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MEMORANDUM FOR ARMY SPECIAL FORCES BRANCH

SUBJECT: Solicitation for Special Operations Legislative Affairs Fellowship Academic Year 13/14

1. This is to officially announce the open solicitation period for the Special Operations Legislative Affairs (SOLA) Fellowship Academic Year (AY) 13/14 to all eligible Special Forces (SF) officers. During this period, eligible candidates may submit their completed SOLA Fellowship packages directly to the Joint Special Operations University (JSOU) Professional Development division located at Headquarters United States Special Operations Command (HQ USSOCOM) to compete in the AY 13/14 Candidate Selection Board (CSB) scheduled to take place mid-October 2012. **This solicitation period will be open from 8 August 2012 – 19 September 2012.**
2. **Background.** Established in 2007, the SOLA Fellowship is a HQ USSOCOM educational program offering SF officers (03-04) the opportunity to spend a year earning a graduate degree in international public policy at the prestigious Johns Hopkins University, followed by a two-year follow-on assignment as a fellow in the SOLA-Washington DC office advocating legislation and policy for the Special Operations Forces (SOF) Community. The fellowship aims to develop a cadre of SOF officers attuned to the legislative processes in the National Capital Region. The blended mix of academics and field assignments enhances their knowledge and experience and creates strong advocates focused on governmental issues directly affecting the SOF Community. Upon successful completion of this three-year fellowship, members will also receive their Intermediate Level Education: Joint Professional Military Education I/Military Education Level 4 credit. (See Attachment 1)
3. **Eligibility.** The following are eligibility requirements for the SOLA Fellowship program:
 - a. **PAY GRADE/RANK:** 03 – 04/Captain – Major
 - b. **BRANCH/SPECIALTY:** Special Forces/18A
4. **Package Contents.** The following are contents to include in the SOLA Fellowship package:
 - a. **SF Branch Approval Memo;** states that your branch acknowledges your intentions to compete for fellowship and approves your attendance if selected.
 - b. **Current Officer Record Brief.**
 - c. **Military Resume;** any format, 1-2 pages in length, Times New Roman 11-12 size font, capturing your past/present experiences; make sure to include current contact information (i.e. full name, email, phone, etc).
 - d. **Last 3-Officer Evaluation Reports.**
 - e. **Undergraduate/Graduate Transcripts;** can be official or unofficial.
 - f. **3-Letters of Endorsements;** one of the three must be from immediate supervisor.

- g. **Letter of Intent**; memo format, 1-2 pages in length, Times New Roman 11-12 size font. Keeping in mind to address specifically “why you want to attend fellowship?” (i.e. career goal, broaden experience, etc), “why you would be the best candidate?”, and “what would be the benefits of USSOCOM sending you through this program? (i.e. what’s in it for them?).
5. Candidates have until 11:59pm EST on 19 September 2012 to submit SOLA packages to HQ USSOCOM. To submit, simply scan documents into one PDF file and email directly to Point of Contact listed below, a confirmation email will be sent to candidates upon successful submission and review, typically confirmation will be sent within 24-hours from date submitted.
6. The Point of Contact for the SOLA Fellowship program is Captain Joshua Carson, NIPR Email Joshua.Carson@socom.mil , DSN 299-9463.



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Attachment 1:
SOLA ILE Approval

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