

Special Forces

Warriors (some) found in the bible

Saul 1 Samuel 11:11 (NIV)

¹¹ The next day Saul separated his men into three divisions; during the last watch of the night they broke into the camp of the Ammonites and slaughtered them until the heat of the day. Those who survived were scattered, so that no two of them were left together.

Johnathan (1 Samuel 13:2 (NIV)

² Saul chose three thousand men from Israel; two thousand were with him at Mikmash and in the hill country of Bethel, and a thousand were with Jonathan at Gibeah in Benjamin. The rest of the men he sent back to their homes.

David and his men (1Samuel 16:21 (NIV)

21 David came to Saul and entered his service. Saul liked him very much, and David became one of his armor-bearers.

David v Goliath 1 Samuel 17:31-53 (NIV)

³¹ **What David said was overheard and reported to Saul, and Saul sent for him.**

³² **David said to Saul, “Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine; your servant will go and fight him.”**

³³ **Saul replied, “You are not able to go out against this Philistine and fight him; you are only a young man, and he has been a warrior from his youth.”**

³⁴ But David said to Saul, “Your servant has been keeping his father’s sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock,

³⁵ I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, struck it and killed it.

³⁶ Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God.

³⁷ The Lord who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine.”

Saul said to David, “Go, and the Lord be with you.”

³⁸ Then Saul dressed David in his own tunic. He put a coat of armor on him and a bronze helmet on his head.

³⁹ David fastened on his sword over the tunic and tried walking around, because he was not used to them.

“I cannot go in these,” he said to Saul, “because I am not used to them.” So he took them off.

⁴⁰ Then he took his staff in his hand, choose five smooth stones from the stream, put them in the pouch of his shepherd’s bag and, with his sling in his hand, approached the Philistine.

⁴¹ Meanwhile, the Philistine, with his shield bearer in front of him, kept coming closer to David.

⁴² He looked David over and saw that he was little more than a boy, glowing with health and handsome, and he despised him.

⁴³ He said to David, “Am I a dog, that you come at me with sticks?” And the Philistine cursed David by his gods.

44 “Come here,” he said, “and I’ll give your flesh to the birds and the wild animals!”

45 David said to the Philistine, “You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.

46 This day the Lord will deliver you into my hands, and I’ll strike you down and cut off your head. This very day I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds and the wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel.

47 All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the Lord saves; for the battle is the Lord’s, and he will give all of you into our hands.”

48 As the Philistine moved closer to attack him, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet him.

49 Reaching into his bag and taking out a stone, he slung it and struck the Philistine on the forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell facedown on the ground.

50 So David triumphed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone; without a sword in his hand he struck down the Philistine and killed him.

51 David ran and stood over him. He took hold of the Philistine’s sword and drew it from the sheath. After he killed him, he cut off his head with the sword.

When the Philistines saw that their hero was dead, they turned and ran.

52 Then the men of Israel and Judah surged forward with a shout and pursued the Philistines to the entrance of Gath^[f] and to the gates of Ekron. Their dead were strewn along the Shaaraim road to Gath and Ekron.

⁵³ When the Israelites returned from chasing the Philistines, they plundered their camp.

Some bible verses alluding to the military forces of Israel

Numbers 13:2 (NIV)

2 “Send some men to explore the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the Israelites. From each ancestral tribe send one of its leaders.”

Numbers 13:16 (NIV)

16 These are the names of the men Moses sent to explore the land. (Moses gave Hoshea, son of Nun, the name Joshua.)

Numbers 13:17 (NIV)

17 When Moses sent them to explore Canaan, he said, “Go up through the Negev and on into the hill country.

Numbers 14:36 (NIV)

36 So the men Moses had sent to explore the land, who returned and made the whole community grumble against him by spreading a bad report about it—

Numbers 14:38 (NIV)

38 Of the men who went to explore the land, only Joshua son of Nun and Caleb son of Jephunneh survived.

Numbers 21:32 (NIV)

32 After Moses had sent spies to Jazer, the Israelites captured its surrounding settlements and drove out the Amorites who were there.

Deuteronomy 1:22 (NIV)

22 Then all of you came to me and said, “Let us send men ahead to spy out the land for us and bring back a report about the route we are to take and the towns we will come to.”

Deuteronomy 1:33 (NIV)

33 who went ahead of you on your journey, in fire by night and in a cloud by day, to search out places for you to camp and to show you the way you should go.

Joshua 2:1(NIV)

Rahab and the Spies

2 Then Joshua son of Nun secretly sent two spies from Shittim. “Go, look over the land,” he said, “especially Jericho.” So they went and entered the house of a prostitute named Rahab and stayed there.

Joshua 2:2 (NIV)

2 The king of Jericho was told, “Look, some of the Israelites have come here tonight to spy out the land.”

Joshua 2:3 (NIV)

3 So the king of Jericho sent this message to Rahab: “Bring out the men who came to you and entered your house, because they have come to spy out the whole land.”

Joshua 7:2 (NIV)

2 Now Joshua sent men from Jericho to Ai, which is near Beth Aven to the east of Bethel, and told them, “Go up and spy out the region.” So the men went up and spied out Ai.

Joshua 14:7 (NIV)

7 I was forty years old when Moses the servant of the Lord sent me from Kadesh Barnea to explore the land. And I brought him back a report according to my convictions,

Joshua 18:8 (NIV)

8 As the men started on their way to map out the land, Joshua instructed them, “Go and make a survey of the land and write a description of it. Then return to me, and I will cast lots for you here at Shiloh in the presence of the Lord.”

Judges 18:2 (NIV)

2 So the Danites sent five of their leading men from Zorah and Eshtaol to spy out the land and explore it. These men represented all the Danites. They told them, “Go, explore the land.”

So they entered the hill country of Ephraim and came to the house of Micah, where they spent the night.

Judges 18:14 (NIV)

14 Then the five men who had spied out the land of Laish said to their fellow Danites, “Do you know that one of these houses has an ephod, some household gods and an image overlaid with silver? Now you know what to do.”

Judges 18:17 (NIV)

17 The five men who had spied out the land went inside and took the idol, the ephod and the household gods while the priest and the six hundred armed men stood at the entrance of the gate.

2 Samuel 10:3 (NIV)

3 the Ammonite commanders said to Hanun their lord, “Do you think David is honoring your father by sending envoys to you to express sympathy? Hasn’t David sent them to you only to explore the city and spy it out and overthrow it?”

1 Chronicles 19:3 (NIV)

3 the Ammonite commanders said to Hanun, “Do you think David is honoring your father by sending envoys to you to express sympathy? Haven’t his envoys come to you only to explore and spy out the country and overthrow it?”

Ezekiel 39:14 (NIV)

14 People will be continually employed in cleansing the land. They will spread out across the land and, along with others, they will bury any bodies that are lying on the ground.

“After the seven months they will carry out a more detailed search.”

Today’s ELITE military forces

The most elite special operations forces in the US

Jan 22, 2017 – Ever since the Osama bin Laden raid, America has gone bonkers for US Navy SEALs and Military Special Operators in general.

Putting 100 thousand troops and countless private support personnel on the ground in any given country — sometimes referred to as "nation building" — is a costly strategy. Putting a boot or two on Osama bin Laden's door arguably cost more in political currency — Pakistan wasn't too happy — than actual currency.

Though it was the SEALs who performed that raid in Abbottabad, it's worth noting there are quite a few more SpecOps units in the US than just SEALs — Green Berets and Marine Snipers, etc. — so we here at [Business Insider](#) have made things easy by assembling a comprehensive list of all the SpecOps units we could find.

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Division Marine Recon



Marine Reconnaissance teams provide intelligence for active small unit operations on the battlefield. Those with Marine Sniper quals can also provide accurate demoralizing small arms fire from a distance.

Marine Recon is arguably in the top five of all special operators — capable of harassing an entire enemy battalion for long periods of time; tracking enemy units for larger American forces; or conducting well-orchestrated raids on high-valued targets.

These guys are the gems in the crown of the United States Marine Corps.

Air Force Special Operations Weatherman



No, it's not a joke. They can literally forecast the weather above a fight, kill the enemy, and direct artillery — **simultaneously**.

The official mission of the U.S. Air Force field weatherman is as a ground-level, small-unit meteorologist who provides accurate forecasts for the purpose of air asset deployment (bombs and stuff).

USMC Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Company — ANGLICO



The Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Company is another group that often finds itself in the shadow of sexier special operations units like the SEALs. A single ANGLICO Marine can coordinate a hellish rain of fiery artillery and air-strafting fire on the enemy though, whereas all a SEAL can do is pull a trigger.

Typically they don't deploy as individuals, but like any SpecOps group, in teams of four or five.

A typical ANGLICO team:

- Team Leader (Captain or Navy Lieutenant): any ground MOS - typically JTAC (Joint Terminal Attack Controller)-qualified artillery officer.
- Team Chief (Sergeant), typically qualified as JFO (joint fires observer) and as a JTAC.
- Radio Chief (Corporal or Sergeant).
- Junior Radio Operator (Private First Class / Lance Corporal).

- Fire Support Man / Scout Observer (Private First Class / Lance Corporal).

USMC Amphibious Recon Platoons



Amphibious Recon Platoons draw their personnel from Battalion Recon Units and typically support direct action Force Reconnaissance Operations as well as Naval Fleet Operations.

They hold all the same certs, generally speaking, of Recon Marines because they are Recon Marines. The only difference are their tasks:

To determine characteristics of beaches available for landing, and report the information to the commander at sea.

1. By hydrographic reconnaissance of water near the shore line.
2. By examining terrain in immediate vicinity of beach.
3. By noting beach defenses, such as wire, mines, and other obstacles; troops in immediate vicinity; other defenses.

Air Force Combat Controllers



Combat controllers are among the most elite in the military. Top 10 easy. These guys are independent operators, like Marine Recon, except with more air assets.

They are experts at stealth insertion well behind enemy lines and are often just a disembodied voice for other ground troops, like SEALs, as they provide air support coordination. They're often on the ground picking targets in America's bombing campaigns and likely played a key role in the Libyan revolution.

They hold a lot of the most high-speed special operations certifications:

- Combat Control Orientation Course, Lackland AFB, Texas.
- Combat Control Operator Course, Keesler AFB, Miss.
- U.S. Army Airborne School, Fort Benning, Ga.
- U.S. Air Force Basic Survival School, Fairchild AFB, Wash.
- Combat Control School, Pope AFB, N.C.
- Special Tactics Advanced Skills Training, Hurlburt Field, Fla.

- U.S. Army Military Freefall Parachutist School, Fort Bragg, N.C., and Yuma Proving Grounds, Ariz.
- U. S. Air Force Combat Divers School, Panama City, Fla.

Army 'Combined Applications Group'



The uncontested **number one** heavy-weight champ. The operators of operators, crème de la crème — even the SEALs who killed bin Laden wish they were a part of this crew.

Combined Applications Group is their old name, some call them Delta, but that was never an official name either. These guys are the absolute tip of the spear — Matt Bissonette, one of the SEALs on the bin Laden raid, mentioned them in his book "No Easy Day" as if they were gods.

They are also the only group of special operators outside of SEAL Team 6 (ST6) **where direct close contact with the enemy is a guarantee upon acceptance**, regardless of whether America is officially at war or not.

They recruit from the nation's highest special operations units, only twice a year, to include ST6.

These are just a couple initial tests they have to pass:

- **A timed 18-mile 'ruck-march' at night in which the candidate must carry 35 pounds in their rucksack.**
- **A timed 40 mile route while carrying a 45 pound ruck sack over rough, steep terrain.**

Then they have a rigorous battery of psychological tests. If, after those tests, they're found to qualify, they attend a six-month training course.

If they pass the course, they cease to exist. It's said they work hand-in-hand with the nation's highest paramilitary and intelligence agencies.

US Navy SEALs



SEAL stands for Sea Air and Land special operators, thus the word SEALs. There are eight "Teams" of Navy SEALs: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, and 10.

Despite having a number, SEAL Team 6 is not counted in the "numbered" teams. They're commonly called "rainbow" because they break personnel down into subsections under four colors — Red, Blue, Gold, and Silver (with a special Gray squadron, the boat squad).

Prospective Navy SEALs attend a course called Basic Underwater Demolition/SEAL, or BUD/S.

Total SEAL training consists of:

- **Preparation School**
4 - 12 weeks at the Naval Special Warfare Preparatory School.
- **Indoctrination Test**
3 weeks of physical tests.
- **BUD/S**
25 weeks. Week 3, "Hell Week," 135 hours of continuous physical demand.
- **Post Grad**
28 weeks at SEAL Qualification Course, which includes all specialized training courses to produce combat ready Navy SEAL.
- **The final test: killing the enemy and coming home**

SEAL Team Six — Rainbow



At Navy SEAL balls, I've heard it's common to hear SEALs ask each other, "Are you a number, or a color?" The colors are (or possibly used to be) Red, Blue, Gold, and Silver.

They're a firm number 2 under Army CAG.

SEAL Team 6, the 'colored' SEALs, are those who do off the grid, or "black," operations, directly under Joint Special Operations Command (and so, by a short chain, the president). Under the designation, Naval Special Operations Development Group, or DEVGRU, these SEALs have three primary missions:

Counter Terrorism

Since 2001 SEAL Team Six has been focused on operations in and around Afghanistan. The unit is also able to carry out pre-emptive CT operations.

Close Protection

DEVGRU sometimes provides security for VIPs. For instance DEVGRU provided Afghanistan President Hamid Karzai with close protection in the early days of his Presidency.

Special Reconnaissance

DEVGRU operators, especially those trained as snipers, are experts at reconnaissance, surveillance and intelligence gathering operation.

Fleet Antiterrorism Security Teams — FAST



FAST teams get a bum rap from a lot of other special operations units, in large part for them being comprised of regular straight-leg infantry. Grunts, in other words. Nonetheless, they perform a special set of tasks.

Their most common mission is to deploy and reinforce American diplomatic missions and embassies.

The Marines within Fleet Antiterrorism Security Teams are skilled in:

- Counter surveillance.
- Physical security.
- Urban combat techniques.
- Close quarter combat (CQB).
- Martial arts.

Force Reconnaissance Marines



Marine Corps Force Reconnaissance, otherwise known as Force Recon, are a company-sized (about 200) recon and direct-action element that falls directly under the Marine Expeditionary Force commander, or the Naval Strike Group commander, depending on whether they're aboard a ship or on land.

Because of their direct line to a commander, Force Recon often finds itself in the position of performing, lets say, "highly sensitive," special operations — making "Recon" a bit of a misnomer.

The sheer amount of training and the scope of their operations put them in a close heat with numbered SEALs for the number-three rank as top operators.

There are a number of courses they attend, some of which are:

- **Marine Corps Combatant Diver Course** — Navy Diving Salvage and Training Center, Naval Support Activity Panama City, Florida.

- **Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape School*** — Navy Remote Training Sites; NAS North Island, CA or NAS Brunswick, ME.
- **Army Airborne School*** — Fort Benning, GA.
- **United States Army Static Line Jumpmaster School (Fort Benning, Georgia).**
- **United States Army Ranger School** (Fort Benning, Georgia).
- **Special Operations Training Group Schools (i.e. Urban Sniper, HRST, etc.).**
- **Recon and Surveillance Leaders Course** — Ranger School, Fort Benning, GA.
- **Pathfinder Course** — Army Infantry School, Fort Benning, or Army Air Assault School, Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

Marine Special Operations Command — MARSOC



Though MARSOC Marines tend to be former Recon or Infantry, any Marine with the guts to give it a shot and the muscle to match can end up as an operator for Special Operations Command (SOCOM), the unit MARSOC falls beneath.

They also remain somewhat of a sore spot among Marines — common among complaints are that anyone can try out, they don't fall under traditional Marine command structures, they think they're special, etc.

The indoctrination for MARSOC is [quite rigorous](#):

- **Assessment and Selection Preparation and Orientation Course** — A 21-day course that is basically just practice for the real initial test.
- **Assessment and Selection** — A 19-day course which weeds out anyone unable to complete the grueling 7-month training evolution to become MARSOC.

Upon graduation, students will attend a course broken down into four phases:

- **Phase 1— Communications and combat medicine** — the culmination of this phase is completion of the [Survival Evade Resist Escape](#) school.
- **Phase 2—** Amphibious operations, tactics, weapons and special reconnaissance.
- **Phase 3—** Urban operations: marksmanship, close quarters battle and urban combat.
- **Phase 4—** Eight weeks of irregular warfare training, followed by the culminating exercise.

The Maritime Raid Force — MRF



Piracy is such a problem, the Navy decided to take the best of its personnel, throw them in high-speed boats, and set them on some pirates.

The Maritime Raid Force is basically a bunch of really good, really aggressive trigger-pullers who fearlessly hit pirates hard, right in the mouth.

It's essentially the Navy's All Star team for countering pirates — a hodgepodge of Navy and Marine personnel, SEALs, Marine Snipers, and Recon, who often draw off knowledge from the Amphibious Reconnaissance Platoon to conduct counter-piracy and interdiction operations.

Though they don't conduct a wide array of "special" operations, their targeted and highly trained nature earns them a spot on the BI list.

The different occupational specialties in the MRF are:

- **Assault Element:** Navy SEALs or Recon Marines .

- **Security Element:** Infantry Marines, Snipers.
- **Support Element:** Radio, intel, forward air controllers, etc.
- **Aviation, Close Air Support:** Marine personnel typically supersede Naval pilots in this task.

Coast Guard Maritime Safety and Security Teams — MSST



Yes, the Coast Guard has special operations. These operators fall under the Deployable Operations Group, and attend training in Advanced Tactical Boat Operations and Anti-terrorism Force protection at the [Joint Maritime Training Center](#) at [Camp Lejeune, North Carolina](#). (Camp Lejeune is also home to most East Coast Marines.)

Though not super high on the special list, they're elite nature means they have to be first-responders to counter narcotics shipments, weapons shipments, and even acts of terrorism.

Coasties who complete MSST training are prepared for and will execute the following missions:

- Maritime interdiction and law enforcement
- Anti-[terrorism](#)/Force Protection
- [CBRN-E](#) Detection

- Vertical Insertion (commonly referred to as Fast Roping)
- Search and Rescue (limited)
- Port Protection/Anti- sabotage
- Underwater Port Security
- Canine Handling Teams (Explosive detection)
- Tactical Boat Operations
- Hook and Climb
- Non-compliant boarding operations

Air Force Pararescue Jumpers — PJ



Pararescue jumpers insert well behind enemy lines in order to rescue lost personnel, typically pilots.

Just a tick less cool than their combat controller brethren, simply because their main mission is to rescue, not to attack — they fall just outside the top 5. Nonetheless, they have to be ready to fight off hundreds of enemy fighters by means of clever guerrilla warfare, traps and specialized small unit tactics.

Certainly they can't expect a prima donna pilot to adequately defend himself, so they're well trained and super aggressive.

Pararescuemen training covers:

- Parachute training (both basic and HALO, High Altitude Low Opening)
- Combat diving
- Underwater egress training
- Basic survival

- Paramedic training
- Pararescue recovery specialist course

US Army Rangers



Rangers are the Army's elite, light infantry shock-troops — airborne qualified and tough as nails, they can either support higher units — like Army 'Delta' — or conduct raids on the enemy themselves. Assuming a recruit enters the Army with a contract to be a Ranger, it'll take about a year of training to go from civilian to basically trained Army Ranger.

As the Army's "shock troops," they do conduct special operations, but oftentimes those ops fall in line with what regular Marine infantry does — in this way, they are elite, but certainly not close to the top dogs.

Courses and qualifications include:

- Military freefall
- Combat diving
- Survival Evasion Resistance Escape
- Jump master (parachuting)
- Combatives instructor

- Combat lifesaver (medical first response)
- Pathfinder (survival)
- Language
- Mountain Warfare

Recapture Tactics Team — Marine Security Forces



The Recapture Tactics Team is a sub-unit of Marine Security Forces. The SWAT-like unit is responsible for guarding Naval bases, particularly those in possession of nuclear technology.

Aside from attending Marine Designated Marksman and Close Quarters Battle training, these Marines also attend Naval demolition breaching courses (not unlike Navy SEALs). All put together, their main job is to assault a well-fortified room and take back U.S. property — **not a wide range of special operations, but still specialized.**

There are 3 elements to a Recapture Tactics Team squad:

- **Breachers**
skilled in various methods of entry, including using explosives
- **Shooters**
trained in close quarters battle (CQB)

- **Designated Marksmen**

Sharpshooters, typically armed with [M14 Designated Marksmen Rifles](#), with high powered scopes and silencers.

Special Activities Division — Central Intelligence Agency



The Special Activities Division in the CIA is comprised of only a few hundred people. For good reason — their main mission is complete "deniable" operations. If Rainbow Six is Black Operations, then SAD is the shadow cast by those operations.

The Agency can and does recruit from within for these positions, sending Agents through the actual military pipeline to get organically trained agents. They also hire former SEALs, Green Berets, and Marine Recon.

They break down into three branches:

- **Ground Branch**

SAD Ground Branch operatives are experts in field craft, surveillance, small arms, hostage rescue, CQB and advanced driving. Many former Army Special Forces soldiers and Delta Force operators find their way into Ground Branch.

- **Maritime Branch**

As the name suggests, SAD Maritime Branch's focus is on amphibious operations and as such tends to recruit ex SEALs and Force Recon Marines as its operators.

- **Air Branch**

SAD's aviation wing.

Marine Scout Snipers



Scout Snipers are subject matter experts on identification of high valued targets, visual reconnaissance, and ingress and egress, without detection, from enemy occupied territory.

Oh yeah, and they can shoot hair off a tick's behind from a kilometer away.

They're not super elite in that the military will use them for raids, but their expertise at recon and shooting high-valued targets in the face puts them squarely into the realm of special operations.

Their 8.5 week initial training consists of:

- **Marksmanship and field craft:**
Running. Running. More running. Students also learn how to sketch terrain, read targets through a spotter scope, and hit targets at "known" distances.
- **Stalking:**
Students learn how to enter a contested area unnoticed, scout that area, and

exit unnoticed — meanwhile, trained, hardened sniper instructors scan the area with high powered binoculars, looking for the students.

- **Unknown Distance Range:**

Students fire at targets upward of a kilometer away, without being told exactly what the distance or elevation is. The Marines must accurately range and hit their own targets.

Navy Special Warfare Combat-craft Crewmen — SWCC



When the SEALs are in a bind, they call SWCC.

Combat Crewman provide highly aggressive, tactical "exfiltration" of SEAL units. They can be loud and destructive, or quite quiet, as they aid and reinforce SEALs who may or may not be in a particularly nasty situation.

Eliteness: Not as high level as Force Recon, but not quite in the middle with Rangers.

To become a basically trained crewman, a sailor must complete:

- 3 weeks Indoctrination Course at [NAB Coronado](#), California
- 8 weeks Basic Crewman Training (BCT) training at the [Naval Special Warfare Center, NAB Coronado](#)
- 21-week SWCC Crewman Qualification Training (CQT) at [NAB Coronado](#)

Army Green Berets — "Special Forces"



Army Green Berets are among the most elite groups in the world, and provide a pipeline to higher units, like the Army's "Delta" CAG, and the CIA SAD.

They have about as much street-cred as numbered SEALs and Force Recon, depending on who's doing the talking.

Notably, Green Berets have some of the toughest initial training in the entire military (at the risk of drawing the ire of SEALs and Marine Recon).

Their initial test lasts an incredible 24 days, and that's just to see if you can attend the Green Beret qualification course.

The initial test:

- Days 1 — 3: Physical fitness tests, language training, rucksack marches, basic first aid.
- Days 4 — 19: Map reading, and land navigation over various terrain. weeks Basic
- Days 20 — 22: Long distance trek, long distance land navigation.
- Days 23 — 24: Outprocessing and official selection boards.

And don't forget ...



Air Force:

— **Tactical Response Force:** Kind of like police SWAT teams, except with nuclear bombs. Air Force TRFs protect nuclear missile silos.

— **Tactical Air Control Parties (TACP):** "Tacs" guide close air support and artillery by radio or other communication, often from behind enemy lines.

Army:

— **Special Operations Aviation Regiment (SOAR):** These are the guys in those infamous black helicopters. Dubbed "The Nightstalkers," they're a group of upper echelon tactical aviators who support operators on the ground.

— **Intelligence Support Activity (ISA):** Referred to as "The Activity," this Top Secret unit performs Human Intelligence (HUMINT, spies and assets) operations and Signals Intelligence (SIGINT, "listeners").

— **Asymmetric Warfare Group (AWG):** A group comprised of only about 400 people who specialize in developing methods to counter asymmetric threats. They advise the officers who implement policy in the field.

— **Special Reaction Teams:** Army version of civilian SWAT teams.

Navy:

— **Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 84:** The "Red Wolves" are the Navy's version Army SOAR. They provide heliborne support to Navy SEALs and SWCC operators on the ground.

Marine Corps:

— **Radio Recon Platoon:** Radio reconnaissance members are specialized warfighters who also provide communications to Marine Corps Recon operators.

— **Special Reaction Teams:** A Marine Corps version of civilian SWAT teams.

The Ultimate Special Forces Commander and Leader

Deuteronomy 20 (ESV)

Laws Concerning Warfare

20 “When you go out to war against your enemies, and see horses and chariots and an army larger than your own, you shall not be afraid of them, for the Lord your God is with you, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.² And when you draw near to the battle, the priest shall come forward and speak to the people **3** and shall say to them, ‘Hear, O Israel, today you are drawing near for battle against your enemies: let not your heart faint. Do not fear or panic or be in dread of them, **4** for the Lord your God is he who goes with you to fight for you against your enemies, to give you the victory.’ **5** Then the officers shall speak to the people, saying, ‘Is there any man who has built a new house and has not dedicated it? Let him go back to his house, lest he die in the battle and another man dedicate it. **6** And is there any man who has planted a vineyard and has not enjoyed its fruit? Let him go back to his house, lest he die in the battle and another man enjoy its fruit. **7** And is there any man who has betrothed a wife and has not taken her? Let him go back to his house, lest he die in the battle and another man take her.’ **8** And the officers shall speak further to the people, and say, ‘Is there any man who is fearful and fainthearted? Let him go back to his house, lest he make the hearts of his fellows melt like his own.’ **9** And when the officers have finished speaking to the people, then commanders shall be appointed at the head of the people.¹⁰ “When you draw near to a city to fight against it, offer terms of peace to it. **11** And if it responds to you peaceably and it opens to you, then all the people who are found in it shall do forced labor for you and shall serve you. **12** But if it makes no peace with you, but makes war against you, then you shall besiege it. **13** And when the Lord your God gives it into your hand, you shall put all its males to the sword, **14** but the women and the little ones, the livestock, and everything else in the city, all its spoil, you shall take as plunder for yourselves. And you

shall enjoy the spoil of your enemies, which the Lord your God has given you. 15 Thus you shall do to all the cities that are very far from you, which are not cities of the nations here. 16 But in the cities of these peoples that the Lord your God is giving you for an inheritance, you shall save alive nothing that breathes, 17 but you shall devote them to complete destruction,[a] the Hittites and the Amorites, the Canaanites and the Perizzites, the Hivites and the Jebusites, as the Lord your God has commanded, 18 that they may not teach you to do according to all their abominable practices that they have done for their gods, and so you sin against the Lord your God.19 “When you besiege a city for a long time, making war against it in order to take it, you shall not destroy its trees by wielding an ax against them. You may eat from them, but you shall not cut them down. Are the trees in the field human, that they should be besieged by you? 20 Only the trees that you know are not trees for food you may destroy and cut down, that you may build siegeworks against the city that makes war with you, until it falls.

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