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## SWCS helps experienced Soldiers reclass into ARSOF through Military Information Support training



U.S. Army Soldiers interact with role-players during field exercises while attending Military Information Support training courses at the U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School. Military Information Support training gives Soldiers the skills needed to help influence hostile and neutral foreign audiences through communication techniques. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Russell Lee Klika, SWCS Office of Strategic Communication)

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**T**o subdue the enemy without fighting is the supreme excellence,” said Sun Tzu in *The Art of War*. Military Information Support instructors at the U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School are teaching that fine art, among other tasks, to prospective MIS Soldiers. As force multipliers and members of the Army’s special-operations community, MIS Soldiers strive to “persuade rather than compel physically.”

The U.S. Army is beginning a reduction of its force, planning to cut the total force by around 80,000 troops over the coming years according to the latest announcement by defense leaders Jan. 26 during a proposed defense budget overview at the Pentagon.

“The Army is growing into a smaller, more agile one [and one of the ways they are doing this] is through the Over-Strength Qualitative Service Program,” said Sgt. 1st Class Ricky Harris, the

SWCS senior career counselor. Many Soldiers in over-strength military occupational specialties who wish to continue serving may need to reclass into a new MOS.

Those who find themselves in over-strength career fields, or those who may be just looking for a change of pace, may want to consider joining the Army’s MIS community. MIS is one of only a handful of specialties in the Army that only accepts experienced Soldiers with prior military service into its active-duty units.

“Maturity [is] the biggest reason we’re switching to prior service. Typically speaking we work in small teams that have a lot of autonomy” said Sgt. 1st Class Buyrl Ewing, a MIS instructor in 5th Battalion, 1st Special Warfare Training Group (Airborne).

Harris said that males and females between the ranks of specialist and staff sergeant are eligible to submit a reclass packet to join the 37F MOS, but

that sergeants-first-class and above, and those who have served more than 14 years of active federal service, will not be eligible to reclass.

Military Information Support training gives Soldiers the skills needed to help influence hostile and neutral foreign audiences through negotiation, mediation and similar communication techniques.

A Military Information Support Soldier will also learn marketing and advertising principles, social-behavioral science and public diplomacy as well as many other tasks. Students will also be assigned to study one of 16 different languages, depending on the needs of operational MIS units.

Prospective MIS Soldiers must first attend MISO Assessment and Selection, where experienced special-operatives test and assess individual’s skills and characteristics in

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# SHARP training resources available to SWCS Soldiers

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I consider it to be a personal honor and privilege to serve as the new Sexual Harassment and Assault Prevention, or SHARP, representative for the SWCS Headquarters and Headquarters Company.

Prior to the implementation of the SHARP program, multiple offices handled sexual harassment and assault prevention and response, depending upon whether you were a Soldier or civilian. You may have received training from the SAPR, POSH, EO or EEO reps. As the Army transitions to the SHARP Program, your SHARP representative will become your one-stop-shop for all things sexual harassment and assault-related for Soldiers and civilians (with the exception of Sexual Harassment Response, which will still fall under the purview of the EEO).

One key element of the SHARP program is the I.A.M.STRONG campaign. I.A.M. stands for Intervene, Act and Motivate. We will no longer target the victim. We will no longer focus on what they can do to protect themselves. Now, we will focus on **you**. The bystander. There are **no** innocent bystanders. You must **intervene** when you see sexual harassment or assault take place. You must **act** to stop it. And you must **motivate** others around you to do the same and create a culture where sexual harassment and assault is not tolerated.

Remember, sexual harassment and assault happens to both males and females. There was a sharp increase of sexual harassment and assault complaints from males throughout the Army in 2011.

As the HHC SHARP representative I have a duty to each of you and each of you should hold me accountable. I am responsible for managing the program, training, preventing sexual harassment and assault and responding to any complaints. I promise to take this job seriously and ensure that HHC, SWCS has a climate minimizes that minimizes if not eliminates sexual harassment and assault.

Starting next month, I will begin SHARP training for HHC. Classes will be held twice each month and 100 percent of all HHC personnel must be trained by the end of the fiscal year.

In addition, each SWCS subordinate unit, to include the Special Warfare Training, Medical and Education groups, in SWCS has their own SHARP representative, who will manage that units' training and SHARP-related business.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any additional questions about the SHARP program; you may reach me at (910) 396-9394 or [teresa.coble@soc.mil](mailto:teresa.coble@soc.mil)



Soldiers attending Military Information Support training interact with role-players during a field-training exercise at Camp Mackall in Hoffman, N.C. in August 2011. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Russell Lee Klika, SWCS Office of Strategic Communication)

order to select those most likely to succeed as MIS Soldiers. All Army special-operations Assessment and Selection programs are run by SWCS' Special Warfare Education Group (Airborne).

Those selected will then be assigned to SWCS for the MISO Active Duty Qualification Course which is anywhere from 39-45 weeks long, depending on each student's assigned language.

"[Graduates will be] able to operate in small teams in friendly, politically sensitive, uncertain or hostile environments to achieve U.S. objectives independently or with or through indigenous forces and populations" answered Maj. Rafael Linera, commander of B Company Commander, 5th Battalion, 1st SWTG(A).

Soldiers are then inducted into the Army's Psychological Operations Regiment upon graduation.

"Some Soldiers may need to re-enlist or extend [their military contracts] in order to get their orders," warned Harris.

The 4th Military Information Support Group (Airborne) is the Army's only active-duty Military Information Support Operations unit, and is located at Fort Bragg, N.C.

In addition to the active-duty MIS group and course, there is also a course for Army Reserve MIS Soldiers. Reserve MIS Soldiers will be assigned to the 2nd and 7th Psychological Operations Groups; each have battalions located across the United States.

Those interested in learning more about MIS can watch a video about the active duty reclass qualification course at <http://www.bragg.army.mil/sorb/MISO.htm>.

## Upcoming Event Highlight

### Special Forces Regimental Day Ceremony

1 p.m. on April 5 in front of Kennedy Hall on Fort Bragg, N.C.

Join senior leaders from the U.S. Army Special Operations Command, Special Forces Command and John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School as we celebrate the proud heritage of the Army's Special Forces regiment. This afternoon ceremony will include a Special Forces Qualification Course graduation ceremony, and the dedication ceremony for the statue honoring President John F. Kennedy and then-Brig. Gen. William P. Yarborough in front of Fort Bragg's Kennedy Hall.

Keep your eyes on future editions of *Inside SWCS* for more information

## SWCS Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1	2	3	Robin Sage begins
5	6	7	SWCS Civilian of the Year ceremony	9	10	11
12	13	14	Robin Sage ends	16	Training Holiday	18