BASIC INTERROGATION TACTICS, TECHNIQUES AND PROCEDURES
REFERENCES:

AR 190-8 – ARMY PRISONERS OF WAR, CIVILIAN INTERNEES AND DETAINED PERSONS
FM 34-52 – INTELLIGENCE INTERROGATIONS
FM 27-10 – THE LAW OF LAND WARFARE
STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES (SOPs)
LOCAL TACTICS, TECHNIQUES AND PROCEDURES (TTPs)
ARTICLE 13 OF THE GENEVA CONVENTION RELATIVE TO THE TREATMENT OF PRISONERS OF WAR 12 AUGUST 1949.

NO PHYSICAL OR MENTAL TORTURE, NOR ANY OTHER FORM OF COERCION, MAY BE INFLECTED ON PRISONERS OF WAR TO SECURE FROM THEM INFORMATION OF ANY KIND WHATSOEVER. PRISONERS OF WAR WHO REFUSE TO ANSWER MAY NOT BE THREATENED, INSULTED, OR EXPOSED TO UNPLEASANT OR DISADVANTAGEOUS TREATMENT OF ANY KIND.
AGENDA:

1. INTRODUCTION – WHAT IS INTERROGATION AND WHO IS INVOLVED
2. DETAINEE & INTERROGATION CYCLE
3. USE OF AN INTERPRETER
4. PLANNING AND PREPARATION / TAKING NOTES
5. SETTING UP THE BOOTH
6. SCREENING
7. INTERROGATION
   1. APPROACHES AND INTERROGATION COUNTER-MEASURES
   2. BASE LINE BEHAVIOR, BODY LANGUAGE
   3. QUESTIONING & TACTICAL EXPLOITATION
   4. TERMINATION
8. OUTSIDE THE BOOTH
9. DOCEX
10. MOBILE INTERROGATION TEAMS
11. REPORT WRITING
12. LESSONS LEARNED
INTERROGATION INTRODUCTION

1. YOU CONTROL EVERYTHING

2. THEY’RE READING YOU AT THE SAME TIME YOU’RE READING THEM

3. FIVE MINUTES OF PLANNING AND PREP WILL SAVE YOU HOURS IN THE BOOTH

4. YOU CAN BE THE BEST INTERROGATOR IN THE WORLD, BUT IF YOU CAN’T REPORT THE INFORMATION IT’S WORTHLESS
TO OBTAIN THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE MINIMUM AMOUNT OF TIME

WHO DO WE WORK FOR?

OUR MISSION IS TO SAVE LIVES & PUT LEAD ON TARGET
BASIC SCHOOLHOUSE QUESTIONING METHODOLOGY APPLIES, BUT YOU MUST FIND YOUR OWN TECHNIQUE THAT WORKS FOR YOU. EVERY INTERROGATOR HAS THEIR OWN STYLE.

EVERYTHING IN THIS CLASS IS A SUGGESTION, TAKE THE GOOD AND BAD, BUILD UPON WHAT IS PRESENTED HERE. THERE IS NO SINGLE ANSWER TO INTERROGATING AND EXPLOITING REPORTABLE INFORMATION. YOU HAVE TO FIND THE METHODS THAT WORK FOR YOU BY APPLYING THE BASIC PRINCIPLES THAT YOU HAVE BEEN TAUGHT.
DUTY POSITIONS

1. OPERATIONS

1. **OIC** – OVERALL CONTROL OF FACILITY, PL

2. **NCOIC** – OVERSEES INTERROGATION OPERATIONS, PSG

3. **SENIOR INTERROGATOR** – ADVISES AND DIRECTS TEAMS, COLLECTION GUIDANCE

4. **DATABASE** – RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MAINTENANCE, ARCHIVING AND OPERATION OF ALL AUTOMATION AND DETAINEE RECORDS

5. **ANALYST** – CONDUCTS RESEARCH, ANALYSIS AND PRODUCES PRODUCTS TO AID IN TACTICAL EXPLOITATION

6. **DOCEX** – RESPONSIBLE FOR THE EXPLOITATION AND DISSEMINATION OF INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION FROM CAPTURED ENEMY DOCUMENTS

2. INTERROGATION TEAMS

1. **TEAM LEADER** – DIRECTS INTERROGATION TEAMS

2. **INTERROGATORS** – CONDUCT TACTICAL INTERROGATION

3. **LINGUISTS** – PROVIDE WORD FOR WORD TRANSLATIONS
FM 34-52 APPROACHES

DIRECT
INCENTIVE
EMOTIONAL – LOVE OF/HATE OF
FEAR UP – HARSH/MILD
FEAR DOWN
PRIDE AND EGO UP/DOWN
FUTILITY

APPROACH PHASE BEGINS AT THE TOC

WE KNOW ALL
REPITITION
FILE AND DOSSIER
MUTT AND JEFF
RAPID FIRE
SILENCE
ESTABLISH YOUR IDENTITY

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY
WHAT DETERMINES YOUR APPROACH?

1. THE SOURCE
2. THE INDIVIDUAL SKILL/STRENGTH/WEAKNESSES OF THE INTERROGATOR
3. OPERATING CONDITIONS
4. LEADERSHIP

ALWAYS IAW THE GENEVA CONVENTION

TWO RULES I FOLLOW
RULE OF THUMB

DO WHAT YOU ARE COMFORTABLE WITH AND CAPABLE OF
TORTURE

1. RELIABILITY OF INFORMATION IS QUESTIONABLE

2. IF THEY MAKE IT THROUGH THEY MAY SUSPECT THE END IS NEAR OR BELIEVE THAT THE INTERROGATOR IS GETTING DESPERATE

3. IT COULD STRENGTHEN THEIR RESOLVE OR PRECONCEIVED NOTIONS ABOUT AMERICANS

4. IT'S ILLEGAL

5. IT'S BAD

6. EXPERIMENTS HAVE BEEN DONE USING EVERYTHING FROM LSD AND MUSHROOMS TO HYPNOSIS.

NOTHING IS BETTER THAN PATIENCE, DEDICATION AND CREATIVITY.
MOBILE INTERROGATION TEAM

MISSION

TO COLLECT ACTIONABLE INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION BY CONDUCTING BATTLEFIELD SCREENINGS, INTERROGATIONS, DEBRIEFINGS AND SENSITIVE SITE EXPLOITATION TO SUPPORT THE IMMEDIATE COMBAT COMMANDER AND TASK FORCE COMMANDER’S DECISION MAKING PROCESS.

YOU ARE THE BATTLEFIELD COMMANDER’S HUMINT ASSET
THIS IS ACCOMPLISHED BY:
1. CONDUCTING BATTLEFIELD INTERROGATIONS OF PERSONNEL CAPTURED BY U.S. AND COALITION FORCES DURING COMBAT OPERATIONS TO TACTICALLY EXPLOIT PERSONNEL WITH THE PLACEMENT AND ACCESS TO INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION THAT WILL HAVE AN IMMEDIATE IMPACT ON U.S. AND COALITION FORCES OR THE COMBAT OPERATION.
THIS IS ACCOMPLISHED BY:
2. CONDUCTING BATTLEFIELD SCREENINGS OF PERSONNEL CAPTURED BY UNITED STATES (U.S.) AND COALITION FORCES DURING COMBAT OPERATIONS TO DETERMINE WHO MEETS THE SCREENING CRITERIA FOR EVACUATION TO THE DETENTION FACILITY.
THIS IS ACCOMPLISHED BY:
3. CONDUCTING BATTLEFIELD DEBRIEFINGS OF CIVILIAN PERSONNEL WITHIN THE AREA OF THE COMBAT OPERATION WHO HAVE PLACEMENT AND ACCESS TO INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION THAT WILL HAVE AN IMMEDIATE IMPACT ON U.S. AND COALITION FORCES OR THE COMBAT OPERATION.
THIS IS ACCOMPLISHED BY:

4. CONDUCTING SENSITIVE SITE
EXPLOITATION OF THE AREA TO GATHER
DOCUMENTS, COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT
AND ANY MATERIAL THAT MAY BE EXPLOITED
FOR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION.