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SUBJECT: **INVITATION LETTER FOR COURSE 27000 “MARITIME
SNIPER”, ETOC: SOF-SO-35603, 04-15 May 2026**

DATE: 29 October 2025

REFERENCES: NMIOTC Program of Work (NPOW) 2026

1. Taking into account the NPOW 2026 (Ref.), NMIOTC under the auspices and guidance of the Allied Command Transformation (ACT) of the 27000 course is pleased to invite NATO and Partner Nations to participate in this event, which will take place at the Centre’s premises in Souda Bay, Chania, Greece, from 04 to 15 of May 2026.

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 static and dynamic 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 during day and night from a helicopter to floating and towed targets at sea;
- c. Engage and deliver fire during day and night from a naval vessel to floating targets at sea;
- d. Plan and conduct Sniper Operations in maritime environment;

3. The target audience includes SOF members and conventional warfare members that are executing duties as part of sniper team and/or support organic units by providing sniper shootings. It is preferable, nations to deploy organic, two man sniper teams with their equipment and ammunition to maximize the added value of the training. Trainees should have successfully completed national or international sniper course as a prerequisite before attending this course.

4. The course is conducted in English. Translation to/from other languages is not provided. The following proficiency standards in English are required to attend:

1/Listening (Professional/3)

2/Speaking (Functional/2)

3/Reading (Professional/3)

4/Writing (Functional/2)

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

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

7. The course will be delivered by NMIOTC SMEs in their respective areas with the support of Subject Matter Experts (SME) from the NATO allies like USA, Germany, Poland, Italy etc.

8. The tuition fee for course 27000 is **7000 €** per person and includes transportation to and from the designated hotels and inside NMIOTC premises. Comprehensive payment instructions can be found in Enclosure 1.

9. Sunday, 03 May 2026 is available for organizational purposes (storage of equipment, ammo and weaponry). The course will start on **Monday, 04 May and will end on Friday, 15 May 2026**, with a daily training period from 08:00 to TBD. Comprehensive administrative instructions are provided at Enclosure 1.

10. For organizational purposes, candidates from NATO countries and partners are kindly requested to register **NLT Monday 30 Mar 2026**. Registration should be made on NMIOTC's official web site 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 should bring their own weapons with all accessories, equipment and also ammunition (2000 rounds per student) in order to get the full value of the training (“train as you fight”). .223 rifles as well as .223 and .308 ammo are able to be provided upon request 2 month in advance for an additional cost. The **ONLY** allowed calibers are .223 and .308 WinMag. The trainees are

authorized to have bolt action, however, semi-automatic weapon systems are encouraged. The trainees have to follow the appropriate process and to make all the required arrangements via diplomatic channels in order to transport their own weapons, accessories, equipment and ammunition in due time.

NOTE 2: With regard to transportation, weapon systems and ammunition **must** be shipped to **Chania Airport (CHQ)**. Due to Greek legislation, transportation of weapons systems requires escort from NMOTC Security Personnel. Thus, shipping details should be sent in due time to the OPR. There can be no deviation from this.

11. Event details can be found on the NMOTC official web site www.nmiotc.nato.int, in the Education and Training Opportunities Catalogue (ETOC) at <https://etep.act.nato.int/Guest/ETOCindex.aspx>.

12. **NMOTC Points of Contact (POCs):**

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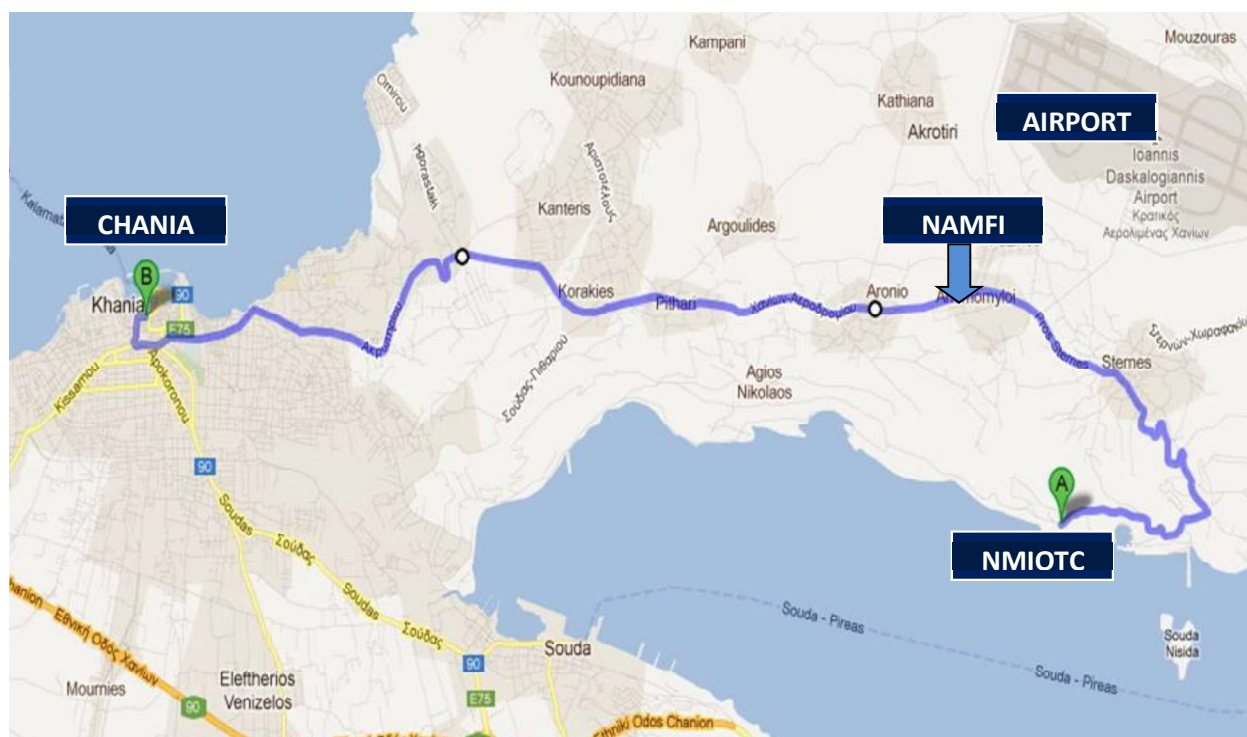
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ENCLOSURES:

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: Participants are requested to sign up to NMIOTC registration portal found in NMIOTC website <https://nmiotc.nato.int> or using directly the link <https://nmiotc.classter.com/Actions/Registration>. A signup confirmation message will be received to the email provided during the sign up process, along with the respective credentials. Login to <https://nmiotc.classter.com> and submit your application to the respective course/event by using the "Application Management" function at the top left corner of the portal main page. You will receive a relevant message after the process of your application and your application will be "ACCEPTED". You can update your personal and participation information (accommodation, travel days, etc) until your registration status become "REGISTERED", approximately 10 days before the event. Registration status can be verified within the portal. If you encounter any problem during registration process, please contact studentadmin@nmiotc.nato.int or NMIOTC POCs.

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) provides relevant visa information requirements. NMIOTC will provide a Visa Support Letter, if requested.

4. Tuition/Participation Fee and Methods of Payment:

A.BEFORE THE MEETING/EVENT	INFORMATION	REMARKS
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 <u>2 working days before the start date of the event</u> , bank charges are not covered by NMIOTC. The receipt should be sent by email to papadakisst@nmiotc.nato.int and cc mitsoulie@nmiotc.nato.int
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 papadakisst@nmiotc.nato.int and cc mitsoulie@nmiotc.nato.int for receiving the link for the credit/debit card payment
B. ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE MEETING/EVENT	INFORMATION	REMARKS
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. Cancellation policy: A late cancellation of a confirmed course significantly impacts NMIOTC's ability to maximize training opportunities for the Alliance and results

in a financial loss for NMIOTC. Upon receipt of written confirmation from NMIOTC that your course has been placed on the NMIOTC calendar, our cancellation fees apply as follows:

- a. Cancellation between 30 to 15 days from course start date: 10% of student tuition due
- b. Cancellation between 14 to 8 days from course start date: 25% of student tuition due
- c. Cancellation inside of 1 week from course start date: 50% of student tuition due

6. Dress Code: The 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.

7. Meals: A small canteen is available within the NMIOTC main building and provides snacks for a nominal cost. Additionally, a boxed snack with water will be provided daily on the training field.

8. 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") and including breakfast and internet connection, is as follows:

THE CHANIA HOTEL 5* hotel www.thechaniahotel.com,
E-mail: info@thechaniahotel.com Tel. +30 28210 90002

AKALI 4* hotel www.akali-hotel.gr. (promotional code "NMIOTC")
E-mail: info@akali-hotel.gr Tel: (+30) 28210 92872.

KYDON 4* hotel www.kydon-hotel.com (promotional code "NMIOTC")
E-mail: info@kydon-hotel.gr Tel.: (+30) 28210 52280.

SAMARIA 4* hotel www.samariahotel.gr (promotional code "NMIOTC")
E-mail: reservations@samariahotel.gr Tel.: (+30) 28210 38600.

ARKADI 3* hotel www.arkadi-hotel.gr
E-mail: info@arkadi-hotel.gr Tel: (+30) 28210 90181.

KRITI 3* hotel, www.kriti-hotel.gr , E-mail: info@kriti-hotel.gr, Tel.
+302821051881

PORTO VENEZIANO 3* hotel www.portoveneziano.gr.
E-mail: hotel@portoveneziano.gr Tel: +30 28210 27100.

NOTE: The accommodation for PD subsidized trainees will be arranged by NMOTC. Further detail will be provided in the Joining Instructions.

9. Arrival and Departure: Participants should book a flight 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

b. By taxi from the airport directly to Chania city center, 24/7, approx. 35,00€

10. Transportation: Transportation will be provided on a daily basis from Chania city centre pick-up points (Akali, Samaria, Arkadi, The Chania 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 NMOTC and vice-versa during the course.

11. Medical service: First aid and emergency medical support is offered by NMOTC paramedic and local Naval Hospital. However, for all other situations, medical expenses must be paid by the individuals or their insurance agencies. All participants are strongly advised to have appropriate medical insurance.

12. Security: NMOTC adheres to the NATO security standards. There is a strict access control procedure for entrance into the Marathi main gate and NMOTC main building. You are 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.