

History

In April 1967, the U.S. Air Force Special Air Warfare School was activated at Hurlburt Field under the Special Air Warfare Center, then located at Eglin AFB. In 1968, the school was re-designated the **U.S. Air Force Special Operations School**. On 1 June 1987, USAFSOS, as an organizational element of the 23rd Air Force, was assigned to the U.S. Special Operations Command, headquartered at MacDill AFB, Fla. As of May 22, 1990, the school became a reporting unit of the newly established Air Force Special Operations Command. During its formative years, the school's main thrust was the preparation of Air Force personnel for duty in Southeast Asia. Since then, the USAFSOS curriculum has grown from a single course of instruction with 300 graduates per year to 78 classes representing 28 formal courses a year and approximately 25 off-station tutorials.

In 1993 we moved into a new facility dedicated to:

Maj. Gen. (Retired) John R. Alison

"Freedom is the greatest idea of all time. No one lives that idea with more intensity and passion than the American people. As American service men it is our service, sacrifice, and valor which keep America strong and the American people free"

Our Philosophy

"We believe the key to success in special operations is the human element. We are convinced sensitivity to cultural differences is crucial since all special operations influence the behavior of international allies and adversaries."

Academic Freedom Policy

USAFSOS uses guest speakers extensively as subject-matter experts. These individuals enhance USAFSOS courses through their backgrounds, experiences, academic training, and job experiences. To ensure frank, open discussion between speakers and students, USAFSOS has developed and uses an Academic Freedom Policy which states the remarks made by the various speakers are non-attributable and cannot be quoted outside the academic environment of USAFSOS. Please help us honor this policy.