Security Through Knowledge
About Us

In the wake of the terrorist attacks on USS Cole in 2000 and those of the World Trade Center and Pentagon in 2001, the Navy’s security force posture was dramatically altered. These events served to heighten awareness of Force Protection (FP) being a crucial mission that crosses the spectrum of all naval communities. In response to these issues, the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) established the U.S. Fleet Forces Command (USFFC) to serve as the Navy’s executive agent for FP.

Due to the rapid expansion of fleet training needs, the mission of FP quickly evolved and thus prompted USFFC to establish the Antiterrorism and Force Protection Warfare Development Center (ATFPWDC) in Nov. 2001. Co-located with the Expeditionary Warfare Training Group Atlantic at then NAB Norfolk, Va., the mission of ATFPWDC was to address the myriad of training and doctrinal challenges of FP.

Meanwhile the CNO directed a flag level executive review of naval training (ERNT) in 2000. Based on the review team’s findings, it provided recommendations designed to restructure the overall training process and yield more benefits to the Sailor. Subsequently, the CNO established the Task Force for Excellence through Commitment to Education and Learning (EXCEL) to further evaluate and implement the recommendations of ERNT. As a result, a new learning system using the human performance model was created to improve the development and delivery of training with increased responsiveness to fleet needs.

The cornerstone of this new approach was the movement away from individual schoolhouse operations to the establishment of learning centers. Each learning center is responsible for either a single functional area or multiple functional areas and all related education and training courses under its authority. The ATFPWDC transitioned into the Center for Antiterrorism and Navy Security Forces (CENATNSF) and thereafter to the Center for Security Forces (CENSECFOR) of today.

The CENSECFOR is one of 13 learning centers within the Naval Education and Training Command (NETC) and responsible for providing essential training and human performance solutions that support the training needs of the fleet around the world.
WHAT WE PROVIDE

- Master-at Arms “A” School
- Small Arms Marksmanship Instructor
- Antiterrorism Training Supervisor
- Naval Corrections Specialist
- Military Working Dog Handler
- Kennel Master
- Military Police Investigator
- Naval Corrections Counselor
- Protective Services Training
- Crew Served Weapons Instructor
- Crew Served Weapons Operations & Maintenance
- Aviation Commanding Officer Anti-terrorism
- Surface Commanding Officer Anti-terrorism
- Installation Commanding Officer Anti-terrorism
- Submarine Commanding Officer Anti-terrorism

EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP

COMMANDING OFFICER
CAPT. RAYMOND BENEDICT

Captain Raymond J. Benedict is a Surface Warfare Officer, with Anti-Terrorism/Force Protection (AT/FP) Subspecialty and an Expeditionary Warfare Additional Qualification Designator.

He was born and raised in Brick Township, New Jersey, and graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1989 with a Bachelor of Science degree in General Science. He also holds a Master of Science degree in Operations Research from the Naval Postgraduate School, and is a graduate of the U.S. Army Command & General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

As a Surface Warfare Officer, he completed various operational tours afloat on USS Whipple (FF 1062), USS New Orleans (LPH 11), USS Nassau (LHA 4), USS Germantown (LSD 42), and USS Iwo Jima (LHD 7). He has served ashore as an Action Officer on the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations, Warfare Policy & Doctrine Branch (OPNAV N512), and as the Materiel Officer at both Maritime Force Protection Command (MARFPCOM) and Navy Expeditionary Combat Command (NECC). He also completed a Global War on Terrorism Support Assignment at United States Central Command, serving as Team Chief in the Joint Operations Center.

Captain Benedict served as the Commanding Officer of Expeditionary Training Command, providing maritime expeditionary training to partner nation security forces. He also served as the Commanding Officer of Provincial Reconstruction Team Nuristan and Forward Operating Base Kalagush in northeastern Afghanistan.

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Captain Benedict’s most recent assignment was the Policy and Requirements Branch Lead to the Fleet Anti-Terrorism Division, United States Fleet Forces Command.

His personal awards include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (four awards), Navy Commendation Medal (three awards), Army Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Navy Achievement Medal (four awards), Army Achievement Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, along with various unit and campaign awards.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
MR. LARRY A. MCFARLAND

Mr. Larry McFarland was born and raised in Colorado and graduated from Jacksonville University in 1984. Following twenty years of active duty with the US Navy, he began working for the Navy as a civil servant in 2004. Prior to assuming his current duties as Executive Director his positions have included Director of Training Support at the Naval Personnel Development Command; Safety, Environmental and Facilities Director at Commander, Submarine Force; and Director of Training at the Center for Security Forces.

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CUSTOM SOLUTIONS

- Expeditionary Combat Skills
- Riverine Combat Skills
- Riverine Crewman
- Riverine Unit Level Leader
- Riverine Security Team Member
- U.S. Navy Individual Augmentee (IA) Combat Training (NIACT)
- Level A Code of Conduct
- Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape (SERE)
- Risk of Isolation Brief
- Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape Instructor under training

COMMAND MASTER CHIEF
STEPHEN SCHAFFER

Master Chief Steven Schaffer, a native of Pueblo, Colorado, enlisted in the U.S. Navy upon graduating from Greeley West High School in 1986. He attended both basic and apprenticeship training at Naval Training Command Great Lakes, Illinois.

He completed sea tour assignments aboard USS White Plains (ASF 4); USS Holland (AS 32); and USS Frank Cable (AS 40) all home ported in Guam; USS Juneau (LPD 10) home ported in San Diego, California; and USS Donald Cook (DDG 75) in Norfolk, Virginia. Other assignments include Riverine Squadron Three (RIVRON 3) out of Yorktown, Virginia; and Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron 125 (VAW-125) based in Norfolk, Virginia.

His tenure at sea was comprised of deployments to the Arabian Gulf and Indian Ocean where he participated in numerous evolutions that include: Joint Task Force Fiery Vigil in the Philippines, Operation Restore Hope off the coast of Somalia; Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan; and Operation Iraqi Freedom in Iraq.

Assigned to VAW-125, his first tour as a Command Master Chief, He completed two deployments attached to USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70) and served two tours in Iraq while assigned to RIVRON 3.

His shore tours include serving as craft master at Port Operations Subic Bay in the Republic of the Philippines; lead project coordinator at the Naval Intermediate Maintenance Activity Pacific Northwest; and course manager at the Center for Personal and Professional Development in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

In March 2012, he assumed the duties as Command Master Chief for the Center for Security Forces (CENSECFOR), headquartered in Virginia Beach, Virginia. CENSECFOR provides essential

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training and human performance solutions that support the training needs of the fleet worldwide.

Master Chief Schaffer is qualified as an Expeditionary Warfare, Surface Warfare, Air Warfare and Master Training Specialist. His personal awards include: the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (sixth award); Navy Achievement Medal (third award); Good Conduct Medal (eighth award); and various unit citations.