Background
Centre of Excellence for Cold Weather Operations (COE-CWO) has the pleasure to invite the addressees to bid for seats on the annual courses offered to NATO and partner nations. The courses will be conducted by the Norwegian School of Winter Warfare (NSWW) at Østerdalen Garrison, Elverum, as follows;

- Allied Winter Course (AWC) 8 January–2 February 2018
- NATO Avalanche Warning Course (NAWC) 7–16 February 2018
- Army Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Extraction Instructor Course (ASERIC) Winter Course the 5–16 February 2018
- Army Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Extraction Instructor Course (ASERIC) the 20 August–7 September 2018

Allied Winter Course (AWC)

Aim
The objective is to provide students basic knowledge and skills to serve as winter training instructors and advisers, including;

- Providing tactical and technical knowledge on how to take advantage of terrain and the conditions imposed by snow and cold weather.
- Practicing survival, mobility and leadership under winter conditions.

Prerequisites of attendance
The AWC primarily focus on platoon level responsibilities aimed at officers holding the rank of Captain (OF-2) or below and NCOs. The course emphasises practical exercises and demonstrations including one main field exercise with 10 nights spent out in tents and alternative bivouacs. Most of the activities are organized in small units. The initial basic training (training week 1-2) will focus on improving individual skills.

The course requires high standard of physical fitness.

---

1 Invitation will be distributed by unclassified email to all accredited NATO embassies and Allied Command Transformation (ACT).
The course holds 32 vacancies for international students. Students must as a minimum have the following standards of proficiency in English (as described in STANAG 6001):

- Listening (Professional/ 3)
- Speaking (Functional/ 2)
- Reading (Functional/ 2)
- Writing (Functional/ 2).

**NATO Avalanche Warning Course (NAWC)**

**Aim**
The objective is to provide the students advanced knowledge to serve in the capacity of avalanche instructors and advisers, including:

- Understand the snow layers, and use of stability tests.
- Understand and use meteorological data together with snow layering and results of stability tests to predict an avalanche hazard warning.
- Be able to do route planning in the mountains wintertime with respect to the avalanche hazard.

**Prerequisites of Attendance**
The NAWC is focusing on platoon level, aimed at officers holding the rank of Major (OF-3) or below and NCOs. This course emphasises practical exercises and demonstrations. Most of the work is organised in small units. The course requires high standard of physical fitness and good skiing skills. The students must have mountain leader, or similar qualifications. The course holds 8 vacancies for international students.

Students must as a minimum have the following standards of proficiency in English (as described in STANAG 6001):

- Listening (Professional / 3)
- Speaking (Functional / 2)
- Reading (Professional / 3)
- Writing (Functional / 2)

**Army Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Extraction Instructor Course (ASERIC)**

This section covers both the autumn and the winter course

**Aim**
The objective is to provide the students advanced knowledge to serve in the capacity of SERE instructors and advisers, in arctic and winter environment in accordance to STANAG 7196 (NATO SERE level B). In order to;

- Educate and train instructors to conduct SERE courses according to NATO standards within their respective national Armed Forces.

**Prerequisites of Attendance**
The ASERIC course is primarily for officers and NCOs scheduled for Long Range Recce Patrol, Special Operations and those who are involved in winter training in arctic and sub-arctic conditions. NATO and Partner nations may attend the course.

This course requires a very high standard of physical fitness. The students must fulfil the following requirements:
• 7 km running test in combat boots and carrying a 20 kg rucksack, time limit 52 minutes. It will be tested the first day. Students that do not pass will be returned to their unit.
• 200 meters swimming with clothes, no time limit.
• 10 minutes of treading the water with clothes.
• Students must have a security clearance; NATO-CONFIDENTIAL or above.

The course holds 10 vacancies for international students.

All classes will be given in English. Students must as a minimum have the following standards of proficiency in English (as described in STANAG 6001):

a. Listening (Professional / 3)

b. Speaking (Functional / 2)

c. Reading (Professional / 3)

d. Writing (Functional / 2)

The Autumn course act as a pre-requisite for the Winter course, and must be passed in order to be automatically given a seat on the Winter course. The students need to successfully pass both courses in order to be given SERE Instructor level B status.

The Winter Course is also open for students who already hold NATO SERE Instructor qualification in accordance to STANAG 7196. Nations need to request for seats for these particular individuals.

Request for seats
The attached form Request for seats should be completed and returned to hvs.kurskoordinering@mil.no no later than;

• AWC by 3rd November 2017
• NAWC by 24th November 2017
• ASERIC, Winter part by 24th December 2017
• ASERIC, Autumn part by 27th April 2018

Allocation of seats
Allocation of seats, with instructions on the nominating procedures, will follow shortly after the above mentioned closing dates. When nations have received their seats, nominations should be send to the Norwegian School of Winter Warfare no later than one month before the course start.

Joining instructions and course programme will be distributed directly to the nominated candidates and/or their respective units.

John Morten Mangersnes
Brigadier General
COM Norwegian Army Land Warfare Centre

Electronically approved document, no handwritten signature is applied.