



NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANISATION
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SUBJECT: **INVITATION LETTER FOR COURSE 27000 “MARITIME
SNIPER”, ETOC: SOF-SO-35603, 05-16 May 2025**

DATE: 24 October 2024

REFERENCES: NMIOTC Program of Work (Draft NPOW) 2025

1. Taking into account the Draft NPOW 2025, 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 05 to 16 of May 2025.

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

3. The course will be conducted in English.

a. Language proficiency: Trainees must have the following standards of proficiency in English (as described/coded in STANAG 6001):

1/Listening(Professional/3)

2/Speaking(Functional/2)

3/Reading(Professional/3)

4/Writing (Functional/2)
(SLP 3232)

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. The tuition fee of the course is **6700 €** per person. Comprehensive payment instructions can be found in Enclosure 1.

7. Sunday, 04 May 2025 is available for organizational purposes (storage of equipment, ammo and weaponry). The course will start on **Monday, 05 May and will end on Friday, 16 May 2025**, with a daily training period from 08:00 to approx 1700. 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 24 Mar 2025**. 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”). Nevertheless, provision of Sniper .223 rifles as well as .223 and .308 ammo is possible upon request 2 month in advance with additional cost. **ONLY** allowed caliber are .223 and .308 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 via diplomatic channels in order to transport their own weapons with all accessories, equipment and also ammunition in due time.

NOTE 2: With regard to air transportation, weapon systems and ammunition **must** be shipped to Chania Airport (CHQ). Due to Greek legislation, transportation of weapons systems requires escort from NMIOTC Security Personnel. Thus, shipping details should be sent in due time to the OPR. Any deviation from this, requires close coordination with NMIOTC, and inflicts additional cost.

NOTE 3: A list of all sensitive items that will be carried from the participants must be submitted to NMIOTC **NLT Monday 07 Apr 2025**.

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

10. **NMIOTC Points of Contact (POCs):**

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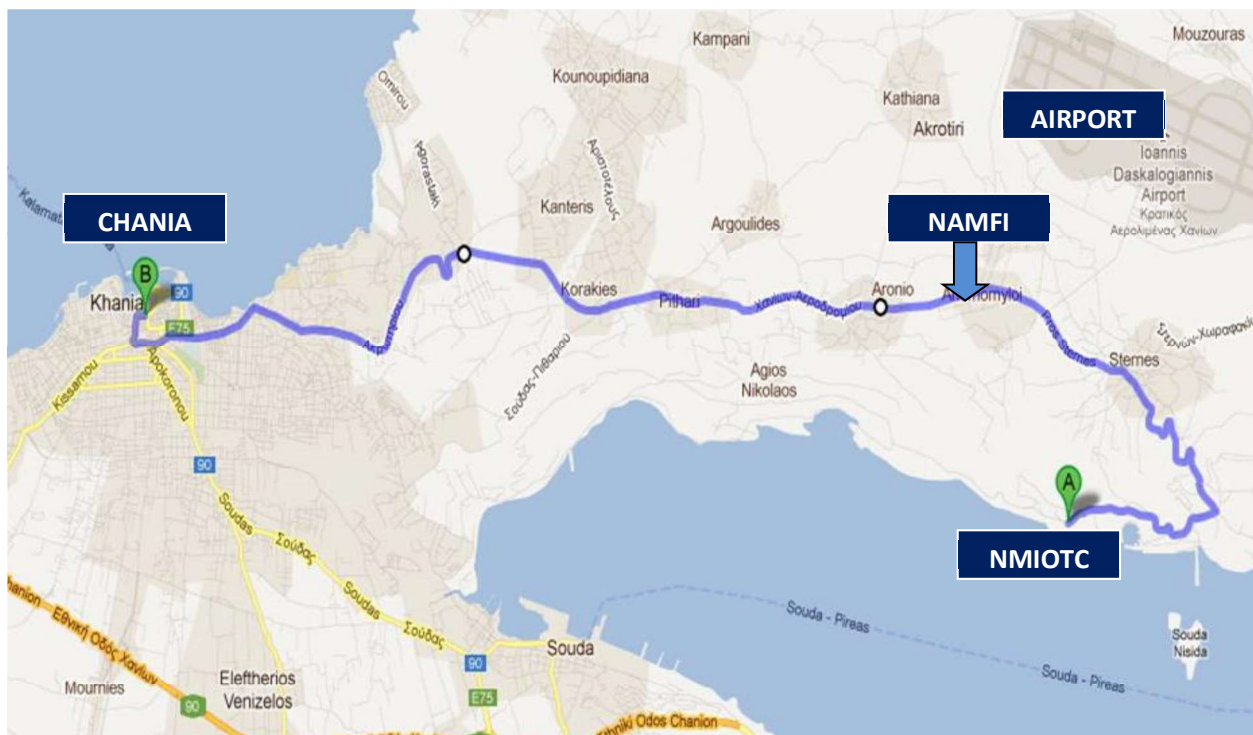
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Commandant NMIOTC

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 lafkasm@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 lafkasm@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 of participation – Obligations: NMIOTC courses are in high demand, therefore 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: 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. Participants who would like to have lunch while at NMIOTC must make their own arrangements as NMIOTC does not provide this service. However, a boxed snack will be provided daily on the field training.

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.samariahhotel.gr (promotional code "NMIOTC")
E-mail: reservations@samariahhotel.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.

9. 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

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

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:

(1).Gelasakis Car Rental:E-mail: cars@stc.gr, www.rentacar-chania.gr,
tel.+30 28210 89065.

(2)Spa Tours & Cars Enterprises: E-mail info@spatours.gr, www.spatours.gr,
tel. +30 28210 57444.

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/loannou Paizi corner) to NMIOTC and vice-versa during the course.

11. Medical service: Trainees are required to have a valid health insurance according to their respective national standards. Trainees from the EU Member States are advised 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.

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.