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Right on course

New course catalog will help units plan Soldiers' education



A SWCS student is tested on map-reading skills in a classroom in Bank Hall on Fort Bragg, N.C. Special-operations Soldiers from units throughout the U.S. Army Special Operations Command will enjoy a simpler, more stream-lined place to find all relevant information about upcoming SWCS courses in the soon-to-come SWCS course catalog, like those used by most colleges and universities.

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If you've ever tried to find a class on ATRRS, you know it's not an easy process. In the coming months, students looking to attend classes at the U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School will have a new tool to help them make their way through the murky waters of ATRRS.

In addition to the complete listing of courses and course descriptions, an official, organization-wide course catalog will also include a comprehensive introduction to the organization, its mission and facilities. The catalog will also include all relevant registration information for SWCS courses on ATRRS.

"This course guide is designed to give pro-

spective students, and others with an interest in the organization, a broad overview of who we are and what we do," said Jerry Steelman, the supervisor of the SWCS Special Projects Group. "I've been a SWCS employee for about 26 years and we've never had a definitive document to put all of this information in someone's hand at one time."

The book, much like those used by colleges and universities across the nation, includes information on the courses, their prerequisites, course dates and other pertinent information.

"Soldiers in the operational units can use this book to plan for future training," said

Steelman. "We believe it will be very well-received by the operational units."

The book, which is in the final stages of production, will be updated on an annual basis.

"That's not an easy task," said Steelman. "A

lot of people worked very hard to get the catalog to this point."

"SWCS is a very large organization and wrapping our arms around all of this information was not without

its headaches," Steelman said, "But now that we have it, we are going to ensure that it stays current."

Look for the catalog to be in circulation in the March or April time frame.

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CA and MISO gain Assessment & Selection programs

By Lt. Col. Michael Lwin

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The end of 2010 marked a significant milestone for both the Civil Affairs (CA) and Military Information Support Operations (MISO) regiments.

After months of extensive research, planning, and testing during multiple pilot courses, Assessment and Selection programs have been fully implemented for the active-duty Soldiers of both regiments.



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In achieving this milestone, SWCS has achieved one of the key USASOC priorities listed in the ARSOF Capstone Concept 2010 and a command priority of Maj. Gen. Bennet Sacolick, the SWCS Commanding General.

Previously, active-duty CA and MISO Soldiers were selected for their regiments solely by an on-paper board process.

With the implementation of the CA and MISO Assessment & Selection program, every Soldier in the three Army special-operations regiments participates in a unique, regimental-specific assessment prior entering their respective qualification courses. Those who do not demonstrate the requisite ARSOF attributes are returned to their previous branch or MOS for continued service to the Army.

These Assessment & Selection courses assess the ARSOF core attributes that are common to all three regiments. The courses differ in their design in order to test the specific application of the attributes necessary for each regiment. For instance, while MISO Assessment & Selection includes some tests of a candidate's physical capability, it does not assess long-range movement and navigation skills as done in Special Forces Assessment & Selection. At its unique core, MISO Assessment & Selection utilizes a variety of thinking, writing and communication events that measure the ARSOF core attributes of "adaptability" and "capability" that are necessary for the MISO practitioner.

Support from throughout SWCS, as well as from the 95th Civil Affairs Brigade and the 4th Military Information Support Group, has been essential in the establishment of the program. The second iterations of each course will occur in January 2011.



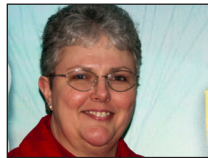
Lt. Gen. John F. Mulholland, Jr., USASOC Commanding General, congratulates Maj. Gen. Bennet S. Sacolick, SWCS Commanding General, after promoting him to the rank of major general during a ceremony Jan. 7 in Fort Bragg's John F. Kennedy Auditorium. The position of SWCS Commanding General is a two-star general officer billet; Sacolick took command of the organization as a brigadier general in August 2010.

Let your voice be heard at the USASOC Family Action Plan Conference

By Kimberly Eng

SWCS Family Programs Director

Planning is underway for the 2011 U.S. Army Special Operations Command's Army Family Action Plan (AFAP) Conference, which will be held April 12 through 15.



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The conference will give members of the USASOC community an opportunity to express their concerns to Army leadership on many important issues affecting our Soldiers, Families, retirees, and Department of the Army civilians.

The AFAP provides a way for Army leadership to know what's working, what's not working and what they think will fix it. Information provided through the AFAP process gives commanders and leaders insight into current concerns and quality-of-life needs.

Concerns raised through the AFAP program have resulted in legislative changes and improved programs and services such as the Military Thrift

Savings Plan, expanded Exceptional Family Member Program Respite Care, increased SGLI, and authorized dental and vision insurance coverage for federal employees.

The AFAP process allows for any level of issue to be submitted. Some issues can be resolved at the local level; however, some issues require higher level resolution.

AFAP issues in the past have had noted success at the Department of the Army-level. Did you know these issues originated at the USASOC AFAP Conference?

Issue No. 659: Standardization of Privatized Housing Application Process

Issue No. 575: Leave Accrual

Issue No. 622: OPSEC Training for Family Members

Let's make a difference!

If you would like to submit an issue, please contact Barbara Robertson, the AFAP coordinator in the SWCS Division of Family Programs, at (910) 396-4559 or barbara.b.robertson@soc.mil. Or, drop them into the AFAP box located on the 1st floor of Bryant Hall, across from the elevators.

USASOC will be disabling the write capability of all removable media on all SIPRNET computers.

All SIPR drives must be installed, for a minimum of four hours, by:

5 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2011

Failure to accomplish this action may result in the user losing access to SIPRNET.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Upcoming Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
16	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	18	Special Forces Warrant Officer Technical and Tactical Certification Course Appointment Ceremony 11 a.m., JFK Auditorium	Civilian and Instructor of the Year Recognition Ceremony 10 a.m., JFK Auditorium	NDU Distinguished Lecture Series 1 p.m., JFK Auditorium	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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