

School of Arctic and Climate Studies

Initiate executive education programs in a tiered fashion that support professionalizing Arctic service.

Leverage Center skills, leadership networks and competencies to benefit DoD, Allies and Partners.

Conduct Arctic specific Education and Training to Professionalize Arctic Service across DoD.



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Dean, School of Arctic and Climate Studies



Rear Admiral (Ret.) Matthew T. Bell Jr. joined the Ted Stevens Center for Arctic Security Studies as Dean On 25 April 2022. He is responsible for the executive education program designed with the end goals of protecting the U.S. homeland, maintaining a favorable balance of power in the region, and promoting a shared approach to regional security and respect for the existing rules-based order.

2023 ARSOC Classes

30 January to 3 February  
17-21 April  
10 - 14 July  
18 -22 September



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Mission

The Stevens Center will build strong, sustainable, domestic and international networks of security leaders and promote and conduct focused research on Arctic security to advance DOD security priorities in the Arctic region.

- Advance Arctic awareness among partners and within the field of U.S. Arctic service.
- Advance DOD Arctic priorities.
- Reinforce the rules-based order in the Arctic.
- Address the impacts of climate change in the region.



Marines, Sailors, and Soldiers participate in Arctic exercises. Credit: USMC, USN, U.S. Army

Vision

Advance a network of civilian and military practitioners promoting understanding and providing collaborative security solutions for the Arctic region.



Eielson AFB F35 Demonstration. Credit: USAF



ARCTIC REGIONAL SECURITY ORIENTATION COURSE

ARSOC

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The purpose of ARSOC is to provide baseline knowledge to personnel without Arctic experience, focusing on historical, environmental, commercial, geopolitical, and strategic issues concerning the Arctic region in order to encourage discussion, intellectual curiosity, and critical thinking.

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# ARSOC SCHEDULE

## MONDAY

### 1 MODULE ONE: Arctic 101 Fundamentals (Part 1 of 2)

- Defining the Arctic Region
- Arctic Physical Environment
- The Arctic's Changing Climate

### MODULE ONE: Arctic 101 Fundamentals (Part 2 of 2)

- Arctic Natural Resources
- Arctic Legal Issues
- Arctic Shipping/Transport

## TUESDAY

### 2 MODULE TWO: Indigenous Peoples and Other Arctic Players

- Arctic Council
- Panel #1: The Indigenous  
Peoples of the Arctic

### MODULE THREE: Integrated Deterrence (Part 1 of 3)

- U.S. Strategy and Policy
- Russia

## WEDNESDAY

### 3 MODULE THREE: Integrated Deterrence (Part 2 of 3)

- China Strategy and Policy
- Sino-Russian Tension/Cooperation
- Allies and Partners

### MODULE THREE: Integrated Deterrence (Part 3 of 3)

- Panel #2: NATO Expansion and Impacts  
on Security and Stability of the Arctic

## THURSDAY

### 4 MODULE FOUR: Operations in the Arctic (Part 1 of 2)

- Panel #3: Facing the Cold, Hard Facts:  
Complexity in Multi-Domain Operations  
in the Arctic

### MODULE FOUR: Operations in the Arctic (Part 2 of 2)

- Arctic Operational Risk

### MODULE FIVE: CAPSTONE Exercise Introduction

## FRIDAY

### 5 CAPSTONE Exercise

- Conducted in preassigned small group  
breakout with varied scenarios and  
injects

### CAPSTONE Exercise Outbrief

- Small groups will present their plan of  
action

## COURSE OBJECTIVES

### Prepare

Department of Defense personnel for  
assignments in the Arctic region

### Promote

a collaborative network of Arctic security  
practitioners

### Propose

cooperative, practical solutions to security  
challenges in the Arctic Region