

# Jungle Operations Training Course

## 1. Lightning Academy (LA), HHBN, 25<sup>th</sup> ID, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

**2. Description.** Training is provided by the Lightning Academy, HHBN, 25th ID, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. The 25th ID Jungle Operations Training Course (JOTC) focuses on the individual skills associated with Jungle Dismounted Mobility, Land Navigation, Combat Tracking, Jungle Tactics, and Survival Training. The course consists of two weeks of training following the “crawl, walk, run” training progression methodology.

**Phase I** builds the individual Student’s basic skills required to be effective in a Jungle environment. Students will be assessed individually on critical skills: Critical and Mandatory Item layout, Combat Water Survival Assessment (CWSA), Jungle 5K run within 40 minutes, pass the Land Navigation Assessment under time, five critical knots and two non-critical knots, and two rope systems (One Rope Bridge and 3:1 Line Haul System). Students will also demonstrate their abilities during practical exercises.

**Phase II** of JOTC builds on the foundational skills from Phase I. Students will refine their ability to move, fight and survive in a Jungle environment as they learn skills in the following subjects: Jungle mobility, waterborne operations, survival, tracking and tactics. Phase II culminates with a three (3) day field training exercise (CULEX), concluding with the “Green Mile”, an unknown distance squad level movement through the Jungle.

**3. Eligibility.** JOTC is open to all military service members. There are no MOS or rank restrictions. There is a maximum capacity of 96 participants in each class. Class size changes will reflect in ATTRS and will be coordinated through the unit schools NCO. 25<sup>th</sup> ID personnel have priority for this course. Other installations (incl. Reserve and National Guard) must contact 25th ID G3 Schools at (808) 787-3147 or email at chery.l.soriano.civ@army.mil for availability. Foreign participants must coordinate attendance through their Embassy and Security Cooperations Cell.

**4. Location/Time.** JOTC is located at Camp Lightning Jungle HQ (Building S-8502, 2491 California Ave, Wahiawa, HI 96857-5000). Students will report to Weyand Field on Day One of the course (1757 KoleKole Avenue, Schofield Barracks, HI 96857 IVO Richardson Pool). All personnel will provide their LA100 along with their STP or service equivalent profile. JOTC spans two weeks, consisting of 12 active training days (Monday Week One to Friday Week Two). Students will report NLT 0500hrs on Day One of the class, always on a Monday. Classes are held from 0530hrs until complete each day.

**5. Off-Island Weather Acclimatization.** JOTC highly recommends students who are traveling from off-island units, specifically colder locations during the winter months, to arrive on Oahu, HI with enough time prior to day 1 IOT acclimate to the heat and humidity. JOTC/LA is not responsible for lodging, meals, or oversight of SMs prior to the start of day 1.

**6. Administrative.** Students must have a periodic health assessment within the last 12 months (IAW AR 40-501), have a minimum profile serial of 111121 (PULHES), meet the Army height and weight

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standards (IAW AR 600-9) and have passed the APFT/ ACFT (IAW FM 7-22 or service equivalent) prior to class start date. Applicants must have one year of service remaining on active duty upon completion of the course. An equipment inspection must be completed by the student's unit prior to the class start date. **Students must also demonstrate the ability to successfully tie the five critical knots and two non-critical knots, as well as being proficient in Land Navigation, as verified by the Commanding Officer's signature on the LA 100 form.** Students are also strongly encouraged to complete a CWSA prior to report for JOTC. Instructional videos for the aforementioned knots and rope systems can be found on the Lightning Academy YouTube page @LightningAcademy.

- a. **In- processing.** Report date and time is NLT 0500 on Day One (Monday) of the class on Weyand Field. Students will report in OCP/JUNGLE/IHWCU uniform, or service equivalent, sterilized of all rank and skill ID badges. Students will report with the complete JOTC packing list (refer to LA website for most updated version) and with the following packing list items on-hand: 1x printed copy of packing list, 1x LA 100, 1x 1x JOTC ISAP (Signed), STP or service equivalent, 1x Common Access Card, 1x pair ID tags (full set as issued, long and short chain), 1x writing pad, 1x black ink pen, 1x DD 1610 (off-island Students only). This is a resident course and sponsor attendance is mandatory Day One. Students will be billeted on Camp Lightning proper for the duration of the course. Students traveling from off-island will not be billeted on Camp Lightning prior to course start and do not require a sponsor.
  1. CVSP: Students aged 40 or over are required to bring 1x copy of Cardiovascular Screening Program (CVSP)/EKG on-hand as well. These Students will be evaluated for coronary heart disease risk factors as part of their periodic health assessment. The medical procedures for the CVSP are outlined in AR 40-501. It is the Student's responsibility to ensure that the CVSP is conducted as close to the 40th birthday as possible and as promptly as medical facilities permit. Students aged 40 and over will additionally provide proof of completion of this requirement upon arrival to the course.
  2. Equipment. Students will report to Day One with all items on the JOTC Packing List and be prepared for the equipment layout. The most current packing list can be obtained from the Lightning Academy website or unit Schools NCOs. Students that are coming from off-island locations will be provided a weapon and PEQ-15 by Lightning Academy. All Students that are stationed on Oahu must have their weapon (with PEQ-15 attached) for report on Day One. **No weapons will have optics attached, nor will have personal/home unit night vision devices.** All students will be provided NVGs by Lightning Academy. All weapons will be picked up by unit representatives immediately following graduation on Day 12 (Friday) of the course.
  3. Contraband. No unauthorized items, as defined in the JOTC packing list, will be stored by JOTC cadre. Any contraband will be confiscated on Day One. Student cell phones will be held by cadre until graduation or release from the course.
  4. All slots are reserved in ATRRS through G3 Schools, however, wait status packets will be accepted prior to the enrollment suspense date after all ATRRS slots are

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filled. Walk-ons are accepted if all ATTRS slots are not filled. Walk-ons will be subsequently enrolled in ATTRS. Walk-ons must still submit a packet through G3 Schools prior to course start.

### b. **Transportation.**

1. Arrival. All Soldiers traveling to JOTC by commercial aircraft must carry a complete uniform, and all necessary paperwork in their carry-on bag. The uniform is OCP/ JUNGLE/IHWCU, or service equivalent.
2. Lightning Academy does not transport Students prior to Day One reporting. Lightning Academy will not house students prior to Day One reporting. It is recommended that Students requiring lodging reserve a room at The Inn at Schofield, at 563 Kolekole Avenue, Wahiawa, HI due to its proximity to Weyand Field.
3. Travel by POV. Day One parking is in the parking lot across from Weyand Field; students will park in parking lots nearest to the Commissary and Class VI. After reporting and CWSA, there is a parking lot located at the entrance to Camp Lightning, which is fenced and locked during non-duty hours. Personally owned vehicles (POVs) and rental cars are authorized. Students reporting with POVs or rental cars must park them in the lot area before the yellow barricades, and leave them there for the duration of the course. Students will not have access to the parking lot during the course. Due to Lightning Academy's proximity to civilian residences, all vehicles must turn off their stereos upon entering the parking lot and back into their parking space and turn off their lights immediately after parking. Lightning Academy will not be held liable for any missing or stolen items.
4. Lightning Academy will assist with transporting off-island students from Weyand Field to Lightning Academy upon successful completion of layout/CWSA.

- c. **Out-processing.** The following must be completed before the Student is released from the course, regardless of the circumstances: all hand receipt items issued to the Student will be returned to LA; Students will fill out an end-of-course-critique (EOCC) to provide honest, constructive feedback to the JOTC Cadre.

### d. **Services.**

1. Meals. Meals are provided during the course.
2. Haircuts. Students will report on Day One with an appropriate haircut (IAW AR 670-1).
3. Telephone. Cell phones are confiscated on Day One of JOTC. Cell phone use can be coordinated through JOTC Instructors for emergency use only. The Lightning Academy TAC (Staff Duty) phone number is +1-808-787-9402.

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4. Laundry. Washers and dryers are not authorized for Student use on Camp Lightning. Students will be provided materials (not including detergent or soap) to hand wash uniforms if needed.
- e. The most up-to-date documents and resources, including the JOTC Packing Lists, can be found at the Lightning Academy website:  
<https://home.army.mil/hawaii/index.php/25thID/units/lightning-academy>. Knots and rope system videos can be found on the Lightning Academy YouTube page [@LightningAcademy](#).
7. **Enrollment.** Please refer to Appendix A and follow Type C Enrollment Procedures (25th ID units). All other units follow Type B Enrollment Procedures.
8. **POC.** The Point of Contact is 25ID G3 Schools NCOIC SSG Calogero – Lewis, Kaden at [kaden.c.calogerolewis.mil@army.mil](mailto:kaden.c.calogerolewis.mil@army.mil) or (808) 787-3147
9. **Class Schedule:** The JOTC class schedule for FY26 is as follows. Graduations occur on the final Friday, Day Twelve of the course. Graduations are held at 0900hrs on Weyand Field on Schofield Barracks or 1100hrs if AASLT and JOTC graduate on the same day. In the event of a Division DONSA, JOTC graduation will take place at 0900hrs on Camp Lightning.

### Class Schedule

Class #	Start Date (Day One)	Grad Date
01-26	20 Oct 25	31 Oct 25
02-26	01 Dec 25	12 Dec 25
03-26	12 Jan 26	23 Jan 26
04-26	02 Feb 26	13 Feb 26
05-26	16 Mar 26	27 Mar 26
07-26	01 Jun 26	12 Jun 26
08-26	13 Jul 26	24 Jul 26
09-26	10 Aug 26	21 Aug 26
10-26	14 Sep 26	25 Sep 26

\*In the event of a discrepancy between this document and the published “Lightning Academy FY26 Course Schedule”, this class schedule should be considered inaccurate/outdated.

\*Course 06-26 is projected as a tentative MTT window for JOTC

\*Refer to Lightning Academy Website for most updated packing list