr

Winn Kerr

George Perez

2011 Holiday Safety Briefing Schedule

HHC, SWCS	SWMG(A)	SWEG(A)	Make-up	SWTG(A)
10 a.m., Dec. 7	2 p.m., Dec. 7	8 a.m., Dec. 8	2 p.m., Dec. 9	9 a.m., Dec. 15
JFK Auditorium	SWMG Audit.	JFK Auditorium	JFK Auditorium	Camp Mackall