

RAPPEL MASTER

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

2. Description. The Lightning Academy (LA) Rappel Master Course (RM) is accredited by the United States Army Infantry School (USAIS) and is run by the Rappel Master Cadre of the Lightning Academy, HHBN, 25th Infantry Division, 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, rappeler sustainment training, and rotary wing operations.

3. Eligibility. 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. 25th ID personnel have priority for this course. Other installations (incl. Reserve and National Guard) must contact 25th ID G3 Schools for availability and enrollment at (808) 787-3147 or email at chery.l.soriano.civ@army.mil for availability. Foreign partners must contact their embassy or security cooperations cell for enrollment. 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 Basic Military Mountaineer Course and have documentation of this completion to attend the Rappel Master Course.**

4. Location/Time. The Rappel Master Course is located at the **Lightning Academy Air Assault Compound, formerly known as the Combat Readiness Center (CRC), Building T-2064, 125 Riley Road, Schofield Barracks, HI 96857-5000.** Report time is NLT 0800 on Day One of training in duty uniform at Building T-2064.

5. Administrative. Students will report with the completed Student packet (LA 100, STP, documented completion of either Air Assault, Ranger School, Sapper School, or the Basic Military Mountaineering Course IAW the packing list). The LA100 Form must be the current version, found on the Lightning Academy website, fully completed with all signatures within 90 days of course start date. Females must have a negative pregnancy test within 30 days of the course start date, annotated on the LA100 Form. 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.

a. **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 day. The course packing list can be found on the Lightning Academy Website listed below.

b. 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. Students attempting to walk on must coordinate with their school's representative to be placed on the Order of Merit (OML) list. Walk-ons will be subsequently enrolled in ATRRS.

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- c. Privately-owned vehicles (POVs) are an authorized means of transportation IAW the training schedule.
- d. The most up-to-date documents and resources, including the RM Packing List and RMPI Standards, can be found at the Lightning Academy website, at the link below:

6. POC. For more information, 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 #	Start Date	Grad Date
001-26	17 November 2025	21 November 2025
002-26	12 January 2026	16 January 2026
003-26	23 February 2026	27 February 2026
004-26	13 July 2026	17 July 2026