

AIR ASSAULT

1. Training provided by The Lightning Academy, HHBN, 25th ID

2. Description. The Lightning Academy (LA) Air Assault Course (AASLT) is accredited by the United States Army Infantry School (USAIS) and is run by the Air Assault Cadre of the Lightning Academy, HHBN, 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. AASLT is designed to provide parent units with subject matter expert Soldiers, Non-Commissioned Officers (NCOs), and Junior Officers in the full spectrum of Air Assault Operations. Students are trained on the missions performed by rotary wing aircraft, aircraft safety, aero-medical evacuation procedures, pathfinder operations, principles and techniques of combat assaults, rappelling techniques, sling-load operations, and basic rappelling. The core POI requires minimum support assets and is adaptable to organic aviation elements. Both the core instruction and the additional instruction are conducted in a classroom/field environment.

3. Eligibility. Lightning Academy Air Assault Course is open to all Soldiers, NCOs, and Officers in the grade of E1 – E9 and O1 – O4. Cadets, foreign students, and other military services are also authorized to attend this course. 25th ID Soldiers have priority for this course. Other installations (to include Reserve and National Guard personnel) must contact 25th ID G3 and USARHAW Schools (Comm: 808-787-3147) for availability and enrollment. Foreign partners must contact their embassy or security cooperations cell for attendance. 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 within 12 months from the class start date. Applicants must have at least one-year service remaining on active duty upon completion of the course. All applicants must complete a 12-mile foot march within 90 days of course start date and complete an obstacle course within 90 days of the course start date. An equipment inspection must be completed by the student's unit prior to the class start date.

4. Location/Time. AASLT is located at the Lightning Academy Air Assault Compound, formerly known as the Combat Readiness Center (CRC); Building T2064, 125 Riley Road, Schofield Barracks, HI 96857-5000. Students will report NLT 0500 on Day Zero of training. Training does not occur on any Saturdays or Sundays. This schedule is subject to change.

5. Administrative. Students are required to supply all equipment IAW the most current packing list.

- a. Students 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. All seats are reserved in ATRRS, however wait status packets will be accepted prior to the enrollment suspense date after all ATRRS slots are filled IAW USARHAW and 25ID Schools SOP. Students attempting to walk on must coordinate with their school's representative to be placed on the Order of Merit (OML) list.
- c. Privately Owned Vehicles (POV) are authorized for transportation.

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d. The most updated course documents, information, and packing lists can be found at the Lightning Academy website, link below. The LA100 Form must be fully completed with proper signatures within 90 days of the start of the course. Females must have a negative pregnancy test within 30 days of the course start date, annotated on the LA100 Form.

e. To mitigate heat related injuries, it is suggested that off island students report 72 hours prior to course start to acclimate to Hawaii's climate.

f. Inserts. Students who have been dropped from a previous Air Assault Course and have a valid drop slip must report to the above location (Lightning Academy Air Assault Compound) at 0445 on the Day Zero of the Class they wish to insert into. A slot is not guaranteed to these individuals and their ability to insert into the course is dependent on the amount of space available in that course. **Students with a valid drop slip should NOT be ATRRS slotted for the course by their respective schools representative; all they must do is report at 0445 on Day Zero with the items listed below:**

- i. Fully completed LA100 form, completed to the standard specified on the packing list, with page 1 and 2.
- ii. Soldier Talent Profile or service equivalent; page 1 and 2.
- iii. Their issued Air Assault Handbook from the course they were dropped from.
- iv. Their Drop Slip from the course they failed (must be the original document, not a copy).

Upon reception by the Air Assault Cadre at 0445 on Day Zero, they will be given further instruction on how to insert into the course.

6. POC. For more information, please contact the Lightning Academy TAC at 808-787-9402 or visit the Lightning Academy website below.

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

7. FY26 Class Schedule:

CLASS SCHEDULE

Class #	Start Date	Grad Date
001-26	17 October 2025	31 October 2025
002-26	26 November 2025	12 December 2025
003-26	23 January 2026	06 February 2026
004-26	13 March 2026	27 March 2026
005-26	10 April 2026	24 April 2026
006-26	01 May 2026	15 May 2026
007-26	29 May 2026	12 June 2026
008-26 (MTT)	07 August 2026	21 August 2026
009-26	11 September 2026	25 September 2026