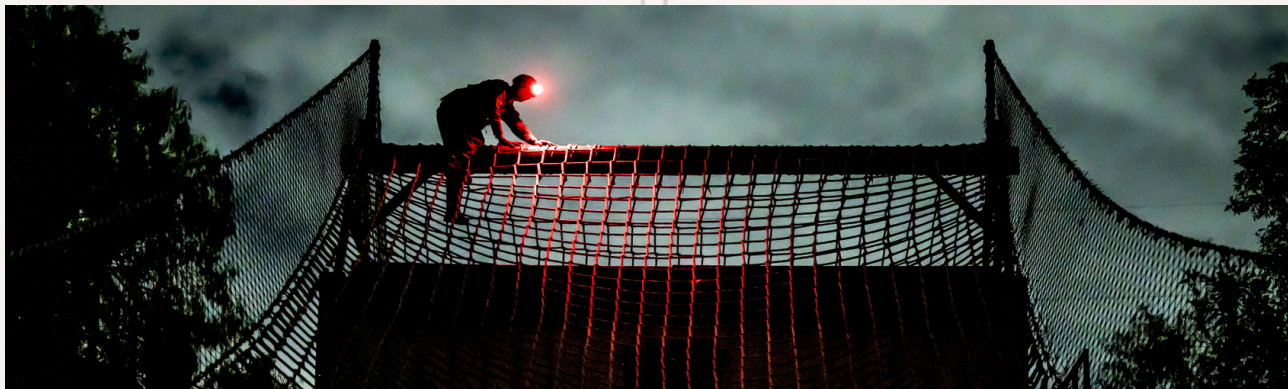


# SWTW THE PIPELINE

Your guide to all things Special Warfare Training Wing



## COMMAND UPDATES

A message from commander Col. Nathan Colunga:

In an effort to communicate directly and more transparently with the entire Air Force Special Warfare Community, we are **excited to establish a twice-annual newsletter**. With feedback from you, our community of stakeholders, we look to provide content that keeps you connected to where it all begins.

We recently updated our vision and priorities to align with higher Air Force and warfighting needs. The vision of the Special Warfare Training Wing is to **build an optimized training enterprise with a culture of world class instruction and human performance**.

To achieve this vision, we've prioritized three lines of effort:

- Produce Special Warfare Airmen to meet operational needs
- Build sustainable processes aligned to Air Education and Training Command and the Air Force
- Develop permanent party and institutionalize our professional culture

We're actively working towards these objectives by improving the quality of life for our trainees, and by developing a future campus plan that focuses on both trainees and cadre.

This fall we intend to host an **Air Force ROTC Invitational** to give cadets an inside look at what it takes to serve as a Special Warfare Airman. We also look forward to supporting annual AFSPECWAR events like the upcoming **PJ Rodeo** and the **2023 TACP Lightning Challenge**. Additionally, in an effort to further bolster our relationship with the local community, we're also establishing the wing's first **Honorary Commander Program**.

I am proud of our team, and of everything they do to set our nation up for victory; and I am thankful for our community of stakeholders and the unending support you show our wing.



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# HEADLINES

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## REMEMBERING FALLEN AIRMEN THROUGH TRAINING

*Remembering fallen operators is an integral part of training within the Special Warfare Training Wing... [READ MORE](#)*

## NEW ADJUNCT FACULTY COURSE SYNCHRONIZES HUMAN PERFORMANCE INTO SPECIAL WARFARE TRAINING

*On June 7, 2023, the Special Warfare Training Wing conducted the first-ever Human Performance Adjunct Faculty Course... [READ MORE](#)*



## PERFORMANCE NUTRITION IN THE SWTW

*At 6 a.m., the sky was still dark and the fog had yet to roll off the base, but the Special Warfare Training Wing had been buzzing with activity for hours... [READ MORE](#)*

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# SWTW IN PHOTOS



Special Warfare Training Wing instructors and Survival Evasion Resistance and Escape specialists won the Patriot Cup tug-of-war competition, conquering teams from both the Army and Marines during the May 20, 2023, Team Tough event on Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas. The U.S. Air Force Special Warfare Training Wing at JBSA and San Antonio Sports hosted local high school JROTC cadets to test their teamwork and physical capabilities against each other in a challenging and fun-filled competition.



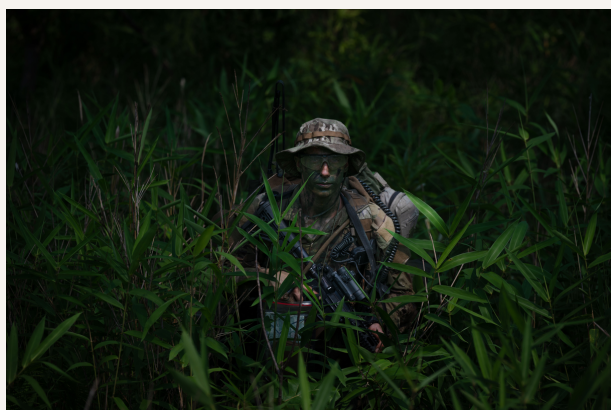
University of Texas ROTC students the Special Warfare Candidate Course campus Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas, April 7, 2023. The 20 cadets and two ROTC instructors spoke with Col. Nathan Colunga, listened to operator experiences and observed intense trainee exercises.



Graduates in the Combat Control, Special Reconnaissance and Special Tactics Officer career fields don their berets on May 11, 2023, in Whispering Pines, North Carolina. Air Force Special Warfare operators earn their berets after completing the rigorous training pipeline, and they honor the beret every day as an operator by upholding the high personal and professional standards of the community.



Students in the Air Force Combat Dive Course practice closed-circuit diving for covert infiltration in Panama City Beach, Florida, on June 26, 2023. The Air Force Combat Dive Course prepares future special warfare operators to conduct underwater tactical diving for insertion, extraction and maritime rescue and recovery missions.



Tactics Field Week prepares students within the Special Warfare Training Wing's 352nd Special Warfare Training Squadron for careers as combat controllers, special tactics officers and special reconnaissance Airmen who can operate in austere locations during high-stakes missions.

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## EVENTS

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**PJ Rodeo**  
3-9 September  
123 STS, Kentucky Air National Guard

**Lightning Challenge**  
18-20 October  
JBSA-Lackland, Chapman Training Annex

**ROTC Invitational**  
November 2023  
JBSA-Lackland, Chapman Training Annex

**Aquatics Center Grand Opening**  
TBD. Follow our social media updates  
JBSA-Lackland, Chapman Training Annex



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# GRADUATIONS



351 SWTS (PJ/CRO)  
Kirtland AFB, New Mexico  
18 August  
15 December

352 SWTS (CCT/SR/STO)  
Pope Airfield, North Carolina  
24 August  
13 December

353 SWTS (TACP/TACPO)  
JBSA-Lackland, Texas  
21 July  
25 August  
29 September  
3 November  
8 December

# MEMORIALS

19 July 1989 - SSgt. Andre Berkley; TACP

3 August 2015 - TSgt. Marty Bettelyoun; CCT

3 August 2015 - TSgt. Tim Officer; TACP

6 August 2011 - TSgt. John Brown; PJ

6 August 2011 - TSgt. Dan Zerbe; PJ

6 August 2011 - SSgt. Andrew Harvell; CCT

7 August 2002 - Capt. Paul Soomsawadi; STO

7 August 2002 - TSgt. Chris Matero; CCT

7 August 2002 - TSgt. Martin Tracy; CCT

8 August 2012 - Maj. David Gray; TACPO

19 August 2006 - SrA Adam Servais; CCT

26 August 2015 - Capt. Matthew Roland; STO

26 August 2015 - SSgt. Forest Sibley; CCT

4 September 1996 - SSgt. Brian Daly; TACP

16 September 2010 - SrA Daniel Sanchez; CCT

29 September 2010 - SrA Mark Forester; CCT

8 October 2019 - TSgt. Peter Kraines; PJ

30 October 2014 - TSgt. Sean Barton; PJ

5 November 2019 - SSgt. Cole Condiff; CCT

9 November 2004 - MSgt. Steve Auchman; Radio Mx

27 November 2004 - SSgt. Dylan Elchin; CCT

7 December 2001 - SSgt. Douglas Eccleston; PJ

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