1st Special Warfare Training Group (Airborne)
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Commanding General,
USAJ FKSWCS 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
1st 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 1st SWTG(A) Footprint
(Coast to Coast)

- Fort Lewis, WA
  ASOT-W
- Yuma Proving Ground, AZ
  MFF
  SOTACC
- Uwharrie National Forest
  Robin Sage
- Yuma Proving Ground, AZ
  MFF
  SOTACC
- Key West, FL
  Combat Diver
- Fort Bragg, NC
  SFQC
  CAQC
  POQC
- Camp Mackall, NC
Task Organization

1st SWTG(A)

1st Battalion
SF Field Training
B Co: -SUT
C Co: -SERE
D Co: -UW CULEX (Robin Sage)

2nd Battalion
Advanced Skills
A Co: -ASOT
- SFISC (18F)
B Co: -MFF
-SOTACC (Yuma Proving Ground)
C Co: -UWO (Key West)
D Co: -SFARTAETC -SFSC

3rd Battalion
CA/PSYOP
A Co: -37F AIT
-38B AIT
B Co: -POQC
-CAQC
-MOS

4th Battalion
MOS 18 Tng
A Co: -18A
B Co: -18B
C Co: -18C
E Co: -18E

SPT Battalion
A Co: -ADMIN
B Co: -TRANS
C Co: -MAINT/RIGGER
D Co: -STUDENT COMPANY
ISFTC

1,195 Personnel Assigned
Special Forces Qualification Course
• 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
**Phase I (DSOP)**
- Special Forces Assessment and Selection
- 3 Weeks
  - SF Assessment & Selection
  - Language Survey & Personal Interview
  - Language Head Start
  - Soldier receives language and MOS assignment

**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

**Phase III**
- Small Unit Tactics
- 12 Weeks
  - Small Unit Tactics (4wks)
  - SF Tactics (2wks)
  - Survival, Evasion, Resistance, and Escape (SERE) Training (3wks)
  - SF Common Skills Tng (2wks)
  - Land Navigation (1wk)

**Phase IV**
- MOS Training
- 15 Weeks
  - MOS: 18A-Off., 18B-Wpn SGT, 18C-Eng SGT, 18E-Commo SGT – (13wks)
  - 18D-Med SGT – (46wks)
  - MOS-specific Functional Language Terms/Tasks - (2wks)

**Phase V**
- UW CULEX ROBIN SAGE
- 4 Weeks
  - Unconventional Warfare Culmination Exercise
  - Language Reinforcement

**Phase VI**
- Graduation
- 1 Week
  - ARSOF for life (OPD/NCOPT & counseling)
  - Regimental Indoctrination
  - Graduate
  - Outprocess

~ 52-58 weeks once PCS’ed to SWCS
SFQC Active Duty Enlisted Graduates
1995 - 2008

1st Special Warfare Training Group (Airborne)
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

• *1st 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, 1st 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
1st Special Warfare Training Group (Airborne)

Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations Pipeline

**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

**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

~ 35-41 weeks after PCS

BASIC AIRBORNE TRAINING

PCS

DLPT

PCST
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

1st 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