

SERBIAN ARMED FORCES GENERAL STAFF PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS CENTRE



TRAINING ACTIVITIES IN 2018



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INTRODUCTION BY THE COMMANDING OFFICER



Peacekeeping Operations Center (PKOC) of the Serbian Armed Forces was founded in 2003. As an integral part of former Yugoslavia, the Republic of Serbia has had a long tradition of participating in UN missions. Yugoslav Armed Forces were first engaged in 1956, when they were deployed in the UN forces in Sinai. More than 14,000 soldiers participated in this mission, in 22 rotations, from 1956 to 1967.

New challenges and increase in troops and personnel contribution to PKOs request a constant educational and training system improvement.

PKOC has a primary role in selection, training and preparation of individuals and teams for all types of peace operations. Pre-deployment training conducted by the PKOC involves all branches of personnel for different missions.

Currently, the Serbian Armed Forces (SAF) are engaged in seven UN PKOs and four EU led operations, with our largest contribution to the UN mission in Lebanon (UNIFIL).

Today, SAF are a significant and recognized UN contributor. Our officers, NCOs, soldiers and civilians, women and men, are among the most capable and prepared UN forces. For this, we have received numerous confirmations, and our personnel receive acknowledgments for their professionalism on a daily basis. This kind of success is achieved only through good training and preparations in accordance with training and education plans and programs developed by the PKOC, aimed to fulfill the operational requirements from missions and highest training standards.

Independently and in cooperation with its partners, PKOC conducts numerous courses, starting with basic knowledge for peace operations up to the decision making procedures and specialized training programs for specific duties.

We constantly improve our courses by implementing new best practices and by engaging subject matter experts. Moreover, the high quality standards of all our international courses have been certified by the UN.

Peacekeeping Operations Center has recently become a member of International and European Association of Peacekeeping Training Centers (IAPTC and EAPTC) and started to build regional networking with partners institutions.

I have a great pleasure to welcome you to the Peacekeeping Operations Center.

Colonel Milivoje Pajović, PhD

Chief of PKOC

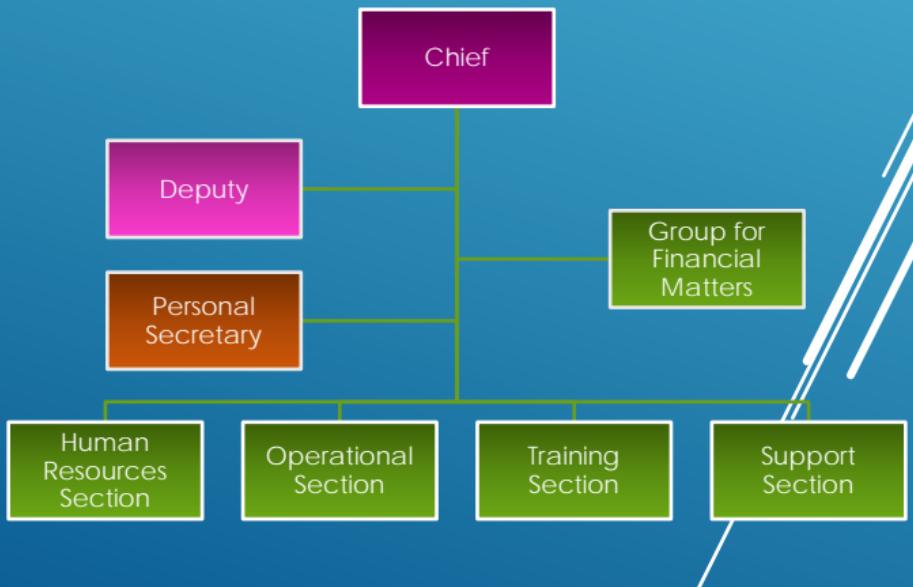
OUR MISSION

Peacekeeping Operations Center is a unit of the Serbian Armed Forces General Staff, intended for selection, training, equipping, preparing and deploying MoD and SAF individuals and units to United Nations and European Union multinational operations.

TASKS

- Selection, training, preparations and equipping individuals and units for multinational operations
- Planning, organization and conduct of transport of individuals, units, armament and military equipment into the area of multinational operation
- Commanding, coordination and control of engaged forces in multinational operations
- Planning, organization and conduct of national and international courses, seminars and lectures concerning the content relevant for participation in multinational operations

PKOC Structure



INTRODUCTION BY THE CHIEF OF PKOC TRAINING SECTION



There is a need for more than 200,000 members of TCCs to pass the training for participation in UN and EU multinational operations annually which have become more complex and more demanding especially for personnel in the field. All of this additionally complicates the training process as a result of joint effort made by TCCs, UN and the respective mission.

In order to synchronize the effort PKOC incorporates all training standards in the training process recommended by UN and/or the respective mission as a complement to national standards. Now, we can proudly say that PKOC is among few training centers who have three UN certificates for different trainings.

As the only state institution responsible for the certification of individual specialized training for participation in multinational operations, the PKOC issues about 650 relevant certificates, which also serve as the base for the Republic of Serbia to submit the certificates to the UN confirming that all members of the contingent went through the individual training on Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (SEA).

High training standards are the result of the following facts:

- The Peacekeeping Operations Center is the only organizational unit which covers all aspects of engagement of the MoD and SAF members outside of the borders of the Republic of Serbia. As the entity which is at the source of all information related to operational engagement of individuals and units, the Center is capable of identifying a problem or an issue in a very short period of time and applies the appropriate corrective measure (lessons learned), whereas simultaneously updates the training program for the relevant mission.

- The additional possibility to improve the training quality is achieved through the exchange of instructors with partners training centers, networking with similar institutions and organizations, but also with civil society organizations, academic community, Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and others.

- The aforementioned facts enable us to keep theory and practice connected.

Training of the adults, in other words- exchange of experience, is the base from which we create our approach to training. Therefore, syndicate work contributes to the increased interaction and creates the team spirit which is a necessary precondition for successful accomplishment of the mission.

Our motto is: **Hard training, easy mission**

Lieutenant Colonel Goran Topalović, MA

Chief of PKOC Training Section

PKOC INSTRUCTORS TEAM



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Dragan Dobrić



Major
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Lieutenant Commander
Jevrem Radovanović



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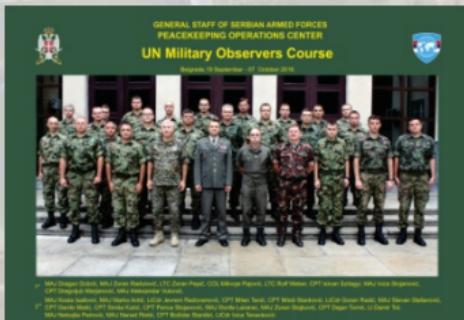


Major
Goran Stevančević



Courses for PKOs in 2018

- UN Protection of Civilians Course (UNPOCC)
 - United Nations Staff Officers Course (UNSOC)
 - United Nations Military Observers Course (UNMOC)
 - Regional Tactical CIMIC Course
 - PKO Units Key Personnel Course
 - Core Course for Civilian Crisis Operations



United Nations Protection of Civilians Course (UNPOCC)

Aim

To raise awareness that civilians are increasingly becoming the victims of armed conflict, and that UN SC has mandated a number of PKOs with the protection of civilians from physical violence, but also to increase gender awareness and provide implementation of gender perspective in peace operations, including the planning process and overall conduct of mission tasks and activities. Course underlines the fact that successful missions should address the needs of the whole local population in the area of operation and how it is essential that female soldiers, police officers and civilian staff are involved in planning, conduct and evaluation of operations.

Content

The Course is composed of three modules:

- Basic PKO training (based on UN CPTMs)
- Protection of civilians in UN PKOs (based on UN STM on POC)
- Gender in UN PKOs

The Course program focuses on: understanding how contemporary peacekeeping operations function and what are contemporary Mission challenges and priorities; basics of the UN concept on Protection of Civilians; familiarization with different roles, responsibilities, activities and tasks associated with the implementation of POC mandates and gender perspective; lessons learned and practical experience from UN missions.

Student criteria

Key personnel to be deployed in peace operations.

Language proficiency: English, described in STANAG 6001 (Listening Fair-2, Speaking Fair-2, Reading Fair-2, Writing Fair-2). No additional training or translation will be provided.

Course is certified by the UN

Course Language: English

Duration: One week, 23 - 27 April 2018



United Nations Staff Officers Course (UNSOC)

Aim

To train officers of the Serbian Armed Forces for staff duties in UN Peacekeeping Operations, in accordance with the UN standards and procedures. The course is also intended for civilian personnel who aim to acquire better knowledge and understanding of UN integrated missions structure and functioning. Course Program is focused on the main features of the UN integrated mission functioning and the Military Component Planning Process (MCPP). The course builds on the knowledge acquired in the Peacekeeping Operations Basic Course with the addition of topics specific to UN Staff Officers duties and tasks.

Content

- Introduction to UN Peacekeeping Operations.
- Legal framework for UN Peacekeeping Operations.
- UN Peacekeeping Operations functioning, with special reference to UN integrated missions.
- Main features and aspects of working in a UN mission – Cooperation with IOs/GOs/NGOs, Civil-military coordination, Cultural differences and challenges, Gender issues, Cooperation with UNPOL and UNMOs, Media awareness and dealing with media in the field.
- Basic skills: map reading and radio voice procedures.
- UN integrated mission organization, joint/integrated structures, staff (HQ) structure; staff duties and procedures.
- Introduction to Integrated Mission Planning Process (IMPP).
- Introduction to Military Component Planning Process (MCPP).
- Military Staff Exercise (MAPEX1)
- Integrated Staff Exercise (INSTEK).

Student criteria

- Officers (OF-2 to OF-4) and civilian personnel from Ministry of Interior, Faculty of Security Studies and Faculty of Political Science.
- Language proficiency: English (STANAG 6001), 2222. No additional training or translation will be provided.
- For military participants, previous training and experience from national military staff positions are preferred.

Course is certified by the UN.

Course is open to all partner countries for participation.

Course Language: English

Duration: Three weeks, 21 May – 08 June 2018



PKO Units Key Personnel Course

Aim

To train officers and NCOs for key positions within units and contingents of the Serbian Armed Forces in multinational operations. Course Program is focused on training those officers and NCOs that are planned or selected for key positions/duties within units and contingents of the Serbian Armed Forces in the United Nations and European Union multinational operations.

Content

- Understanding characteristics of the operational environment, multinational nature and other key considerations for multinational operations.
- Introducing guiding documents for conducting multinational operations.
- Comprehending generic organization and staff structure of UN/EU multinational operations.
- Familiarization with key features and aspects of working in a PKO/PSO – Code of conduct, Basic security in the field, Stress management, Cultural differences and challenges, Gender issues, Cooperation and coordination with different actors in a mission area, Civil-military cooperation, Media awareness and dealing with media in the field, and Logistic support of a unit/contingent.
- Introducing lessons learned and experiences from UN and EU missions.

Student criteria

- Officers and senior NCOs (OR-6 to OF-3), who are planned or selected for key positions/duties in units and contingents of the Serbian Armed Forces in multinational operations.

SAF personnel only

Course Language: English

Duration: One week, 22 - 26 October 2018



United Nations Military Observers Course

Aim

To train officers of the Serbian Armed Forces for Military Observer duties in a UN Peacekeeping Operation. Course Program is focused on roles and responsibilities of a Military Observer at Team Site/Sector HQ, working techniques and procedures. The course builds on the knowledge acquired in the Peacekeeping Operations Basic Course with the addition of topics specific to Military Observer duties and tasks.

Content

- Basics of the UN System and UN Peacekeeping Operations.
- Legal framework for peace operations.
- UN Peacekeeping Operations functioning, main features and standards of effective implementation of the UN peacekeeping mandates.
- Core duties and responsibilities of UN Military Observers.
- UN Military Observers working techniques and procedures.
- Field exercise: exercising practical skills and working procedures at the UN Military Observers Team Site.

Student criteria

- Nationally trained staff officers (OF-1 to OF3).
- Language proficiency: English (STANAG 6001), 2222. (candidates will be tested in English – written and oral test). Candidates who pass the test will continue with the Course Program. No additional training or translation will be provided.
- Candidates must have valid driving license (national „B“ category is minimum requirement).
- Computer skills are required (MS Office package).

Course is certified by the UN

Course is open to all partner countries for participation.

Course Language: English

Duration: Three weeks, 24 September – 12 October 2018



Regional Tactical CIMIC Course

Aim

to enable military personnel to perform the duties of a CIMIC Operator in all types of operations. This course is designed to teach CIMIC operator skills and to provide the students with methods, techniques and programs to practice and validate those same skills with others. This course is expected to serve as an excellent forum for developing contacts with allies in peace operations and thereby improving interoperability. The targeted group of trainees is military personnel exercising civil-military cooperation functions at their place of work, or are planned to be assigned to Civil-Military Cooperation duties (CIMIC), as well as civilian personnel outside of the military whose job description requires theoretical knowledge of CIMIC matters.

Content

What is CIMIC;

Difference between CIMIC, CMI, CMR, CA, PSYOPS;

Interdisciplinary actors, UN Organization and Cluster system;

Media awareness, dealing with media;

Cultural Awareness and Gender Awareness;

CIMIC meetings, CIMIC liaison and CIMIC Centers;

CIMIC In Emergency Response;

CIMIC Functional Specialists;

CIMIC Field handbook;

CIMIC assessment;

CIMIC projects;

Negotiation and dialogue techniques;

Working with interpreters

Student criteria

- Officers (up to OF-3), senior NCOs (OR-6 and above) and civilian personnel from Ministry of Interior, Faculty of Security Studies and Faculty of Political Science.
- Language proficiency: English (STANAG 6001), 2222. No additional training or translation will be provided.

NOTE:Course is organized in cooperation with the Canadian Ministry of National Defence, Directorate of Military Training and Cooperation (MTCP). It is open to all partner countries for participation. Payment of non-recoverable allowances (travel and incidental) is authorized for all nations supported by MTCP. The non-MTCP member countries participate on a user pay basis.

Duration: Two weeks, renewed on a yearly base



Core Course for Civilian Crisis Operations

Aim

To provide civilians experts with a substantive training on general issues related to the work in crisis management operation. The training is aimed to create a pool of well-trained civilian experts ready to be deployed at short notice in any given civilian crisis management operation run by International Organizations such as the EU, UN or OSCE. It provides participants with general knowledge and soft skills required in their line of duty, but also teaches them the structure and roles of specific functional units in peace operations.

Content

- Introduction to Crisis Prevention and Crisis Management
- The Role of Various Actors in Crisis Prevention and Management
- Mission Working Environment & Cross Cultural Communication
- Field Work Techniques
- Safety and Security
- Personal Health and Stress Management

Student criteria

- Civil Servants planning to work in civilian crisis management operations.
- Language proficiency: English, advanced level. (candidates will be tested in English – written and oral test). Candidates who pass the test will continue with the Course Program. No additional training or translation will be provided.
- Candidates must have a valid driving license (national „B“ category is minimum requirement).
- Computer skills are required (MS Office package).

Course Language: English

Duration: Two weeks, 26 November – 07 December 2018, tentative.





Other Training Activities

Training of PKOC members.

Individual and Units **Pre-Deployment/Mission Specific Training**.

Organization of **courses, workshops and seminars** as requested by higher authority or together with our partners.

Mobile training teams.





Individual and Units Pre-Deployment/Mission Specific Training

Aim

Aim of Pre-deployment preparations and training is that candidates prepare for conducting their duties in a specific mission. In order to do that, candidates are trained for specific mission and duty (theoretical and practical contents), administrative and personnel questions and rights are regulated, prescribed vaccination is conducted, as well as equipping with individual equipment sets. In addition, other contents are foreseen with the Preparations and Training Program.

PKOC provides support to the training of units determined for participation in peacekeeping operations, by applying training standards and contents in accordance with the UN requirements and Mission specific contents.

Contents

- Mission-specific and duty-specific training (including practical training): includes training in accordance with the UN CPTMs, Mission specific training and training for specific duties (in accordance with Job Descriptions).
- Other contents (vaccination, administrative and personnel questions, equipping).

Target audience

- Selected personnel

Duration

- One to three weeks (depending on the Mission) and up to 25 sessions annually





GENERAL INFORMATION

LOCATION

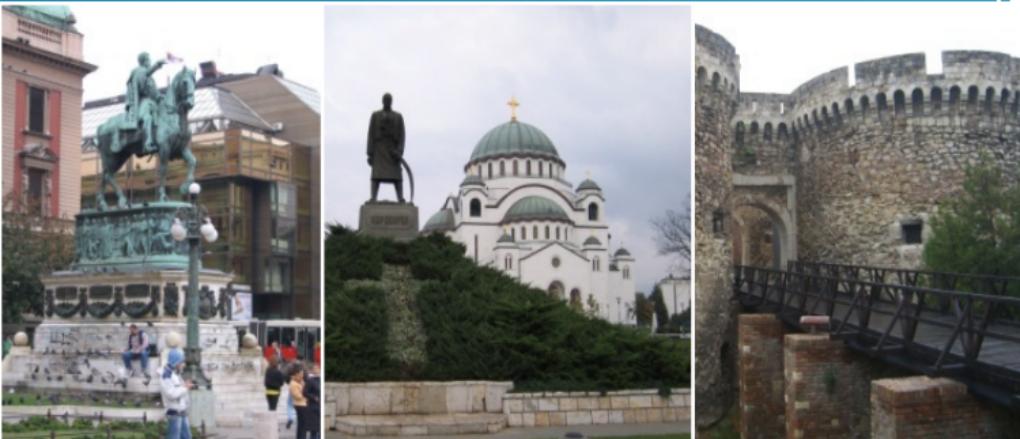
PKOC is located in Belgrade, in the part of the city called Banjica, 10 km south from Belgrade City Centre, 8 km south from Belgrade Bus & Railway Stations, 12 km east from Belgrade Airport "Nikola Tesla".

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WELFARE ARRANGEMENTS

As a every good host we like to give our participants the opportunity to get a glimpse of our beautiful country, its culture and history. For all courses lasting more then one week, as a part of the course we organize welfare activities. Like most others two-million cities Belgrade has a lot to offer. Good and friendly atmosphere throughout the course is guaranteed.

Royal Palace



Skadarlija



FINANCIAL DIRECTIVES AND VISA

- Salary and travel arrangements are responsibilities of the sending nation.
- Course fee, accommodation and meals are free of charge.
- Visa Application: It is national responsibility to obtain visa prior to arrival.

Belgrade fortress
Kalemegdan



CAPACITIES OVERVIEW

1 Meeting Room
(25 seats)



1 Conference Room
(50 seats and equipment
for simultaneous
interpretation)



2 Classrooms
(45 + 91 seats, for
seminars and plenary
sessions)



4 Syndicate Rooms
(10 seats each)



IT Equipment
(Laptop/PC for each
student)

CAPACITIES OVERVIEW



Accommodation building
(up to 16 students)



Common room, kitchen
and laundry available in
the accommodation
building



Single rooms with
bathrooms, TV, fridge,
room telephone, cable
and WiFi internet



Sport facilities available
at the Military Academy
nearby.



HOW TO APPLY:

Non-Serbian Applicants

Application form should be submitted through the appropriate national channels to PKOC no later than 8 weeks prior to the start of the course.

Please note that PKOC does not process applications sent by individuals. All applications must be authorized by the Point of Contact in the home nation HQ or equivalent. Confirmation of admission will be sent in due time before the course.

Serbian Applicants

Based on Annual Education Plan participants are called by PKOC.

CO-OPERATION



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*International Association
of Peacekeeping Centres*



E A P T C
European Association
of Peace Operations
Training Centres



UNITED NATIONS

Certificate of Training Recognition

This is to recognize that the

United Nations Military Staff Officers Course

conducted by

Peacekeeping Operations Center of the Serbian Armed Forces
from 08 to 27 November 2015

conforms to the relevant

United Nations Peacekeeping Pre-deployment Training Standards



Directorate
Peacekeeping
Operations Center
for Pre-deployment Operations

Issue Date: 21 November 2015

Expiry Date: 21 November 2016

UNITED NATIONS

Certificate of Training Recognition

This is to recognize that the

United Nations Protection of Civilians Course

conducted by the

Peacekeeping Operations Centre of the Serbian Armed Forces
from 24 to 28 April 2017

conforms to the relevant

United Nations Peacekeeping Pre-deployment Training Standards



Jean-Pierre Lacroix
Under Secretary-General
for Peacekeeping Operations

Issue Date: 21 May 2017

Expiry Date: 20 May 2018

UNITED NATIONS

Certificate of Training Recognition

This is to recognize that the

United Nations Military Observers Course

conducted by the

Peacekeeping Operations Center of the Serbian Armed Forces
from 18 September to 6 October 2017

conforms to the relevant

United Nations Peacekeeping Pre-deployment Training Standards



Jean-Pierre Lacroix
Under Secretary-General
for Peacekeeping Operations

Issue Date: 7 October 2017

Expiry Date: 6 October 2018



So far, more than 250 participants from different countries have attended various forms of training in the PKOC