

# Special Forces Soldiers Lead the Fight Against Terror

(NAPSA)—As the United States calls for a more agile and flexible force to fight the War on Terror, the demand for U.S. Army Special Forces has increased and recruiting the right candidates is paramount. To meet this transformation objective, U.S. Army recruiters look for the best and the brightest individuals within the Army and in the civilian community to become Special Forces soldiers.

Under the 18-X Special Forces enlistment program, qualified civilians have an opportunity to serve at the tip of America's military spear. The 18-X program offers high school graduates, college students and college graduates an opportunity to join the Special Forces—an adventurous and challenging life where select candidates can utilize their learned skills. In-service recruiting provides soldiers from other units the opportunity to become Special Forces soldiers as well.

"When a recruit comes in off the street and expresses interest in Special Forces, I get excited," said Sgt. 1st Class Byron Armstead. "It takes a special individual to be part of this select group and it's my job to ensure these candidates possess the mental and physical



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**The U.S. Army recruits the best and brightest to protect their fellow Americans.**

capabilities needed to operate as a Special Forces soldier."

Using their minds as often as they apply their elite physical conditioning and the equipment they have in their hands, Special Forces soldiers are trained to adapt, remain flexible and function in any situation and environment. They are skilled negotiators and trainers who form 12-man A-teams with functional expertise in engineering, medicine, communications and weapons. Top-notch soldiers deployed in this format are what have made the Special Forces central to the Army's vision for the future.

"Most soldiers we come in con-

tact with are combat veterans that have seen Special Forces soldiers in action, or have worked with them in complex situations," said Sgt. 1st Class Philip McNelis. "That said, interest in Special Forces has never been higher for guys in the military who have witnessed the vital role these soldiers play, which has allowed us to continue to recruit exceptional troops around the world."

Candidates for Special Forces must possess superior skills and prove themselves to be "stand-outs" among other soldiers. All Special Forces soldiers must be motivated self-starters, comfortable in ambiguous and high-stress situations, and individuals who welcome challenges and problem solving. The extraordinary demands of their missions require soldiers to be in top physical condition and possess a razor-sharp mentality.

As the Army transforms itself to meet the demands of the 21st century, Special Forces will continue to expand and recruit first-class individuals to serve.

More information on Special Forces can be found at [www.sf.go.army.com](http://www.sf.go.army.com). For information about careers in the U.S. Army, visit [www.GoArmy.com](http://www.GoArmy.com).