

Lightning Academy Rappel Master Course

Course Description and Joining Instructions

- 1. Description.** The Lightning Academy (LA) Rappel Master Course (RM) is accredited by the USAIS, and is run by the Rappel Master Cadre of the Lightning Academy, HHBN, 25th Infantry Division, in vicinity of East Range Training Area, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. It is designed to provide parent units with subject matter expert NCOs and Junior Officers in the full spectrum of Rappel Master Duties. All Students who complete the Rappel Master Course will be certified to conduct Rappel Master duties to include the Rappel Master Personnel Inspection (RMPI), rappel tower training execution, rappeller sustainment training, and rotary wing operations.
- 2. Who.** The Lightning Academy Rappel Master Course is open to all NCOs and Officers in the grade of E-4 (CPL only) to E-9 and O-1 to O-4. There is a maximum of 30 participants in each class. INDO-PACOM personnel from all branches have priority for this course. Other installations (incl. Reserve and National Guard) must contact 25th ID G3 Schools at (808) 655-8765 for availability and enrollment.
- 3. Prerequisites.** 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 Army height and weight standards IAW AR 600-9, and have passed the ACFT within 12 months of class start date. Applicants must have one year service remaining on active duty upon completion of the course. **Applicants must have completed either Air Assault, Ranger School, Sapper School, or the Military Mountaineer Course with documentation to attend the Rappel Master Course.**
- 4. When.** Rappel Master spans five total days, consisting of five active training days (Monday-Friday). The initial report day is Day One, on the first Monday of the course. Students will report NLT 0800 on Day One of training. Classes are held from 0800 to 1700 each day.
- 5. Where.** The Rappel Master Course is located at the Lightning Academy Air Assault School Building (Building 8021, Lightning Academy, approx. 2491 California Ave, Wahiawa, HI 96857-5000). Enter into the parking lot by turning right off of California Ave through the chain link fence open gate. Students will see a sign for the "East Range Training Area" with the 25th ID logo. Classes are held from 0800 to 1700 each day. Note that it takes approximately seven minutes to walk from the parking area to the formation location.
- 6. Administrative.**
 - a. In-processing. Report date and time is NLT 0800 on Day One of training in duty uniform at Building 8021. Students will report with the completed Student packet (LA 100, STP, documented completion of either Air Assault, Ranger School, Sapper

School, or the Military Mountaineering Course IAW the packing list). Students residing on-island are responsible for their own billeting and transportation to and from the training area. Lightning Academy does not provide transportation or lodging to students.

b. Equipment. Soldiers are required to supply all equipment IAW the most current packing list. Students will report to Day One with all items on the Rappel Master packing list. Off-island Students are extremely encouraged to pack civilian attire, as all Students are released each afternoon.

c. 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 filled. Walk-ons are accepted if all ATRRS slots are not filled. Walk-ons will be subsequently enrolled in ATRRS IAW USARHAW and 25th ID SOP.

d. Privately-owned vehicles (POVs) are an authorized means of transportation IAW the training schedule.

e. 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 RM Cadre.

f. The most up-to-date documents and resources, including the RM Packing List and RMPI Standards, can be found at the Lightning Academy website:

<https://home.army.mil/hawaii/index.php/25thID/units/lightning-academy>

7. Class Schedule. The Rappel Master Course class schedule for FY24 is as follows:

CLASS SCHEDULE

Class #	Start Date	Grad Date
01-24	04 Dec 23	08 Dec 23
02-24	05 Feb 24	09 Feb 24
03-24	11 Mar 24	15 Mar 24
04-24	15 Apr 24	19 Apr 24
05-24	24 Jun 24	28 Jun 24
06-24	02 Sep 24	06 Sep 24