

Lightning Academy

Jungle Operations Training Course

Description and Joining Instructions

1. Description. Training is provided by the Lightning Academy, HHBN, 25th ID, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. The 25th ID Jungle Operations Training Course (JOTC) focuses on jungle mobility training, waterborne operations, combat tracking, jungle tactics, survival training, and situational awareness exercises at the Squad level. Graduates of JOTC learn tactics, techniques, and procedures required to fight, win, and survive within any jungle environment. The course consists of two weeks of training following the “crawl, walk, run” training progression methodology. Week One builds the individual Student’s basic skills required to shoot, move, and communicate within the tropical environment. Subjects covered include: mobility, waterborne movement, combat tracking, jungle medicine, early warning devices, and camouflage techniques. Students will then demonstrate their understanding through practical exercises. Week Two of JOTC focuses on planning, preparation, and execution of Jungle operations, as well as broadening the Students’ knowledge in employment of the Squad within the tropical environment through a culminating situational training exercise (CULEX). Week Two concludes with the “Green Mile” physical endurance course, followed by recovery and graduation.

Students will be evaluated on critical skills upon arrival at, and throughout, week one of JOTC. Each Student must pass the Combat Water Survival Assessment (CWSA), the Jungle 5k Run within 40 minutes, and the Land Navigation Assessment to remain in the course. Students will also be evaluated on their ability to successfully tie four critical knots and two non-critical knots on day one of the course. Any double failure of a single critical knot or rope system will result in dismissal from the course. Any double failure of both non-critical knots will result in dismissal from the course. Additionally, Students will be assessed on their ability to tie two rope systems during week one. Any double failure of either rope system will result in removal from the course.

2. Eligibility. JOTC is open to all military service members. There are no gender or MOS restrictions. There is a maximum capacity of 95 students in each class. Class size changes will reflect in ATTRS. 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. Foreign allies are approved to attend and must coordinate all clearance through the 25th ID Chief of Force Integration (Comm: +1-808-655-8887).

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 the Army height and weight standards (IAW AR 600-9), and have passed the ACFT 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.

Instructional videos for the knots and harnesses can be found on the Lightning Academy YouTube page @LightningAcademy.

4. Location/Time. JOTC spans two weeks, consisting of 12 active training days (Monday Week One to Friday Week Two). **Students will report NLT 0500 hrs on Day One of the class, always on a Monday.**

**CLASS
SCHEDULE**

Class #	Start Date (Day One)	Grad Date
01-24	16 Oct 23	27 Oct 23
02-24	27 Nov 23	07 Dec 23
03-24	15 Jan 24	26 Jan 24
04-24	05 Feb 24	16 Feb 24
05-24	March MTT	March MTT
06-24	08 Apr 24	19 Apr 24
07-24	06 May 24	17 May 24
08-24	03 Jun 24	14 Jun 24
09-24	29 Jul 24	09 Aug 24
10-24	09 Sep 24	20 Sep 24

Students will report to Weyand Field on Day One of the course (1757 KoleKole Avenue, Schofield Barracks, HI 96857 IVO Richardson Pool) NLT 0500. All personnel must hand carry their LA100 along with their STP or service equivalent profile.

3. Transportation.

a. Commercial Transportation. All Students flying by commercial air to attend JOTC may take public transportation (bus, taxi, ride-sharing, etc.) from Honolulu International Airport to Schofield Barracks. Lightning Academy does not transport Students prior to Day One reporting.

b. 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, during in processing, 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. Administrative.

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/Multicam uniform, or service equivalent, sterilized of all rank and skill ID badges. Students will report with the complete JOTC packing list and with the following packing list items on-hand: 1x printed copy of packing list, 1x LA 100 complete with all signatures within 90 days of class start date, 1x 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). **Sponsor attendance is mandatory for all on island students.** Students will be billeted on Camp Lightning proper for the duration of the course.

b. **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.

c. 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 by the Lightning Academy. All Students that are stationed on Oahu must report with their weapon. Weapons will have no optics or lasers attached. All weapons will be picked up by unit representatives immediately following graduation on Day 12 (Friday) of the course at graduation location.

d. 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.

e. All slots are reserved in ATTRS through G3 Schools, however, wait status packets will be accepted prior to the enrollment suspense date after all ATTRS slots are filled. Walk-ons are accepted if all ATTRS slots are not filled. Walk-ons will be subsequently enrolled in ATTRS.

f. 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.

g. 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

videos can be found on the Lightning Academy YouTube page @LightningAcademy.

5. Services.

- a. Meals. Meals are provided during the course.
- b. Haircuts. Students will report on Day One with an appropriate haircut (IAW AR 670-1).
- c. Clearance. No security clearance is required to attend JOTC.
- d. 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 +1-808-656-1018.
- e. 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.

6. Graduation. Graduations occur on the final Friday, Day Twelve of the course. Graduations are held at 1100 hrs on Weyand Field on Schofield Barracks. In the event of a Division DONSA, JOTC graduation will take place at 0800 hrs on Camp Lightning.

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. Please contact 1LT Zachary Bunn, the JOTC Platoon Leader at (808) 656-1018 for questions about the content of this course, or the G3 Schools Representatives at 808-655-1304 for questions about enrollment.