

# 1<sup>st</sup> Special Warfare Training Group (Airborne)





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# Commanding General, USAJFKSWCS Vision

We will remain a world-class Special Operations Training Center and School with an integrated Unconventional Warfare Center of Excellence that produces agile, adaptive, warrior-focused Soldiers. We will lead change based upon today's lessons learned, while focusing on tomorrow's challenges. We will develop innovative doctrine and never lose sight of the fact that we are the only source that provides a highly trained force with the intuitive abilities to work by, with, and through our indigenous partners. We will provide our operational force with the most relevant advanced skills necessary to make us an irreplaceable force.



# What Has Changed at the USAJFKSWCS?

- **Mindset: We are training ARSOF warriors to go into combat... how can we improve?**
- **Quality of training dramatically increased**
  - Is it relevant to the GWOT. If not, don't do it.
  - Rapid integration of new and revised training into courses
  - More live fire than ever before for all MOSs
- **Graduation rates higher; standards maintained/increased**
  - Instructors; teach, coach, train, and mentor
  - Completely changed SFQC, CA, and PSYOP pipelines
  - One model for AC & RC CA and PSYOP pipelines
- **Agility to meet wartime requirements**
  - Quality of instructors/cadre has never been better
  - We will meet future growth requirements of SF, CA, and PO
- **We are well postured to meet QDR growth**
  - Achieved ADE recruiting goal for FY08
  - Exceeded 750 ADE SFQC Goal for FY08





# 1<sup>st</sup> Special Warfare Training Group (A) Mission Statement

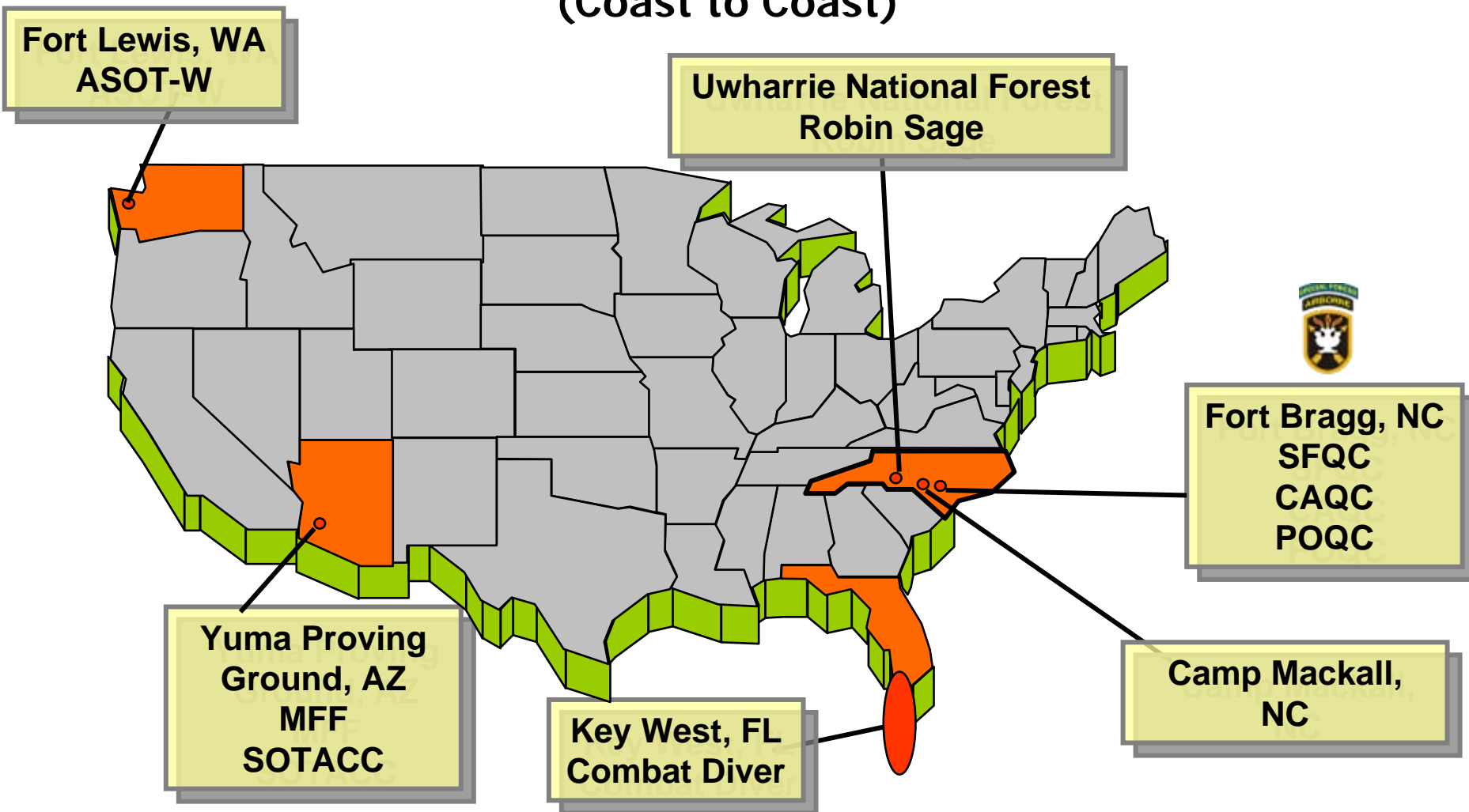
1st SWTG(A) trains Soldiers to standard, as entry-level ARSOF warriors, at Fort Bragg, NC; Camp MacKall, NC; Key West, FL; Fort Lewis, WA; and Yuma Proving Ground, AZ in order to fill current and future ARSOF requirements.

On order - 1st SWTG(A) trains select DoD, inter-agency, and foreign personnel.



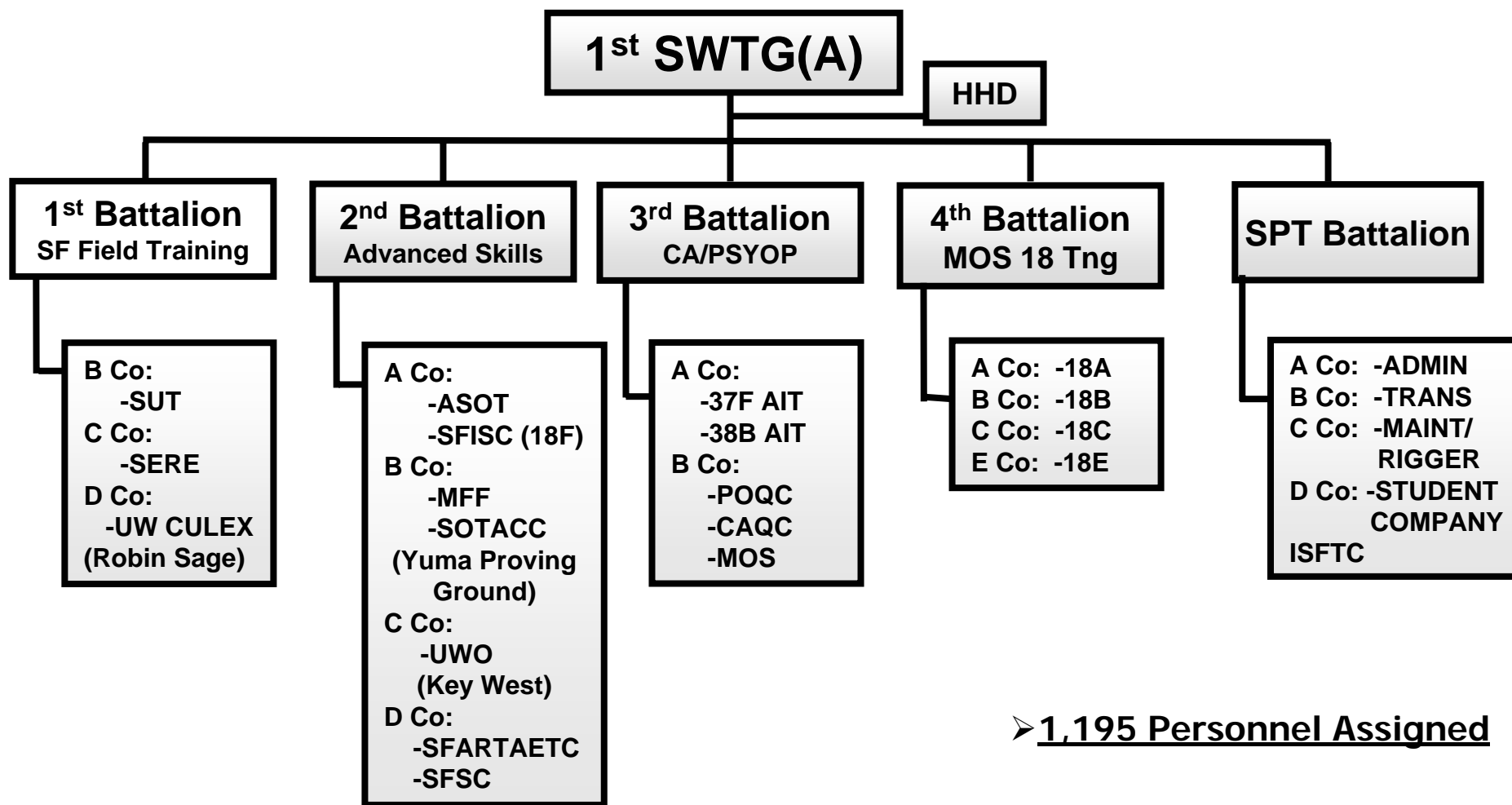
# The 1<sup>st</sup> SWTG(A) Footprint

(Coast to Coast)





# Task Organization



➤ 1,195 Personnel Assigned



# Special Forces Qualification Course







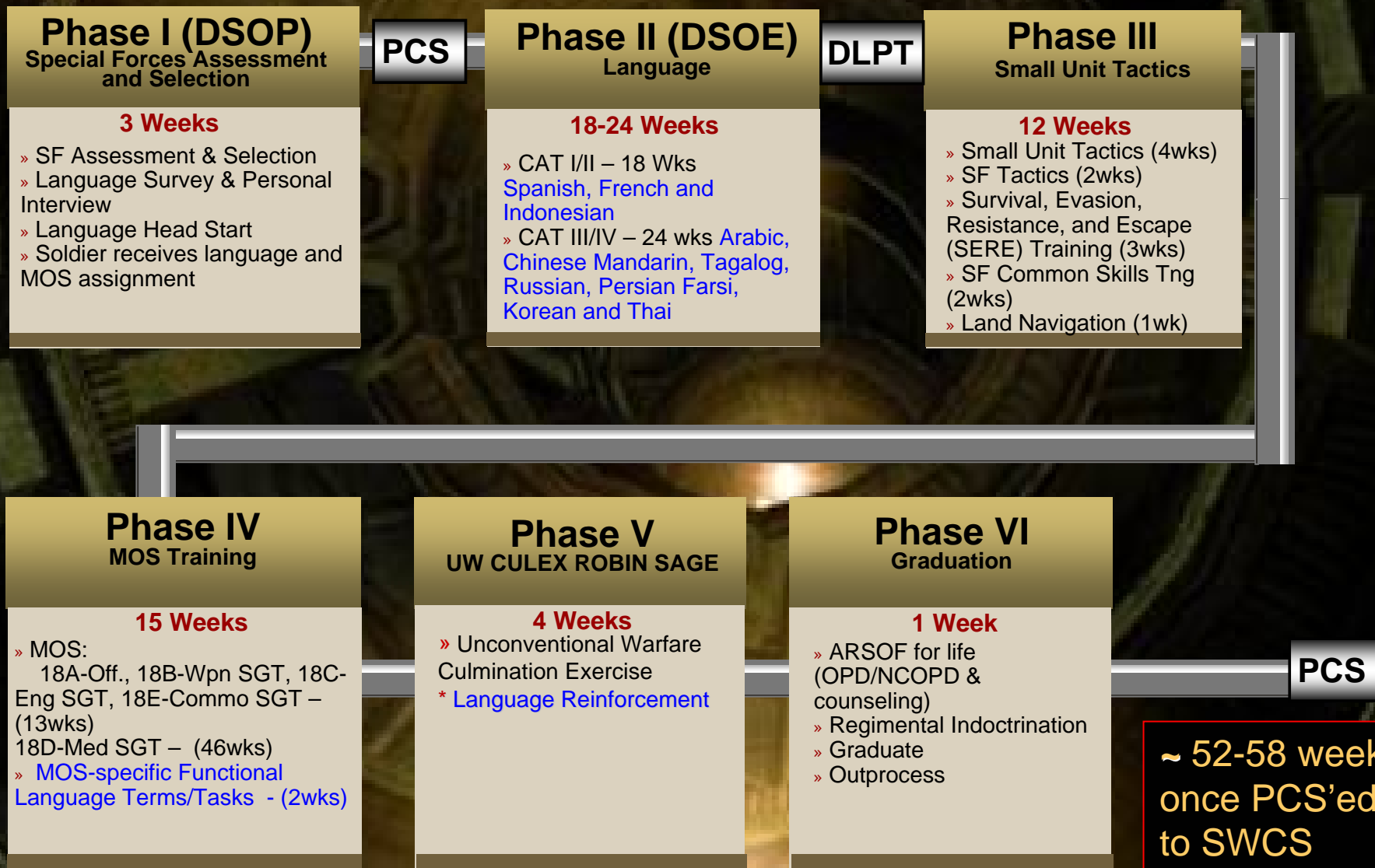
# SOFT TRUTHS



- Humans are more important than hardware
  - Quality is better than Quantity
- Special Operations Forces cannot be mass produced
- Competent Special Operations Forces cannot be created after emergencies occur

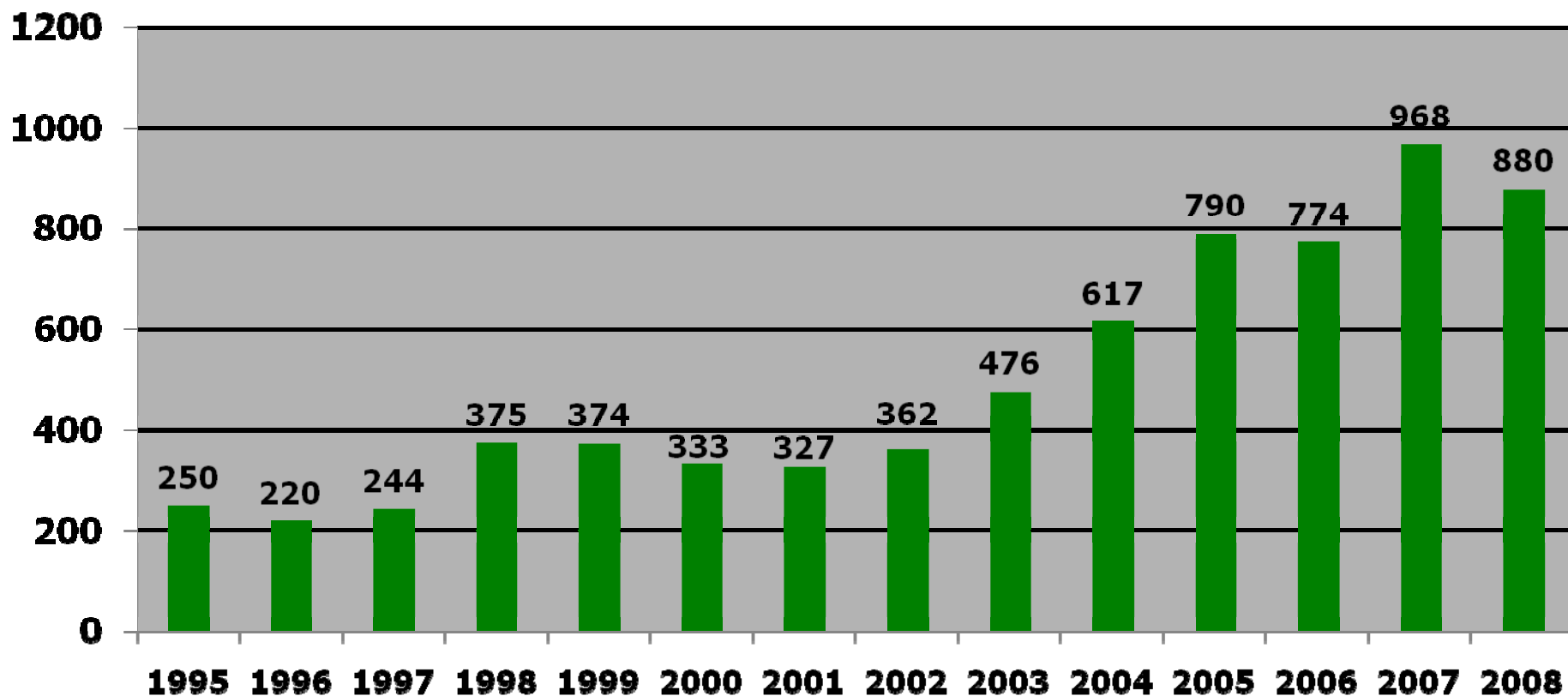


# Special Forces Qualification Course Pipeline





# SFQC Active Duty Enlisted Graduates 1995 - 2008





# Special Forces Qualification Course Pipeline Production in FY 08

- **Phase I: Special Forces Selection and Assessment**

- 1,224 of 3,184 Soldiers Selected for SFQC attendance (38%)

- Special Forces Qualification Course**

- 1,119 Officers and Noncommissioned Officers earned the Green Beret

- 1<sup>st</sup> SWTG(A) has exceeded the annual 750 AD Enlisted production goal by an average of 124 SF graduates for FYs 06, 07, and 08**



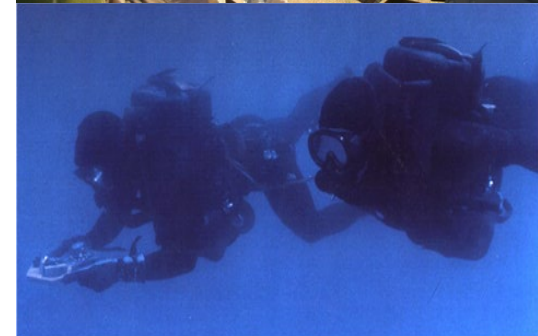


# SF Advanced Skills Training

Conducted by 2d Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> SWTG(A)

- Advanced Special Operations Techniques Course
- Special Forces Intelligence Sergeants Course
- Military Free Fall Course
- Military Free Fall Jumpmaster Course
- Special Operations Terminal Attack Controller Course
- Combat Diver Qualification Course
- Dive Supervisor Course
- Dive Medical Technician Course
- Special Forces Sniper Course
- Special Forces Advanced Reconnaissance, Target Analysis and Exploitation Techniques Course

➤ **1,621 Advanced Skills Graduates in FY 08**





# **Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations Qualification Course**



## Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations Pipeline



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### Phase I Introductory Courses

**2 Weeks**

- » Introduction to Civil Affairs
- » Introduction to Psychological Operations

### Phase II (DSOE) Language

**18-24 Weeks**

- » CAT I/II – 18 Wks  
Spanish, French and Indonesian
- » CAT III/IV – 24 wks  
Arabic, Chinese Mandarin, Tagalog, Russian, Persian Farsi, Korean and Thai

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### Phase III MOS Specific Courses

**11 Weeks**

- » PSYOP Core
- » CA Core
- » Cultural Analysis
- » Adaptive thinking & leadership

### Phase IV CULEX

**3 Weeks**

- » Culmination Exercise:
  - Warrior Tasks / Battle Drills
  - Urban Operations
  - Soldiers Urban Reaction Facility (SURF)

### Phase V Graduation

**1 Week**

- » Graduate
- » Outprocess

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**~ 35-41 weeks  
after PCS**



# Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations Pipeline Production in FY 08

## • Civil Affairs

- 87 Officers and 42 Noncommissioned Officers Graduated
- 284 Soldiers graduated CA Advanced Individual Training (AIT)

## • Psychological Operations

- 83 Officers and 193 Noncommissioned Officers Graduated
- 272 Soldiers graduated PSYOP Advanced Individual Training (AIT)

➤ 961 CA/PO graduates in FY 08







# Conclusion

## **1<sup>st</sup> SWTG(A) is:**

- **One of the largest and most complex brigade-level training units in the Army**
  - 4 Training Battalions and 1 Support Battalion
  - 2,735 Students currently in training
- **The most professional brigade-level training unit in the U.S. Army**
  - Methodology of Teach, Coach, Train and Mentor (TCTM)
- **Focused on training high quality ARSOF Warriors to survive and win on the battlefield**