MPSOTC

COURSE GUIDE 2016

Introduction By The Commandant

Welcome to the «Multinational Peace Support Operations Training Center» Course Guide 2016. This catalogue shortly presents a brief history of our Centre, the capabilities, the facilities and a detailed list of the courses conducted by MPSOTC. More details are available to our official web page (www.mpsotc.gr) for the upcoming year.

Our Center is a PfP Training Centre which has been recognized by NATO SG with the name «PfP Training Centre in Greece» since 2000. Additionally, it is recognized by UN and conducts the UN Military Observers' Course. So far, MPSOTC has carried out a series of significant activities including both national and international courses, seminars and Mobile Training Teams.

The training objectives comprise a varied spectrum of activities. However, the key training objective is to provide academic and field training, which is in accordance with the most current international accepted standards, to all participants.

Additionally, the MPSOTC supports the pre-deployment «mission-specific» training of national contingents, who are tasked to participate in PSOs, prior to their mission assignment.

The highly professional lectures, the realistic field training, our contemporary facilities and the appropriate administrative and logistics support ensure MPSOTC's elevated professionalism to meet students' expectations. The courses are continually revised and updated to reflect current developments and PSO demands.

In conclusion, I am looking forward to seeing you in one of our upcoming courses, always considering the well-known memo:

«As the ground is unable to produce something without cultivation, thus the human mind cannot give the expected results, without education» (Plutarch's, 47-120)

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Overview

GENERAL

The Multinational Peace Support Operations Training Centre (MPSOTC) is one of the 29 existing in the world, NATO/PfP Training Centres. It has been officially recognized with the name «PfP Training Centre in Greece» by NATO SG with the name since 2000. It is an active member of Partnership Training and Education Centres Community - PTECs, which is coordinated by ACT.

Additionally, it is recognized by UN and conducts the «UN Military Observers' Course». Furthermore after experience gained during dedicated courses for the HELBROC (EU Battle Group), is also entitled as a EU training facility.

The primary mission, is to provide a multifaceted academic and realistic practical training, to Military, Civil Police and Civilian multinational students, on PSOs related issues, in accordance with current international standards (NATO-UN-EU-OSCE). In addition, to support the national contingents training and the education of Staff elements during the mission tailored pre-deployment preparation for UN, NATO and EU led missions. External instructors, as well as guest speakers from national, international and NATO institutions, are invited to assist the training effort.

Overview

MPSOTC may offer to both military and civilian audiences courses, seminars, etc. The courses are open to all NATO, PfP, MD, ICI ,Partners across the globe and IOs (UN,EU,OSCE). More details to our official web site address **www.mpsotc.gr**.

The working language is in English. Students must be able to comply with NATO STANAG 6001 requirements (Listening Good(3), Speaking Fair(2), Reading Goog(3), Writing Fair(2)). In general, they must have a good level in comprehension, speaking and writing skills.

In an effort to promote its multinational character, 3 posts are reserved for international Staff Officers and Instructors.

REMARKS

The MPSOTC, is located in «Papatheofilou» Army Base, at KRISTONI, 2 Km from KILKIS, and 40 min drive North of THESSALONIKI. Physical access to the Training Centre is possible by car, train and bus.

Transportation from/to MACEDONIA airport in Thessaloniki is free of charge for all students and will be provided by MPSOTC. Participants must inform MPSOTC about their travel arrangements at least one week prior to their arrival. Otherwise, transportation is student's own responsibility.

Participants are authorized to use the **medical facilities** provided by the Greek Army. If special treatment might be needed, it will be provided at 424 Military Hospital in Thessaloniki . Emergencies are treated in Kilkis General

About Training

More than
3.170 trainees
from
90 countries
attended MPSOTC Courses

Courses

Course List

- **NATO Public Affairs Officers Course I**
  o PAO I : 8 - 19 Feb 2016 (2 weeks) **ACT.587.2**
- **Influence Ops in Multicultural Environment Course**
  o IOMEC : 29 Feb - 4 Mar 2016 (1 week) **GR 72.2**
- **Multinational PSOs Officers Basic Course**
  o BASIC : 4 - 15 Apr 2016 (2 weeks) **GR 4.14**
- **UN Military Observers Course**
  o UNMO Course : 16 May - 3 Jun 2016 (3 weeks) **GR 9.15**
- **NATO Public Affairs Officers Course II**
  o PAO II : 5 - 16 Sep 2016 (2 weeks) **ACT.587.3**
- **Sea/Land Border Security and Refugees/Arms/Dual-Use Goods Control Course**
  o BSRAGC : 3 - 14 Oct 2016 (2 weeks) **GR 11.10**
- **Cultural Awareness Course**
  o CULTURAL AWARENESS Course : 7 - 11 Nov 2016 (1 week) **GR 73.2**
- **Multinational CIMIC Field Workers Basic Course**
  o MN CFWBC : 28 Nov - 9 Dec 2016 (2 weeks) **GR 10.9**

Remarks

- The tuition fees have been determined in 100 euros per week per student.
- For some specific countries, reimbursement for travel expenses, is regulated through bilateral agreements.
- Domestic (inland) transportation from "MACEDONIA" airport in Thessaloniki to hotels in Kilkis, will be provided by the MPSOTC.
- Battle dress uniform (BDU) will be required during training and smart casual for social events.
- Allocations will be on a « first come, first served » basis.
- For each course an official invitation letter with details and a join report template will be sent out. After nominations of students by nations, a confirmation letter will follow. Accredited users may also reach related course information, latest events and activities, hosted in e-PRIME, e-ITEP (ETOC) and NPETN web sites.
- Joining Report and CV templates are available to **www.mpsotc.gr**.

Courses

Public Affairs Officers Course I-II
(8 - 19 Feb & 5 - 16 Sep 2016) ACT 587.2 & ACT 587.3
NATO SELECTED

Purpose

To provide students with a working knowledge of NATO's PA policy, responsibilities, procedures and duties of a PAO.

Learning Topics

- NATO Policy on PA.
- Useful skills for a PAO.
- PA and related activities (Psy Ops, Info Ops, CIMIC).
- Various national aspects of PA.
- NATO strategic communications.
- PAOs Experiences from Missions lessons learned.
- Media environment / New media.
- PA Office / Planning / Functions and Procedures.
- Legal aspects.
- Media/analysis monitoring.
- Interview training.
- Syndicate work.
- PA exercise.

Student Criteria

- OF-1 up to OF-5
- Civilians of equivalent work.

Remarks

- Up to 35 participants (20 slots are available to international students).

Courses

Influence Ops in Multicultural Environment Course (29 Feb - 4 March 2016) GR 72.2

NATO LISTED

Purpose

To provide the participants with necessary knowledge and skills in order to accent communications, to affect attitudes and behaviors in addition with the employment of military capabilities, economic development and other real-word capabilities that also can play a role in reinforcing these communications.

Learning Topics

- Information Operations in general.
- Influence Operations.
- Communication principals, Social influence pshycological operations,Target Audience Analysis.
- Electronic Warfare.
- Cyberwar operations.
- Characteristics of media, Role of media in peacetime, war and crisis management.

Student Criteria

- OF-1 up to OF-5
- Civilians of equivalent work.

Remarks

- Up to 35 participants (20 slots are available to international students).

Courses

Multinational PSOs Officers' Basic Course (4 - 15 April 2016) GR 4.14

NATO LISTED

Purpose

To prepare officers from different countries for assignment as Platoon Leaders and / or Company Commanders, for the conduct of PSO led by NATO or other regional security organizations.

Learning Topics

- Background Knowledge.
- Basic Principles of Multinational Operations.
- International Organizations.
- Preparations of National Contingents.
- Hostage survival entry level experience.
- Code of Conduct.
- Media Relations.
- Negotiation-Mediation.
- Orientation Techniques (GPS Training included).
- First aid procedures.
- Mine/IED Awareness.
- Radio communication procedures.
- PSO Techniques, such as OP-CP duties,Patrolling,
- ROEs and Use of Force.
- Child protection in PSOs.

Student Criteria

- OR-6 up to OF-3.
- Civilians of equivalent work.

Remarks

- Up to 35 participants (20 slots are available to internetional students).

Courses

UN Military Observers Course (16 May - 3 June 2016) GR 9.15

UN ACCREDITED

Purpose

To prepare officers from different countries, for assignment as Military Observers, in PSOs.

To familiarize the trainees, with UN structure procedures, SOPs and Terminology.

Learning Topics

- UN structure, procedures, SOPs and Terminology.
- Military observers basic duties, responsibilities and procedures.
- Plan and conduct patrolling activities (GPS and land navigation included), as well as execute monitoring, investigation and reporting tasks.
- Description of UN PKO Legal Framework.
- Negotiation-mediation and coordination with IOs and NGOs.
- Hygiene, self protection and mine awareness measures.

Student Criteria

- OF-1 up to OF-4.
- Civilians of equivalent work

Remarks

- Up to 35 participants (20 slots are available to international students).

Courses

Sea/Land Borders Security & Refugees/Arms/Dual-Use Goods Control Course (3 - 14 Octomber 2016) GR 11.10

NATO LISTED

Purpose

To familiarize officers and NCOs from different countries with all aspects of Border Control Concept to be capable of establishing, organizing, manning, equipping and training Land and Sea Border Control Units for they conduct of PSO led by NATO or other regional security organizations.

Also to familiarize trainees with OSCE structure, procedures, SOPs and terminology.

Learning Topics

- OSCE organization doctrine.
- Legal Considerations.
- ROE and Use of Force.
- Humanitarian Codes of Conduct.
- Human & Refugees Rights.
- Border Control Unit organization, manning and equipment.
- Basic duties, responsibilities and techniques, such as vehicle and personnel searching and checking techniques, Control of Illegal arms Trafficking etc.
- Verification of Travel Documents.
- Hygiene Measures.
- Use of Drug/Bomb Dogs.
- Coast Guard Duties, Procedures and Sea Training.
- IOs - NGOs related with Refugees Handling.
- The UNHCR Example.
- Internal Conflict and Displacement.
- Field Training on Border Control Duties.
- FRONTEX-EUROPOL organizations doctrine and techniques.

Student Criteria

- OF-1 up to OF-3.
- OR-3 up to OR-9.
- Civilians of equivalent work.

Remarks

- Up to 35 participants (20 slots are available to international students).

Courses

Cultural Awareness Course
(7 - 11 Nov 2016) GR 73.2
NATO LISTED

Purpose

To provide the participants with necessary cultural values and perspectives all over the world as well as acquaintance with religious matters and gender issues.

http://www.veteranstoday.com

Learning Topics

- Cultural Awareness in General.
- General Information about Arab World .
- Do's and Don'ts.
- Overview of Islam.
- Religions and cultures of the World.
- The indigenous and Immigrant Islam.
- Cultural Heritage Protection.
- Gender in Military Operations.
- Child protection in PSOs.

http://www.hawaiiarmyweekly.com

Student Criteria

- OF-2 up to OF-5.
- Civilians of equivalent work.

https://edfromct.files.wordpress.com
http://yemenvoice.info

Remarks

- Up to 35 participants (20 slots are available to international students).

http://www.ramagazine.com

Courses

MN CIMIC Field Worker Course (MNCFWC)
(28 Nov - 9 Dec 2016) GR 10.9

NATO LISTED

Purpose

To provide field workers and improve the knowledge and skills of military and civilian personel by examining and putting into practice the concepts, techniques and analysis/assessment tools regarding civil military cooperation and the civil dimension.

Learning Topics

- Background Knowledge of CIMIC.
- CIMIC Organization and Doctrine.
- Structure and Functionality of IOs and NGOs.
- Approach to CIMIC core functions.
- Principles of CIMIC.
- Staff duties, techniques and procedures.
- Media Relations.
- Negotiation and Liaison principles and techniques.
- CIMIC meetings.
- Legal Considerations.
- Working in a CIMIC Center.
- Practical training, syndicate work and CIMIC exercise.
- Child protection in PSOs.

Student Criteria

- OF-1 up to OF-3.
- OR-6 up to OR-9.
- Civilians of equivalent work.

Remarks

- Up to 35 participants (20 slots are available to international students).

Social - Cultural Events

Hellenic MPSOTC participate in the Market Place in Brussels.

Visit to Vergina museum where the Greek archaeologist Manolis Andronikos unearthed the burial site of the kings of Macedon, including the tomb of Philip II, father of Alexander the Great.

Visit to War Museum of Thessaloniki and to Museum of Fort Rupel in Serres.

Visit to archaeological museum of Thessaloniki.

MPSOTC Facilities

Main Conference Hall

Syndicate Rooms

VBS NATO Labroom

Academic Division

Classrooms

Recreation Area

Kilkis Info

The municipality of Kilkis lies 48 Km North from Thessaloniki city, 66 kilometres from the airport "MACEDONIA".

It occupies 323,8 square kilometres and it's population counts about 25.000 inhabitants. It is also the economic, commercial and cultural centre of the region.

Banking services are available including ATM. The use of most common credit cards (Visa, Diners, Master Card, ech.) is possible almost everywhere. For your convenience, it is advisable to exchange currency prior to your departure, but you can do that in every Bank. The national currency is EURO (€).

Driving Directions

The City of Kilkis is located 48 km North of Thessaloniki city. Our centre can be accessed by:

AIR:
Via the «MACEDONIA» Airport, in Thessaloniki and then by train, bus or car, in less than 60 min.

TRAIN:
The Thessaloniki railway terminal, is located in the centre of the city and is daily connected with central an eastern European countries. The Kilkis railway station at Kristoni, is within 600m range, from the main gate.

SHUTTLE BUS:
The Thessaloniki bus terminal is located in the centre of the city. Daily departures, connect the city with central and eastern European countries. A dense shuttle bus network, links Thessaloniki and Kilkis. The bus to Kilkis stops just outside the main gate.

Academic Calendar 2016

2016
HELLENIC MPSOTC ACADEMIC CALENDAR

MONTH	JAN				FEB					MAR				APR				MAY					JUN			
WEEK	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
DATE (Mondays)	4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29	7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27
NATO Public Affairs Officers BASIC Course 1 (PAO)						X	X						Catholic EASTER				EASTER	EASTER					RAMADAN	RAMADAN	RAMADAN	RAMADAN
Influence Ops in Multicultural Environment Course (IOMEC)									X																	
MN PSO BASIC Course (BASIC)														X	X											
UN Military Observers Course (UNMC)																				X	X	X				

MONTH	JUL				AUG					SEP				OCT						NOV				DEC			
WEEK	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52
DATE (Mondays)	4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26
NATO BASIC Public Affairs Officers Course 2 (PAO)	RAMADAN									X	X										Anniversary Day				CHRISTMAS	New Years Day
Sea/Land Border Security & Refugees Control Course														X	X											
Cultural Awareness Course (CAC)																			X							
MN Field Worker CIMIC Course (MN CFWBC)																						X	X			

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