Marine Raider training is intense and specialized; it hones Marines’ natural abilities and gives them the expertise to win the 21st century’s unconventional conflicts. Advanced tactical and technical skills ensure Marine Raiders will prevail in the most austere and challenging conditions around the globe.

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Special operations are conducted by small teams in hostile, denied, or politically sensitive areas. Success depends on the skill, maturity, and professionalism of each member of the team.

“You’ve accomplished a lot, but there’s more to do, more to learn.”

Special Operations Capability Specialists (SOCS) are Marines who provide combat support expertise in intelligence, fire support, communications, EOD, and canine operations as part of a Marine Special Operations Team.

**ELIGIBLE MOSs**

**FIRES SPECIALISTS**
- 0861 (E-5 through E-7)

**COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALISTS**
- 0621, 0629, 0631, 0639, 0651, 0659, 0671, 0679, 0681, 0689, 2821, 2823, 2841, 2847, 2862, and 2862 (E-4 through E-7)

**MULTI-PURPOSE CANINE HANDLER**
- 5811 (E-4 through E-5)

**EOD SPECIALISTS**
- 2336 (E-5 through E-9)

**SIGINT SPECIALISTS**
- 26XX (E-4 through E-7)

**GEOSPATIAL SPECIALISTS**
- 0241 and 0261 (E-4 through E-7)

**CI/HUMINT SPECIALISTS**
- 0211 (E-4 through E-7)

**ALL-SOURCE INTEL SPECIALISTS**
- 0231 (E-4 through E-7)

Special Operations Capability Specialists (SOCS) are assigned to billets at the team, company, and battalion levels. Enlisted Marines are designated SOCS and awarded the 8071 military occupational specialty (MOS). SOCS are assigned to MARSOC for 5-year tour lengths and are eligible for additional career-enhancing opportunities within the special operations community.

Upon assignment to MARSOC, Marines attend the SOF Training Course (STC), Survival, Evasion, Resistance, and Escape (SERE), and advanced SOF-specific MOS training. This program is designed to equip high-performing Marines with additional skills and concepts required to be effective in special operations.

For more information on becoming a SOCS, email us at MCSOC_registration@socom.mil with the following:
- Rank and date of rank
- Last name, first name, middle initial
- EDIP
- MOS
- Date current tour began
- Security clearance and adjudication date
- Last PFT/CFT score and date
- Command point of contact.

All correspondence must be via .mil or .gov email.