



NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANISATION  
NATO MARITIME INTERDICTION OPERATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE  
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SUBJECT: **INVITATION LETTER FOR COURSE 27000 “MARITIME  
SNIPER”, 07-19 May 2023**

DATE: 02 December 2022

REFERENCES: NMIOTC Program of Work (NPOW) 2023

1. Taking into account the NPOW 2023 (Ref) NMIOTC under the auspices and guidance of the Allied Command Transformation (ACT) is pleased to invite NATO and Partner Nations to participate in Course 27000 which will take place at the Centre’s premises in Souda Bay, Chania, Greece, from 07 to 19 of May 2023.

2. The aim of the course is to educate and train sniper teams and individuals in NATO practices and procedures regarding operational and tactical dimensions of engaging targets and delivering fire from land, from helicopter and from a naval vessel to stable and moving targets at sea. After the completion of the course, trainees will be able to:

a. Engage and deliver fire from land to floating targets at sea;

b. Engage and deliver fire from helicopter to stable and also towed targets at sea;

c. Engage and deliver fire from a naval vessel to stable and also towed targets at sea;

d. Plan and conduct Sniper Operations in maritime environment;

3. The course will be conducted in English. Translation to/from other languages will not be provided. All trainees must pass the English language test with a **minimum of 60%**. The test will be held on **Sunday 07 May 2023** at NMIOTC premises.

4. The course is marked as “NATO Unclassified / Releasable to: PfP (except Russia), MD, ICI, PatG” and 7NNN. NMIOTC applies security arrangements and regulations according to NATO standards.

5. The participants must attend at least 85% of the classes of the course, in order to pass the course and acquire the relevant certificate. The achievement of POs / ELOs will be assessed during the practical training by the instructors who will closely monitoring the training process.

6. The tuition fee of the course is **6050 €** per person. Comprehensive payment instructions can be found in Enclosure 1.

7. The course will start on **Sunday, 07 May and will end on Friday, 19 May 2023**, with a daily training period from 08:00 to 17:00. Comprehensive administrative instructions are provided at Enclosure 1.

8. For organizational purposes, candidates from NATO countries and partners are kindly requested to register **NLT Monday 27 Mar 2023**. Candidates from Non-NATO Countries not participating in PfP, MD, ICI or PatG, 7NNN frameworks must register **NLT Monday 06 Feb 2023**, so that adequate time is provided for NATO approval procedures. Registration should be made on NMIOTC’s official web site [www.nmiotc.nato.int](http://www.nmiotc.nato.int).

**NOTE 1:** Nations are encouraged to send complete teams of two (2) trained snipers, however individual Snipers are also eligible to participate. All trainees are encouraged to bring their own weapons with all accessories, equipment and also ammunition (3000 rounds per student) in order to get the full value of the training (train as you fight). The training platform can support the use of weapons systems from .223 up to .338 WinMag. The trainers are authorized to have bolt action, however, are encouraged to bring semi automatic weapon systems. The trainees have to follow the appropriate process and to make all the required arrangements with their embassies in Greece in order to transport their own weapons in due time. NMIOTC can support the transportation of the weapon systems and ammunition from the airport to NMIOTC premises, upon request.

**NOTE 2:** A list of all sensitive items that will be carried from the participants must be submitted to NMIOTC **No Later Than Monday 06 Mar 2023**.

9. Event details can be found on the NMIOTC official web site [www.nmiotc.nato.int](http://www.nmiotc.nato.int), in the Education and Training Opportunities Catalogue (ETOC) at <https://e-itep.act.nato.int/Guest/ETOCindex.aspx>.

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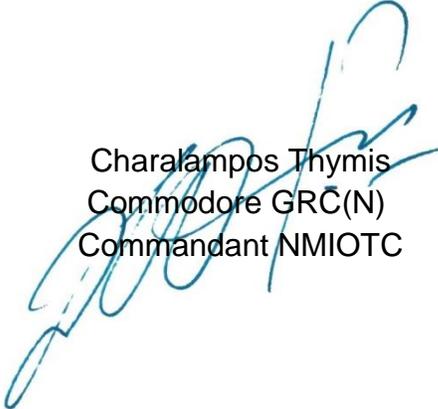
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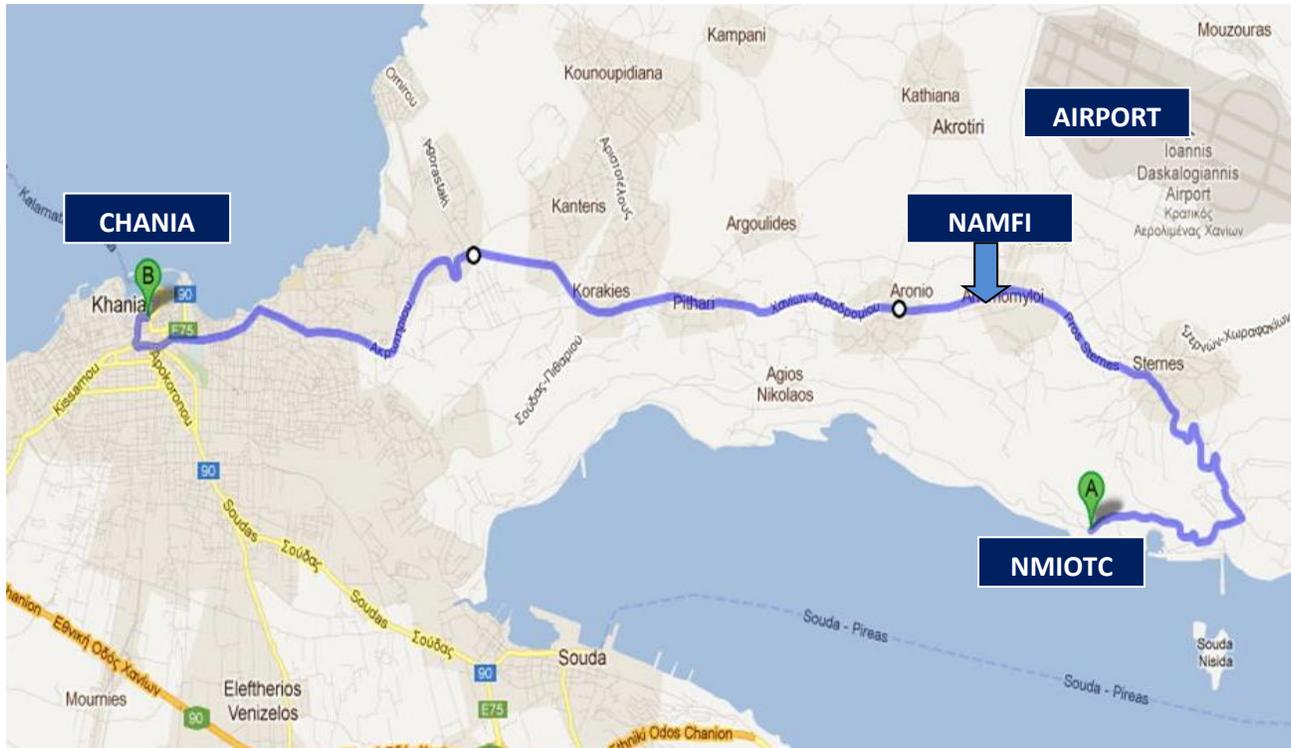
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ENCLOSURES:

1. Administrative Instructions

## ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS

1. **Location:** NMIOTC is located on the Akrotiri peninsula near the city of Chania in the north-western part of Crete. The destination airport is Chania International Airport (“Ioannis Daskalogiannis” Airport) (airport code: CHQ). Distance from the city of Chania to NMIOTC is 20 km and from the airport to NMIOTC is 9 km. The following map provides orientation and general driving directions from the city of Chania to NMIOTC.



2. **Registration:** You are kindly requested to submit your Application Form in accordance to paragraph 8 of the main body. Applications submitted after the deadline may not be accepted. All applicants will receive in instand a confirmation message for their submission. However the final confirmation will be provided after the process and acceptance of the application. It is advised not to proceed to travel arrangements before the final confirmation.

3. **Visa Requirement:** Participants or their national authorities are responsible for visa arrangements. Participants are advised to contact the proper diplomatic authorities for up to date information, well in advance. It is the individual’s responsibility to obtain his/her visa and to have the proper travel and medical documentation. Hellenic Ministry

of Foreign Affairs website ([www.mfa.gr](http://www.mfa.gr)) provides relevant visa information requirements. NMIOTC will provide a Visa Support Letter, if requested.

**4. Tuition/Participation Fee and Methods of Payment:**

<b>A.BEFORE THE MEETING/EVENT</b>	<b>INFORMATION</b>	<b>REMARKS</b>
1. By Bank Deposit	NATIONAL BANK OF GREECE, NMIOTC BANK ACCOUNT 494/540010-48  SWIFT BIC: ETHN GRAA  IBAN: GR3801104940000049454001048	Bank deposits should be completed not later than <b><u>2 working days before the start date of the event</u></b> , bank charges are not covered by NMIOTC. The receipt should be sent by email to <a href="mailto:kleinakisd@nmiotc.nato.int">kleinakisd@nmiotc.nato.int</a> and cc <a href="mailto:papaderosd@nmiotc.nato.int">papaderosd@nmiotc.nato.int</a>
2. By Debit/Credit Card	Upon notification from the participant, the direct link for credit/debit card payment will be sent to the designated-by the participant-email address.	The participant should send an email to <a href="mailto:kleinakisd@nmiotc.nato.int">kleinakisd@nmiotc.nato.int</a> and cc <a href="mailto:papaderosd@nmiotc.nato.int">papaderosd@nmiotc.nato.int</a> for receiving the link for the credit/debit card payment
<b>B. ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE MEETING/EVENT</b>	<b>INFORMATION</b>	<b>REMARKS</b>
3. By Debit/Credit card	A valid credit/debit card should be presented on the first day of the event.	The fee is always paid in euros [the credit/debit card may provide the option to pay in another currency (other than euro) and therefore the 'euro' currency option must be chosen].
4. By Cash	-	The fee is always paid in euros.

**5. Dress Code:** Participants are strongly recommended to wear Daily Service/ Battle Dress Uniforms or National Equivalent for the whole training as well as for the Graduation Ceremony.

**6. Meals:** A small canteen is available within the NMIOTC main building and provides snacks for a nominal cost. Participants who would like to have lunch while at NMIOTC must make their own arrangements as NMIOTC does not provide this service.

**7. Accommodation:** Participants are responsible to arrange their own accommodation as there is no accommodation facilities on the Centre's premises. NMIOTC can provide guidance / assistance, if requested. Hotels near Chania city centre are highly recommended for transportation purposes. The list of recommended hotels in Chania offering special prices (for participants who book directly with each hotel by e-mail using the code "**NMIOTC Guest**") and including breakfast and internet connection, is as follows:

AKALI 4\* hotel [www.akali-hotel.gr](http://www.akali-hotel.gr). (promotional code "NMIOTC23")  
E-mail: [info@akali-hotel.gr](mailto:info@akali-hotel.gr) Tel: (+30) 28210 92872.

KYDON 4\* hotel [www.kydon-hotel.com](http://www.kydon-hotel.com) (promotional code "NMIOTC23")  
E-mail: [info@kydon-hotel.gr](mailto:info@kydon-hotel.gr) Tel.: (+30) 28210 52280.

SAMARIA 4\* hotel [www.samariahotel.gr](http://www.samariahotel.gr) (promotional code "NMIOTC23")  
E-mail: [reservations@samariahotel.gr](mailto:reservations@samariahotel.gr) Tel.: (+30) 28210 38600.

ARKADI 3\* hotel [www.arkadi-hotel.gr](http://www.arkadi-hotel.gr)  
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KRITI 3\* hotel, [www.kriti-hotel.gr](http://www.kriti-hotel.gr) , E-mail: [info@kriti-hotel.gr](mailto:info@kriti-hotel.gr), Tel.  
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PORTO VENEZIANO 3\* hotel [www.portoveneziano.gr](http://www.portoveneziano.gr).  
E-mail: [hotel@portoveneziano.gr](mailto:hotel@portoveneziano.gr) Tel: +30 28210 27100.

**8. Arrival and Departure:** Participants should plan to fly to Chania International airport (airport code: CHQ) and are responsible for their own transportation from / to the Airport during arrival / departure. Transportation from Chania Airport to the city centre is available as follows:

a. By bus: The bus stop is located outside the terminal and the ticket cost is 2,50 €. For further information and detailed timetables, visit the following link: [www.e-ktel.com/en/services/dromologia](http://www.e-ktel.com/en/services/dromologia)

b. By taxi from the airport directly to Chania city center, 24/7, approx. 25,00€

c. Additionally, there are several rental car agencies at the airport. Rental car agencies that have offered special prices for NMIOTC guests are as follows:

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i. Gelasakis Car Rental: E-mail: [cars@stc.gr](mailto:cars@stc.gr), [www.rentacar-chania.gr](http://www.rentacar-chania.gr), tel.+30 28210 89065.

ii. Spa Tours & Cars Enterprises: E-mail [info@spatours.gr](mailto:info@spatours.gr), [www.spatours.gr](http://www.spatours.gr), tel. +30 28210 57444.

**9. Transportation:** Transportation will be provided on a daily basis from Chania city centre pick-up points (Akali, Samaria (Arkadi is asked to use the Samaria stop as well), Kydon, Kriti (Porto Veneziano is asked to use the Kriti stop as well) at Konstantinou Mitsotaki/Ioannou Paizi corner) to NMIOTC and vice-versa during the course.

**10. Medical service:** Trainees are required to have a valid health insurance according to their respective national standards. Trainees from the EU Member States are required to possess a valid European Health Insurance Card. NMIOTC ensures first aid during training, providing emergency transportation to the Naval Hospital of Crete if needed. The Naval Hospital of Crete can provide diagnosis, first aid and treatment, while the Prefectural Hospital of Chania can provide further diagnosis or specialist treatment if required. NMIOTC do not cover trainees' expenses for additional medical treatments and the settlement of medical bills is a patient/national responsibility.

**11. COVID 19 awareness:** With the current COVID-19 situation, due to the Greek de-escalation plan and the preventive and protective measures that have been implemented, it has been determined that it is possible to execute this course. The situation will be re-evaluated upon completion of the registration process. Delegates who are registered will be updated by e-mail regarding any measures towards COVID-19 that must be undertaken, which may include cancellation of the course. Furthermore NMIOTC is ready to welcome participants to NMIOTC's events according to the new travel rules as described in details in the governmental site <https://travel.gov.gr/#/> (protocol for arrivals in Greece).

**12. Security:** NMIOTC adheres to NATO security standards. There is a strict access control procedure for entrance into the Marathi main gate and NMIOTC main building. You will be required to provide your passport or your national identification during in-processing and whenever you enter the premises. The overall security classification of presentation/ discussion is up to NATO UNCLASSIFIED.