



United States Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School

INSIDE SWCS

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EVERYDAY EFFORT, EXTRAORDINARY RESULTS

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The effort contributed by each of the Soldiers and civilians at U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School is of vital importance both to accomplishing the mission and to becoming a part of that mission.

The SOF truths exemplify the idea that the whole is only as great as the sum of its parts and that each individual involved in the creation of our SOF Soldiers is vitally important to the mission. In a recent meeting, SWCS Chief of Staff Col. Curtis Boyd discussed the importance of realizing how the effort of every individual contributes to the mission. That effort is vitally important to the successful training of special-operations Soldiers at SWCS. “Everybody affects the Soldier,” he said, “their experience has value.”

Each individual, whether Soldier or civilian, brings unique experience and has responsibilities that support the SWCS mission:

Recruit, assess, select, train and educate the U.S. Army Civil Affairs, Psychological Operations and Special Forces Soldiers by providing superior training and education, relevant doctrine, effective career management and an integrated force-development capability.

“Anything that is accomplished by the Center and School is a direct result of everybody’s contributions,” said the SWCS commanding general, Maj. Gen. Thomas Csrnko. “It’s encouraged for everyone to contribute and bring ideas to the table. It has to happen.”

SWICK HITS

MC-6

The MC-6 Parachute is being fielded now. As the fielding approaches, look for jump and jumpmaster training on the new device. SWCS will begin jumping MC-6 Parachutes in mid- to late March.

FACEBOOK

Hey! If you didn’t know it JFKSWCS is on Facebook. This is important for many of our Soldiers, Civilians and Families, particularly those in training. By “becoming a fan” people will be able to see and comment on photos, news stories, and events happening in SWCS.

Viewing photos and reading stories allows our Families a glimpse into their Soldiers’ lives that they may not have had in the past and probably will translate to some meaningful discussion.

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NSPS

Civilians: The National Security Personnel System has been repealed. Those employees who were transitioned into NSPS will now be transitioned out, with no loss in pay, to previously existing civilian personnel systems no later than 01 January 2012.

A “NSPS Transition Office” has been established in order to execute a smooth transition to the former systems. The primary goal is minimal disruption to the workforce and mission.

During the transition NSPS remains in effect for those units and organizations working under the system. There will be no position hired into the NSPS after 01 March 2010.

Employees are encouraged to check the [NSPS Web site](#) for updates.

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With almost 1,400 civilians and service members assigned to SWCS across four states, communication is the key to the exchange of ideas. In an age of extreme connectivity, communication is easier than ever. With smart phones, e-mail and numerous other mediums, interaction is almost constant. Colleagues located on the other side of the world are only a click away. But the ease of electronic communication has its downsides.

Telephones and computers can be crutches, according to Col. Boyd. “Don’t stay at your desk. Get up, get out. Meet your customers, meet the soldiers. Get to know people,” he said.

Meeting the people who are directly and indirectly affected by your efforts can make the difference between contentment and possibility. Understanding how individual effort affects the mission not only increases effectiveness and efficiency but also increases an individual’s capability to contribute to, and more importantly, to become a part of, the development of SOF Soldiers.

Look for next week’s story featuring the living history of SWCS, highlighting some of the individual who have been a huge part of our past and continue to be a big influence on our future.