

CONTEMPORARY INSURGENT WARFARE SEMINAR

	Course #:	SOED-CIWS	PDS Code:	Z07
	Length:	3.0 Days	Security Level:	SECRET
	DSN:	579-4757/4758	Comm:	850 884-4757/4758
	CCAF Credit(s):	N/A	Enrollment By:	SELF-NOMINATION
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	Enrollment/Registration: Please refer to the nomination form information for specific instructions.			

■ Course Information

Target Audience: CIWS is nominative by nature and is intended for Special Operations Forces (SOF) and interagency personnel who possess both operational experience and practical knowledge in the Irregular Warfare (IW) realm; specifically in insurgency, Counterinsurgency (COIN), and Foreign Internal Defense (FID). Participants should fall within the equivalent rank structure of senior O-3 to O-5, and select senior NCOs. Participants should include intelligence analysts, operators, interagency members, and potentially close allied representatives directly involved in IW activities. Waivers for rank will be granted on a case-by-case basis. This course also accepts DoD and non-DoD US Government personnel whose job requires knowledge of insurgency, COIN, and FID.

Description: The CIWS is a 3-day professional military educational seminar that provides a forum by which AFSOC, USSOCOM, and interagency personnel develop and exchange views regarding insurgent and COIN warfare. Not only will the seminar expose the participants to new insurgent and COIN thinking, it also serves as a forum to share experiences, build professional networks, and actively develop concepts that will be fed back into the appropriate AFSOC, and USSOCOM components. Specialists from the insurgent and COIN field of expertise from the Department of Defense, interagency, private, academic, and international realms will facilitate the seminar. CIWS will use a mix of presentations, guided discussions, and small group interaction to ensure seminar participants understand and develop reasonable courses of action based on current doctrine, theory, and other realities in the global insurgent and COIN environment. The iterations will be tailored to accommodate particular issues as well as a broad range of critical thinking activities.

Notice: Course is 3.0 days in length. Course runs until 1700 on 3rd day. Please make your travel arrangements accordingly. Contact the Seminar Director for additional information. Note: Course in processing begins at 0715 on the first morning. The first course lecture begins promptly at 0745. Traffic at the front gate can be problematic at times, please budget time accordingly.

Prerequisites/References: Prior to attending this seminar participants must complete mandatory assigned reading materials as issued by the Seminar Director. Students must be prepared to deliver short (5-10 minutes) presentations on specific topics related to the course topic. Students should bring, and be familiar with FM 3-24 and the Irregular Warfare Joint Operating Concept (IW JOC). Attendance of the Contemporary Insurgent Warfare Course (CIWC) is highly encouraged prior to attendance of CIWS.

To apply for this course prospective students must first obtain a USAFSOS Blackboard account. To access Blackboard, copy and paste the following address into your browser's address bar: <https://afsoc.blackboard.com>. (Currently we are unable to link directly to the USAFSOS Blackboard site per AFI 33-129, paragraph 6.91.)

Note: This course is offered by special request only.

Special Security Instructions:

This course is taught at the SECRET level (or above), you must:	
JPAS Verification	Fax Verification
Security Managers must submit a visit request 14-30 days prior to class start date through JPAS (use class acronym "CIWS" in POC block) to SMO code EE0VFPP56 being sure the student's personal summary page reflects the proper access to be granted. Ensure that the course acronym "CIWS" is used in the POC block and that the student's personal summary page reflects proper access to attend the course.	<u>ONLY NON DOD AGENCIES ARE ALLOWED TO FAX A SECURITY CLEARANCE. JPAS USERS MUST SEND A VISIT REQUEST VIA JPAS</u> Fax the individual's clearance <u>on official</u> letterhead to: DSN 579-1866 COMM 850-884-1866 Ensure that the course acronym "CIWS" and inclusive dates are clearly indicated at the top of the page as the purpose for the visit.
For SECURITY QUESTIONS ONLY, please call:	
Commercial: 850-884-4673	DSN: 579-4673

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Representative Periods of Instruction:

Topics of each seminar will vary and are chosen by the Seminar Director. To check what the topic of the next seminar will be please click on the schedule icon located in the upper left hand corner of this web page. Topics will directly relate to the Irregular Warfare (IW) activities of Insurgency, Counterinsurgency (COIN), Foreign Internal Defense, and Information Operations; with a focus on the role of Air Power and Special Operations Forces in each of the activities. Small Group projects and student presentations will be the method by which students, instructors, and seminar mentors develop an in-depth understanding of these issues.

Scheduled Offerings

Status	Course #	Dates	Location	Notices

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