Welcome to the second edition of JSOU Now, Joint Special Operations University’s monthly newsletter. This edition will focus on JSOU’s extensive role in providing planning and operations education for the joint fight. As we begin a new decade, JSOU will continue to provide world-class joint SOF education programs and courses specifically designed for special operations. In this issue you’ll read about some of the ways JSOU strengthens operational-level thinking in a joint environment like the Joint Special Operations Air Component—Joint Operations Center course, where we enable SOF students to receive hands-on training, and teach them to deal with complexity and respond to C2 challenges in real time. Additionally, we continue to enroll a diverse student body from all branches of the Department of Defense, and you’ll read about students in the Joint Special Operations Forces Senior Enlisted Academy (JSOFSEA). This month, we welcome Class 37 to JSOU, and they will soon engage in an intensive two-month program on-site at JSOU following their recent six-month Distance Learning effort. We are proud of the many opportunities we have in store for our students to engage, and urge you to visit the JSOU website and explore our courses to meet your operational and planning educational requirements.

All the best from our family to yours in the New Year!

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B. EDWIN WILSON
JSOU was proud to host B. Edwin Wilson, former DASD for Cyber Policy, as a special guest speaker during the Cyberspace and Special Operations Forces course on 8 January.

NO MATTER YOUR PARENT SERVICE, the Joint Special Operations Air Component (JSOAC) Joint Operations Center will improve your ability to function as effective members of a JSOAC. This practicum-based curriculum employs interactive software and allows students to grapple with SOF C2 challenges outside a declared theater of armed conflict. In addition to process, students deal with complexity, uncertainty, competing requirements, and operational priorities under time pressure to arrive at optimal solutions. CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION.

TRANSFORMING Special Operations Forces to Meet FUTURE Challenges

On 7-8 January, more than 80 participants from Canadian Special Operations Forces, SOCNORTH, SOCSOUTH, and USSOCOM Headquarters participated in a JSOU symposium which featured addresses from Acting DASS SO/LIC, Simone Ledeen; USSOCOM Deputy Commander, Vice Admiral Timothy Szymanski; and Lieutenant-General (Ret) Mike Day, Canada.

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