Welcome to the first edition of JSOU Now—a monthly newsletter from Joint Special Operations University (JSOU) to highlight upcoming courses, events, publications, and unique educational opportunities available to the SOF enterprise. As the newest President, it is an honor and privilege to serve the SOF enterprise and lead this university where our mission is to deliver relevant SOF-specific education to the USSOCOM enterprise and priority partners to influence the current and future strategic environment.

JSOU is strategically located in Tampa, Florida on MacDill Air Force Base adjacent to the headquarters of USSOCOM in world-class facilities. Our university is comprised of highly-trained military, civilian, and contract personnel offering a wide variety of SOF-specific courses through resident, distance learning, and mobile educational teams to the greater joint, international, intergovernmental, and multinational (JIIM) USSOCOM partners.

Beyond offering courses, JSOU leverages its resident and non-resident expertise to produce original, peer-reviewed research on relevant topics to the USSOCOM enterprise through the JSOU Press. We also bring in world-class experts and public intellectuals through our programs.

On 7-8 January, JSOU will host the 10th Annual Symposium at MacDill AFB in cooperation with the Canadian Special Operations Command’s Education and Research Center. This year’s theme is “Transforming SOF to Meet Future Challenges” and will feature senior level discussions that address Roles and Missions, SOF Culture, Great Power Competition, and SOF Transformation. Over 100 individuals from HQ USSOCOM, CANSOFCOM, academics, as well as reps from TSOs and Components will attend. As this year’s host institution, JSOU will publish an edited volume capturing conference findings and key themes.

From the JSOU President ...
President’s Speaker Series. Finally, we maintain a modern research library with a wide variety of hard-copy and electronic books, periodicals, and databases.

Our Enlisted Academy prepares more than 1,000 joint NCOs and select international, interagency, and intergovernmental students every year for operational and strategic-level positions, enhancing critical thinking skills to successfully lead in the JIIM environment.

In order to remain timely, relevant, and accessible, the JSOU enterprise utilizes a well-connected group of SOF subject matter experts linked to the Geographic Combatant Commanders (GCC) and TSOCs through our Regional Desk Officers, SOF Components through Academic Chairs, and other academic institutions through our SOF Chairs.

JSOU is your destination for world-class, SOF-specific education opportunities and we are positioned to rapidly adapt to the changing demands of the force. I invite you to visit the JSOU website to see all we have to offer as well as stay in touch with us through social media. We look forward to staying connected with you.

Steven G. Edwards, Colonel, USAF
President

Previously, JSOU deployed a three-person team to Kyiv, Ukraine to provide an Information Related Capabilities Seminar for members of Ukraine military, at the request of USEUCOM, U.S. Office of Defense Coordination, and the Ukraine Ministry of Defense. The faculty team included a representative from United Kingdom armed forces. As a key part of the seminar, students engaged in an exercise to develop a plan of action to blunt, mitigate, or counter disinformation.

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