

BCTFOC to continue in 2017

Following two successful pilots last year, the FORSCOM CG requested the FCOE sustain the Brigade Combat Team Commander Fires Orientation Course (BCTFOC) and conduct three classes in FY 17 for all AC and RC BCT Commanders. The course was developed to mitigate the Fires experience gap for new BCT Commanders while employing, training, and maintaining Fires within the BCT.

The BCT PCC is a three-day course conducted at Fort Sill, OK which incorporates critical and complex Fires topics while SME-facilitated for maximum benefit. The learning outcomes required by the FORSCOM, CG include: 1.) Establish a comprehensive understanding of the Five Requirements for Accurate Fire (5RAF), 2.) Increase understanding of how to train the Fires Warfighting Function to effectively employ and deliver Fires, and 3.) Understand the principles of conducting targeting and Fires Integration to effectively achieve Lethal and Non-Lethal effect on the enemy. These outcomes are achieved by various methods including senior leader engagements, classroom discussions, and live fire exercise.

The audience for each class consists of approxi-

mately 12 current and incoming BCT CDRs, both AC and RC, and includes DIVARTY and Combat Aviation CDRs to support the diverse discussions. Lessons are facilitated by SMEs and are supported by the FCoE CG, FA CMDT, ADA CMDT, and senior FA mentor.

Receiving student feedback is critical to improving the course for maximum value.

“This course has allowed me to better see my formation and create a priority of work to move towards effectively planning for, synchronizing and fighting with Fires,” said one participant in the course. After each repetition of the pilots, participants were invited to provide comments in order to improve future classes, however, to keep the feedback as candid as possible, those who provided observations were allowed to remain anonymous.

“Outstanding course,” said another participant. “Extremely useful to me.”

The BCTFOC course is slated for two more times in FY17 (20-22 Jun, and 26-28 Sep 17).

If interested in attending, contact FORSCOM DCoS, G3 LDD at (910) 570-7149/7702.

