



# COMMANDO OPERATIONS COURSE

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Frequently, use of conventional military forces provides a less-than-desirable solution to any number of modern military problems. Where stealth and surgical precision are required to accomplish a military objective, a Commando operation is indicated. TridentCMG Instructors represent Officers and Senior Enlisted Personnel chosen from the world's top Special Forces (SF) units. In addition to extensive personal training and experience, they each have extensive experience in successfully organizing and training SF around the world. The TridentCMG Commando Operations Course introduces the way of the Commando: To do the *unexpected*, boldly and audaciously. Military doctrine that guides special operations forces is based on the four elements of combat power. These four elements are, maneuver, firepower, security, and leadership. The TridentCMG Commando Course teaches the employment of these four elements used in the way of the commando with stealth and surgical precision. Personnel successfully completing this course of instruction will be prepared to train more effectively to further hone and refine the learned individual and small unit skills necessary to become an effective advanced special operations fighting force.



## REQUIREMENTS

### TCMG LEADERSHIP:

Four (4) Instructors

### CLASS SIZE:

Twenty (20) students

### PREREQUISITES:

Basic Infantry Skills

### TRAINING FACILITIES:

Classroom, ranges, training area:  
Urban, Jungle, Mountain

### LOGISTICS:

Kit, Weapons, Ammunition, motor transport

### ACCOMMODATIONS:

Base, Barracks, Dining Facilities

## COURSE OF INSTRUCTION

The TridentCMG Commando Operations Course is divided into the following topical areas:

**Maneuver.** Maneuver is the movement of forces supported by firepower to achieve a position of advantage from which to destroy the enemy or break contact and withdraw. Commandos may have to maneuver in very close quarters to gain a position of tactical advantage over the enemy. This topic teaches how to identify and maneuver from one tactically advantageous firing position to another while maintaining individual and unit security.

**Firepower.** Firepower is the capacity of a unit to deliver effective fires on a target. Firepower kills or suppresses the enemy in his positions and supports the maneuver of sister forces. This topic covers the application of Firepower under a range of common circumstances and the coordination of Maneuver and Firepower to achieve specific objectives.

**Security.** Security is the conservation of the potential of a fighting force so it can be applied at a decisive time and place. The term security means to provide for dispersion, cover, camouflage, deception, and the suppression of enemy weapons. This topic includes:

- The use of covered and concealed terrain
- Patrolling in formations appropriate to Mission, Enemy, Terrain, Troops & Time Available (METT-T) e.g., Files, Wedges, etc.
- Using the most efficient movement technique: Traveling, traveling overwatch and bounding overwatch
- Employing tactically-sound Standard Operating Procedures when crossing danger areas
- Enforcement of noise, light, and radiotelephone discipline
- Use of proper individual camouflage
- Individual, Squad, and Platoon movement techniques

**Leadership.** Military leadership is a process by which an Officer or Senior Non-Commissioned Officer influences others to accomplish the mission by mastering execution of the other three elements of combat power. This topic includes leadership problems, procedures, and mission planning, such as Obstacles; Avenues of Approach; Key Terrain; Observation; Cover and Concealment (OAK-OC)

**Fieldcraft.** In addition to the four general elements, the Course will focus on fieldcraft necessary to successful Commando Operations, including:

- Small arms
- Explosives
- Immediate Action Drills
- Practical Field Craft: Patrolling in formations
- Map & Compass
- Night Problems
- Field Training Exercises (FTX)

The TridentCMG Commando Operations Course culminates with a live fire FTX.