

Army Reconnaissance Course

As the “eyes and ears” of the commander, scouts are expected to “see” what the commander needs to see, and to communicate observations in a relevant manner.

Understanding what the commander needs to know in order for him to have situational understanding means recon Soldiers must understand “why” the commander needs to know. The information associated with route, area, and zone recon objectives must be relevant to those who need the information to employ larger forces.



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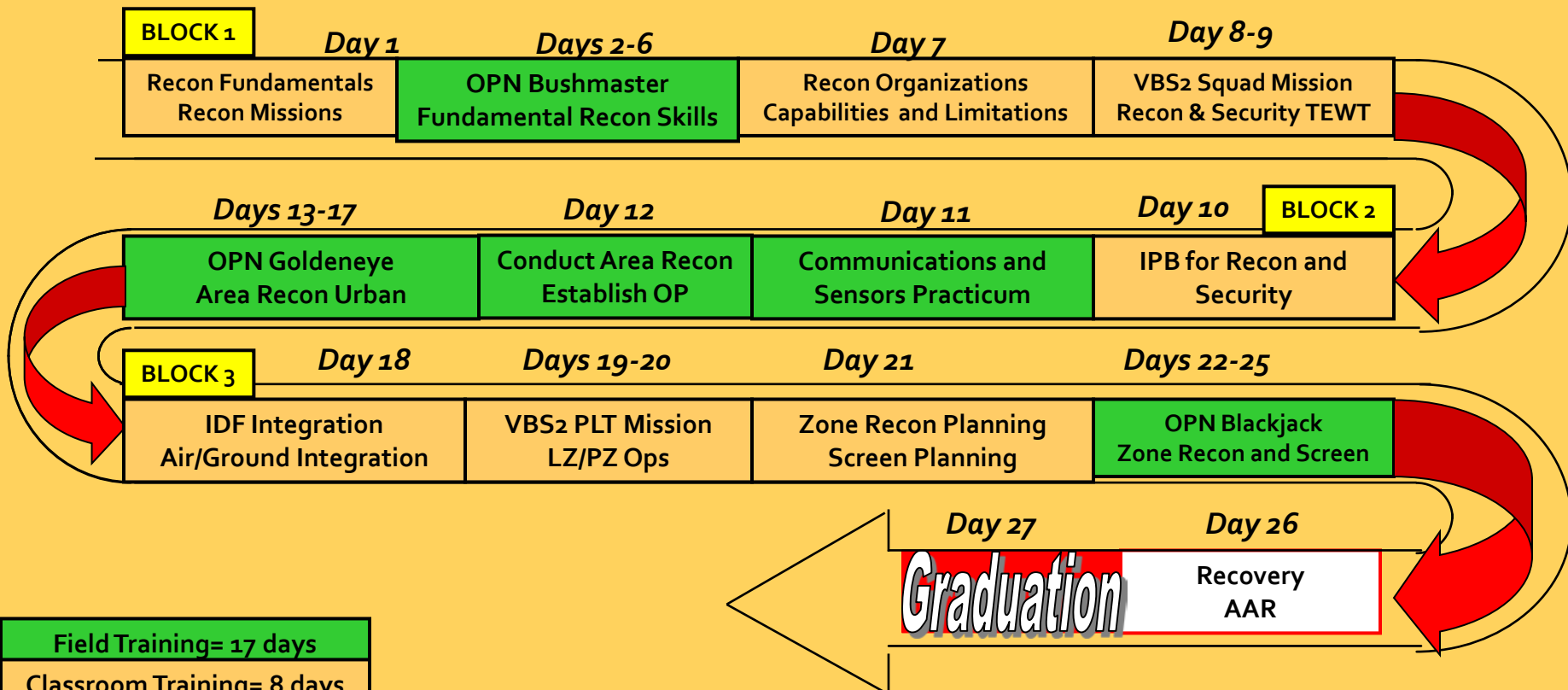
Introduction:

Mission. To prepare Commissioned Officers and Noncommissioned Officers SSG and above to perform as leaders of reconnaissance platoons in today's modular force and to meet the challenges of the future. This course will train the increased skill sets required of all platoon sized reconnaissance elements and all existing or transitioning reconnaissance organizations.

The Soldier will develop higher level fundamental skills at reconnaissance and security fundamentals - navigation, communications and reporting, "IPB"; develop skills to better understand BCT, Squadron, and Troop commanders' information requirements, how to find, and communicate battlefield information about terrain, enemy, and local populations; develop skills for planning and executing reconnaissance without mission compromise or loss of freedom of action; develop understanding of the procedures for competently employing attached air, ground, and technical reconnaissance and support assets; and develop the self-confidence to solve mission relevant problems, anticipation enemy contact, exercise initiative in the face of changing conditions, and manage the tactical risks associated with reconnaissance, security, and surveillance mission requirements. Field training exercises will require Soldiers to apply skills required for reconnaissance units assigned to Brigade Combat Teams . Soldiers will become tactically and technically proficient in all aspects of mounted and dismounted reconnaissance, surveillance, security operations, and sustainability

Introduction:

ARC Course Structure



Field Training= 17 days
Classroom Training= 8 days
Administration= 2 days

Course Requirements:

Prerequisites. Course Prerequisites: Active Army/Marine and Reserve Component noncommissioned officers and commissioned officers in Armor (AR), Infantry (IN), Engineers (EN), Aviation (AV), Military Intelligence (MI), Field Artillery (FA); first or second lieutenants who have successfully completed the Basic Officer Leadership Course III (BOLC III); Noncommissioned Officers who have successfully completed Basic Noncommissioned Officers Course (BNCOC) or Advanced Leadership Course

Required Reading: Students will be required to do home work readings. The manuals are available at <https://armypubs.us.army.mil/doctrine/index.html>. Understand:

- 1) FM 3-20.98 Reconnaissance and Scout Platoon
- 2) FM 3-90 Tactics
- 3) [ST 3-20.983 Recon Handbook \(2002\)](#)

Professional Development readings required and used in course discussion:

1. ["Our Army's Campaign of Learning"](#) GEN Martin Dempsey (OCT 2009)
2. ["A Good Answer to an Obsolete Questions: The Army's Culture and Why It Needs to Change"](#) COL Casey Haskins

Packing List:

The following items are required for daily classroom instructions

Pens and Pencils
Notebook Paper
Protractor
ARC Student Handout (provided on Day 1)
Calculator
Alcohol Pens (fine permanent, variety of colors)
Scotch Tape
Issued computer (provided on Day 1)
Map (provided on Day 1)

The following items are required for the duration of ARC

Duffle Bag/Rucksack/Assault Bag
Sleeping Mat
Personal Hygiene Items
Underwear and T-Shirts (4 ea)
Socks (6 ea)
ACU or Service equivalent (2 sets)
Extra pair Boots
Wet weather gear (Top, bottom, boots)
Poncho
Black Gloves w/ inserts
Long Underwear (winter)
Gortex (winter)
PT Cap
IPFU complete
Reflective Belt
Running Shoes
Neck gator
Soft Cap
ACH w/ NVG mount
Fighting Load Carrier (FLC)
Camelback or equivalent
1qt. Canteen or equivalent (2 ea)
Protractor

Alcohol Pens (fine permanent, variety of colors)
Pens and Pencils
Paper
Calculator
Flashlight w/extra batteries
Compass
Binos (provided)
Approved Eye Pro
Ear plugs
Nomex Gloves

The following items are non negotiable items during STX/FTX

Rucksack/Assault bag or equivalent
Alcohol Pens (fine permanent, variety of colors)
Map (provided on Day 1)
Camo paint
Pens and Pencils
Fighting Load Carrier (FLC)
ACH
Patrol Cap
Gloves
Eye Pro
Camelback
Ear plugs



**In lieu of items, for example a neck gator instead of a wool scarf is an acceptable substitution.*

The following are items prohibited from ARC during STX/FTX: Cell Phones; Energy Drinks (i.e. Redbull, Monster, NO Xplod, or Pills.

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