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“Noncommissioned Officers: Leaders!” SWCS Soldiers inducted into Army NCO Corps



Col. Jack Jensen, 1st Special Warfare Training Group (Airborne) Commander, congratulates Sgt. Amy Whistler, right, during the unit's NCO Induction Ceremony Oct. 29 at the John F. Kennedy Auditorium on Fort Bragg, N.C. Whistler is an NCO in the 1st SWTG(A)'s Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment S-1 section. (Photo by Caroline Goins, USAJFKSWCS Public Affairs Office).

By Caroline Goins
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I will not compromise my integrity, nor my moral courage. I will not forget, nor will I allow my comrades to forget that we are professionals. Noncommissioned officers: leaders!" cried 18 newly promoted NCOs assigned to SWCS as they recited the NCO Creed at an induction ceremony Oct. 29 in John F. Kennedy Auditorium.

The ceremony symbolized these individuals' crossing from their former duties to their current and future responsibilities as leaders in the U.S. Army, said Master Sgt. James Roth, acting Support Battalion command sergeant major.

As junior Soldiers, these men and women's primary responsibilities were to themselves; to do their best and take responsibility for their own work and actions.

As members of the Noncommissioned Officer Corps, they are now also responsible for ensuring the well-being and success of the Soldiers and Families they oversee. This responsibility

will only increase as they progress through the Army's enlisted ranks.

Sgt. Travis L. Sander, a human resources NCO in 1st Special Warfare Training Group (Airborne), said he was excited to join the NCO Corps and become part of the command's backbone by helping ensure Soldiers' development.

Command Sgt. Maj. Brian D. Edwards, 1st SWTG(A)'s senior NCO, gave the new NCOs several pointers for success. Above all, Edwards said, a Soldier's greatest support system is their Family.

Without that support, no Soldier would be able to uphold the high demands and standards expected of them, he said.

"Provide your Soldiers with the leadership they deserve," Edwards said. "Their success is your success and their failures are your failures."

Edwards ended the ceremony by encouraging

the new NCOs to continue to pursue civilian education opportunities and support their Soldiers in doing the same, because education contributes to the force's adaptability and mental agility.

Sgt. William Edwards, also a member of 1st SWTG(A), said he understands the importance

of family support because his wife, Courtney, offered continuous support throughout his journey to becoming an NCO.

"Courtney has been there every step of the

way to get me to this point, from studying for the boards to preparing for today's ceremony," Sgt. Edwards said.

Standing by his side following the ceremony, Courtney said she was proud of her husband's accomplishment.

"He always puts his all into everything he does, and I know he will be a great mentor for his Soldiers," she said.

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Command Sgt. Maj. Brian D. Edwards
Command Sergeant Major, 1st Special Warfare Training Group (A)

DOTD drives special-operations course development

By Grey Welborn

Deputy Director, Directorate of Training and Doctrine

The Directorate of Training and Doctrine, along with our regiments, develops enduring doctrinal products to codify the way our forces should operate,



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and identifies critical individual and collective training tasks. DOTD analyzes these tasks and creates appropriate learning

venues by designing and developing instructional material for instructors and Soldiers.

Our developers integrate feedback from Soldiers, unit lessons learned and student learning analysis to improve doctrine, training and leader development courses.

Relevant doctrine is vital to operating and generating forces. Well-conceived doctrine initiates change across domains and guides mitigating solutions to identified gaps.

The collaborative doctrine process underscores the regiments' needs through mission analysis, operational input, information shortfalls and inconsistencies crucial for future operational effectiveness.

Without this foundational standard, the force cannot be appropriately and adequately structured, resourced, trained and educated. Doctrine establishes fundamental principles by which special-operations forces plan and conduct specific military actions.

The collective and individual training processes are critically dependent upon a doctrinal foundation. Holistic training programs produce a well-rounded and professional force capable of conducting successful operations today and in the foreseeable future.

In DOTD's critical task site selection boards, our regiments ensure their critical, relevant and timely skill requirements are addressed in collective training and individual course products.

Critical to quality learning is a well-trained, prepared and highly effective instructor. High-quality instructional material consists of clear doctrine and focused training curriculum where students not only learn to understand concepts but also evaluate and create context through well-designed and well-conducted learning events.

Quality instructors and instructional material blend current operational experience with enduring core doctrinal competencies to produce the highest quality ARSOF Soldiers.

Success to us means students are learning and demonstrating the SOF attributes – our standards of excellence.



Curious about what you might've missed at the SWCS off-site this week? Have a look: staff and unit representatives put their heads together at the Camp Mackall classroom facility to tackle some of the command's latest initiatives over three days of briefings and discussions. Above, Lt. Col. Carmelo Crespo, the SWCS G-4, talks about the future of sustainment and logistics within the command.

Special Warfare Museum follows ARSOF through the ages

By Roxanne Merritt

Director and Curator, John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Museum

In 1961, Brig. Gen. William P. Yarborough, then-commander of the U.S. Army Center for Special Warfare and U.S. Army Special Warfare School established the John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Museum.



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The museum's original mission exclusively spotlighted Special Forces history, but over the years, it has expanded parallel to expansions in the Army's special-operations community.

As the only museum in the U.S. Army museum system designated as a branch museum for three distinct regiments, our mission now reads as follows.

"The John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Museum will collect, preserve, exhibit and interpret significant historical property in support of the pronouncements, training and educational mission of the U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School, making it the regimental museum for the U.S. Army Special Forces, Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations branches

including predecessor organizations from the American colonial period to the present."

The essential mission of any U.S. Army museum is to support training through two and three-dimensional artifacts, graphics and narratives.

Although smaller than its peers in the U.S. Army museum system, our museum has acquired several exclusive and impressive collections, including OSS equipment and weapons, southeast Asian ethnographic materials and a piece of the World Trade Center from New York.

Beginning next year, the staff will be busy with the total reconfiguration of the main gallery to best maximize the exhibit space against the new expanded mission statement.

The goal is to share a chronological primer of ARSOF history, people and operations beginning in the 20th century through artifacts, graphics and panel narratives.

Keeping with Yarborough's vision, the exhibits will include displays which evoke the sense of pride and commitment within the ARSOF community, so that veterans, current SOF operators as well as their Families will feel the impact that their actions have had not only on U.S. history, but that of the world's as well.

Upcoming Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
14	15	16	17	Regimental First Formation 4 p.m. JFK Plaza	SFQC Graduation Ceremony 11 a.m. Crown Coliseum	20
21	Civilian Recognition Ceremony 10:30 a.m. JFK Auditorium	SF Senior Leader Course Graduation 11 a.m. JFK Auditorium	24	Thanksgiving	Training Holiday	27
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