



# AERIAL COMBAT STRIKE FIGHTER WEAPONS SCHOOL

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The United States Navy Fighter Weapons School, more commonly called TOPGUN, was established in 1969 for one purpose; to take the US Navy's most highly skilled strike fighter aviators and make them better. The mission has remained unchanged; train the Best of the Best. TridentCMG Aerial Combat Leaders are all highly-decorated aerial combat veterans and former TOPGUN Instructors. They possess in-depth knowledge and experience with equivalent training programs of the world's best air forces. Our Aerial Combat Strike Fighter Weapons School is designed to assist client governments in successfully developing and implementing a proven, multi-phase training plan that, when combined with the desire and passion of the attending pilots, will create an advanced aerial combat force capable of executing all assigned missions effectively and efficiently with speed and violence against all adversaries.



**REQUIREMENTS**

**TCMG LEADERSHIP:**

Four (4) Instructors

**CLASS SIZE:**

Eight (8) Pilots

**PREREQUISITES:**

Strike Fighter Qualified

**FIRST PHASE—STRIKE FIGHTER WEAPONS SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT**

Create a graduate level program in Strike Fighter Weapons and Tactics. This course will include:

- Flight syllabus concentrating on missions designed to maximize pilot performance, aircraft performance, and situational awareness (SA.)
- Academic course of study to build a strong foundation in advanced fighter theory and concepts.
- Mastery of proven Strike Fighter tactics, techniques, and procedures (TTP) in all areas of execution.
- Study and practice of a plan based execution cycle and the importance of every stage: Mission, Plan, Brief, Fly, Debrief, Goods/Others.
- Single ship/1 aircraft, section/2-plane, division/4-plane, and Larger Force Employment (LFE.)
- Adversary training to ensure graduates can simulate enemy tactics.

Graduates of the Weapons School will be designated as FAP Strike Fighter Tactics Instructors (SFTI.)

**SECOND PHASE—STRIKE FIGHTER WEAPONS AND TACTICS (SFWT) TRAINING**

The SFWT Training program is designed to elevate all FAP pilots to a more advanced level of core performance. The training program will be squadron based, led by FAP SFTI, and prepare pilots for every level of employment. The program will include syllabi designed to:

- Prepare squadron pilots to execute all assigned missions as a wingman.
- Upgrade a pilot to execute and lead as a section/2-plane lead.
- Upgrade a pilot from section/2-plane to division/4-plane employment.
- Prepare pilots to act in an adversary role.

Graduates of the SFWT training program will be designated Level Two, Three, and Four.

**THIRD PHASE—TRAINING TO A CORE, TACTICAL CURRICULUM**

The Weapons School graduates and SFWT program will be used to train all pilots to an advanced state of execution and readiness. The programs are designed to become a key component of daily training operations.