

Part 2 of a 2-part series



## CADET TROOP LEADER TRAINING drops future officers into special operations culture



The U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center & School will host dozens of West Point and Army ROTC cadets to take an active role in learning about and leading special operations Soldiers as part of the CCTL program. Cadets will spend up to four weeks with various SWCS units engaged in training current and future special operations Soldiers.

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*Last week, Inside SWCS explored this command's role in training tomorrow's Army officers in special operations courses during their summer breaks. This week, we take a look at cadets taking brief roles in helping to lead these courses.*

**T**he Cadet Troop Leader Training program gives select West Point and Army ROTC cadets the opportunity to serve in leadership positions in units across the Army each summer. Although most spend three to four weeks attached to lieutenant platoon leaders in operational units, several will spend their assignments leading and training alongside Army special operations Soldiers at SWCS.

Throughout the summer, 27 cadets, from West Point and other universities across the country, will work in different units at the Special Warfare Medical Group (Airborne) and 1st Special Warfare Training Group (Airborne). Two cadets have completed their rotations, with the rest beginning to report for duty in mid-July.

"CTLT has been a part of SWCS for a while," said Fred Ruoff, SWCS Deputy G-3, who oversees the command's involvement in the program.

"In the long term, we're establishing a recruiting base for special operations while educating a new audience about our community." Rather than shadow platoon leaders as they coordinate training events for their Soldiers, cadets attached to SWCS have the opportunity to

see senior officers and noncommissioned officers work together while efficiently conducting some of the Army's most high-profile, in-demand training.

Cadet Neal Bray, who is scheduled to graduate from West Point in 2012, finished his tour with the Medical Group in mid-June. His sponsor, Maj. Bryan Campbell, commander of the SWMG(A)'s A Co., said Bray knew he was reporting to SWCS, but didn't know what to expect once he arrived.

"Most of these guys don't know what

happens within special operations on a day-to-day basis," Campbell said. "For most people, medic training isn't the first thing they associate with Special Forces."

Campbell, himself a 1998 West Point graduate, spent a summer CCTL rotation

with 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne) at Fort Bragg, and says the experience led him down a path to become a Special Forces officer.

Campbell said he hopes Bray's experience had a similar effect.

During his tour, Bray ran PT for Soldiers attending the Special Forces Medical Sergeant course, and sat in on SWMG(A) combat trauma classes, as well as several 1st SWTG(A) courses at Camp Mackall.

"Even though my job as a company commander is largely administrative, my CCTL cadet has the opportunity to train alongside the Army's best Soldiers and NCOs," Campbell said. "This is a very unique experience for a young officer-to-be."

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**Maj. Bryan Campbell**

Commander, A. Co., Special Warfare Medical Group (Airborne)

# Experience and expertise defines SWCS' reputation

By Command Sgt. Maj. Anthony Pettengill  
USAJFKSWCS Command Sergeant Major

Greetings to all of the Soldiers and Civilians of the U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center & School. I am Command Sgt. Maj. Anthony Pettengill and I want to express how excited I am to have the privilege of leading the premiere training center for Civil Affairs, Military Information Support Operations and Special Forces Soldiers.



Pettengill

The integration of these branches with the those who make this happen is a feat that impresses on a daily basis.

I am thankful for my predecessor, Command Sgt. Maj. Charles Sekelsky, for his tireless dedication and leadership to SWCS over the last two years.

We will continue on with his example of setting standards and maintaining discipline in our prestigious organization. Keeping our high standards of professionalism and excellence is key to the integrity of our operational force.

Each member of SWCS is a vital component in the development of the future of our Soldiers and units.

During my tenure here I would like to focus all who work in our organization on the importance of educating and professionalizing our force. We each must hold ourselves accountable to being the best mentors and leaders to our Soldiers and future teammates throughout their training.

It is important that we empower the individual instructors who will shape and mold these Warriors, so decisions can be recommended and executed at the lowest level possible.

We will also continue to seek out the best qualified Soldiers from the operational force for assignment here as instructors and staff. Their experience and expertise is what makes us succeed, and will help us continue to refine our courses to remain relevant and responsive to the needs of our operational forces.

Again, thank you all for your hard work at SWCS. Know that what you do makes an impact that will resound with the future of our fighting force.

## Picture of the Week



Lt. Col. William E. Herbert (left) receives the colors of 2nd Battalion, 1st Special Warfare Training Group (Airborne) from Col. Jack Jensen, 1st SWTG(A) Commander during the 2nd Bn. change of command ceremony July 1 on Fort Bragg. (Photo by John Barrera, 1st SWTG(A) S-3)

## Meetings scheduled to correct admin issue for civilians' alternate work schedules

By David Clark  
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If you are a civilian, supervise a civilian, work for a civilian or sit next to a civilian, do yourself a favor: keep reading, and spread the word.

Nextweek, SWCS is holding four town hall meetings for SWCS civilians working on alternate work schedules. I understand that our employees' time is valuable, but it is vital to our command that all concerned parties attend one of the four meetings.

Many civilian employees at SWCS have the privilege of working on an alternate work schedule. As with all things in our great military, this privilege must be properly documented and recorded. Failure to properly account for our own work hours would be an embarrassment for our command and its members; furthermore, the consequences could cost our command unnecessary amounts of time and resources.

This is a mandatory event for all bargain-

ing unit employees who are working any type of an alternate work schedule. An alternate work schedule is any schedule that is not eight hours a day, five days a week.

If you do not know your status as a bargaining unit or non-bargaining unit employee, check your latest Standard Form 50, in block 37, "Bargaining Unit Status." If the code in this block is anything other than "8888," you are a bargaining unit employee; and if you are working on an alternate work schedule, you must attend one of the town hall meetings listed in the tan box on the left.

Union membership is not relevant in determining bargaining unit status.

Again, these town hall meetings are mandatory for all bargaining unit employees working an alternate work schedule. Supervisors of these employees should also attend one of these meetings.

You will be required to submit a new CBA Form 1 at the town hall meetings; these forms will be provided.

Don't let this become a problem for our command. If you're a bargaining unit employee on an alternate work schedule, come to a town hall meeting and we'll quickly fix this issue.

### Camp Mackall, Classroom 212

10 a.m., July 13

1 p.m., July 13

### John F. Kennedy Auditorium

9:30 a.m., July 14

1:30 p.m., July 14

## Upcoming Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Independence Day	<b>Federal Holiday</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Regimental First Formation</b> 4 p.m. JFK Plaza	<b>SF Qualification Course Graduation</b> 11 a.m. Crown Coliseum	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>4BN, 1SWTG(A) Change of Command</b> 8:30 a.m. John F. Kennedy Plaza	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>End of GPC Billing Cycle</b>	<b>1BN, 1SWTG(A) Change of Command</b> 8:30 a.m. Camp Mackall	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>SWCS Organizational Day</b>	<b>24</b>