



982D Combat Camera Company (AIRBORNE)

Lessons Learned

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LESSONS LEARNED



1. COMBAT CAMERA EDUCATORS
2. TRAIN JOINT / SOF
3. UTILIZE AMRDEC Safe Access File Exchange (<https://safe.amrdec.army.mil/safe2/>)
4. FORECAST 180-365 DAYS OUT
5. 2-PERSON vs. 1-PERSON TEAMS
6. IMT TRAINING



COMCAM Educators



- Discussion:
 - Customers don't know how to utilize COMCAM.
- Recommendation
 - Schedule class to ensure all COMCAM understand and able to articulate capabilities; evaluate always
 - Brief customers before, during and after event on how to maximize utilization of COMCAM assets
 - Develop customer feedback surveys and execute
- POR: S3 / ALL



Train Joint / SOF



- Discussion:
 - Culture shock, personality conflict, specialized training for Joint and SOF environments.
- Recommendation
 - Continue to train with SOF, USAF, USMC, USN, Civil Support (PD) during weekend and exercises
 - Procure specialized SOF training
 - Identify right personalities for SOF / Joint support
 - Re-assess 55th and 982nd MTOE; mirror capabilities
- POR: S3 / PLT

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Transfer Files to Customer



- Discussion:
 - Files too big for email; hard copy not always feasible; not necessary for DIMOC submission (event video, customer specific requests, large briefings)
- Recommendation
 - <https://safe.amrdec.army.mil/safe2/> - for files up to 2 GB
- POR: S3 / IMT



Forecast 6-12 month



- Discussion:
 - Missed opportunities due to admin requirements, different planning timelines between Reserves and Active Duty.
- Recommendation
 - Coordinate w/ AD on anticipated events NOW
 - Augment w/ AD during exercise support
 - Conduct 4-day BTA weekends on Active Duty base
 - Request funding through G3 for 10 pax for 1 yr each

• POR: S3

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982D COMCAM FY 2013 YTC - BTA



October	November	December
Forced Entry	MUTA 8 (4 day) Family Day / COMCAM PLT	Forced Entry
January	February	March
MUTA 8 (4 day) Protect the Force / COMCAM PLT / Force Entry / Weapons Range	Forced Entry	MUTA 8 (4 day) FTX APFT
April	May	June
Forced Entry	MUTA 8 (4 day) COMCAM PLT / Protect the Force / Forced Entry	Forced Entry
July	August	September
MUTA 8 (4 day) Protect the Force / COMCAM PLT / Forced Entry / Weapons Range	Forced Entry	MUTA 8 (4 day) Protect the Force / Forced Entry / APFT



982D COMCAM



draft FY 2013 YTC - operations

October	November	December
GTMO Redeploy DEPEX: JOAX	Joint COMCAM Planning Group	
January	February	March
DEPEX: Yama Sakura DEPEX: SOF Support	DEPEX: Quickshot (Winter) 2012 DEPEX: Terminal Fury DEPEX: Cobra Gold	DEPEX: Continuing Promise DEPEX: Austere Challenge DEPEX: Yudh Abhyas
April	May	June
DEPEX: Operation Martillo DEPEX: Beyond the Horizon DEPEX: SOF Support	DEPEX: Pacific Partnership DEPEX: SOF Support	DEPEX: Red Dragon DEPEX: Balakatan DEPEX: SOF Support
July	August	September
DEPEX: Talisman Saber DEPEX: RIMPAC DEPEX: Grecian Firebolt	DEPEX: Ulchi Focus Lens DEPEX: SOF Support	



2 vs 1 pax COMCAM Tm



- Discussion:
 - Currently train / support for 1 pax team. Morale, expertise, productivity suffer due to inexperience, high demand, isolation.
- Recommendation
 - Support events with 2 pax teams
 - Educate customer how it will increase operational support
 - Provide better training/experience/mentorship to inexperienced Soldiers prior to deployment
- POR: S3 / PLT



IMT Training

- Discussion:
 - Substandard training for IMT prior to operation. Trial by fire results in stressful initial support phase, lack of quality product and C2. Combat Camera Leaders Course only conducted once per year. VIM not operationally relevant.
- Recommendation
 - Schedule IMT during weekend and exercise training
 - Ensure E-6 and above scheduled for DIMOC and Combat Camera Leader Course (possible MTT?)
- POR: S3 / IMT



Recent Training / Ops



- Counter Drug – WHINSEC
- Civil / Military - NATO Summit, Wilson Police Department
- Information Operations - XVIII Airborne Corps, 10th MTN, 3ID, 82AD, 101st AA
- Legal Documentation - JTF Cuba
- HA/DR – EUCOM, Red Dragon
- SOF – CJSOTF, SOCEUR, USMC Force Recon, 20th SFG, USAF 21st STS



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Tactical Experience



- Airborne / Jump Master / Pathfinder / Water Jumps
- Air Assault / HRST / Helocast
- Small Boat Ops
- Expert Infantry
- Combat Infantry
- Special Forces





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QUESTIONS





Products

- Forced Entry (air assault, airborne, helocast, etc.) to onsite and embedded field coverage
- S3 After Action Reviews (storyboard, situational awareness, document operations from start to finish)
- Training Documentation (evaluation / instructional)
- Battle Damage Assessments
- Sensitive Site Exploitation
- Surveillance / recon
- Legal Recourse
- Information Operations
- Public Affairs
- Building historical archive
- Imagery Management Team (IO Liaison, equipment repair, graphics and editing)





Additional Resources



Funding

- Exercises – EA funds per diem/travel; USAR funds base pay
- AT - funding available for up to 29 days
- ADT – funding available for up to 29 days
- RST – funding available for base pay for short duration (typically less than 72 hrs)
- ADOS – available for special work 179 days or less
- Lodging – no issues with field environment

Transportation

- Seymour-Johnson AFB (<45 min drive)
- Ft. Bragg (<1hrs drive)
- Ft. Benning (<2hrs drive)
- Dobbins AFB (<20 min drive)
- C-130, C-17 and UH-60 units nearby
- JATT aircraft and ARNG Helicopter