

# *US Special Operations Command*

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## Center for Knowledge and Futures (SOKF)

### Overview Brief



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# Mission

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**The Center for Knowledge and Futures develops and integrates warfighting capabilities for the present and future in order to train, organize and equip special operations forces to synchronize and execute global operations against terrorist networks and deploy combat ready forces to combatant commands.**



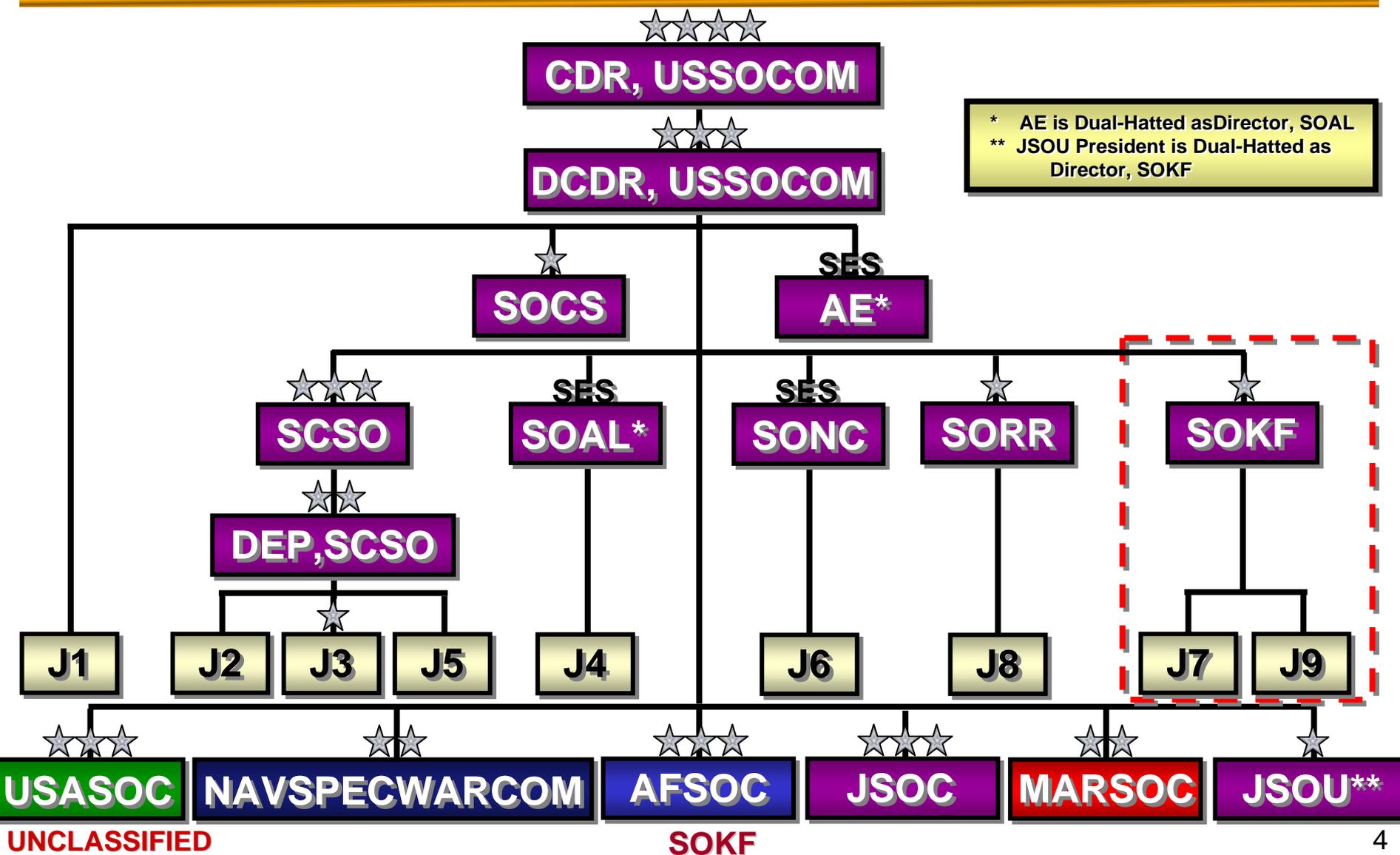
# SOKF Title 10 Functions

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- **Develop Strategy, Doctrine, and Tactics**
- **Educate and Train SOF**
- **Conduct Specialized Courses**
- **Prioritize and Validate Training Requirements**
- **Ensure Interoperability of Equipment and Forces**
- **Conduct Joint SOF Concept Development, Wargaming, Experimentation, and Integration**
- **Ensure Combat Readiness of SOF**
- **Prepare SOF to carry out assigned missions**



# USSOCOM Organization



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# SOKF Organization

**SOKF**

**J7**  
Directorate of Joint  
SOF Knowledge

**J9**  
Directorate of  
Futures

**Joint Doctrine,  
Education, & LL  
Division  
J7-D**

**Joint Training  
Division  
J7-T**

**Joint Exercise  
Division  
J7-E**

**Concept  
Development  
Division  
J9-C**

**Wargaming &  
Experimentation  
Division  
J9-W**

**Joint  
Assessment &  
Integration Division  
J7-AI**

**Integration  
Division  
J9-I**

- Joint Doctrine
- Education Policy & Programs
- SOF Language Programs

- Training Transformation
- Training Policy
- Joint Training Sys
- Mission Prep Sys

- JCS Exercises
- Internal Exercises
- Joint National Training Capability
- Assessments

- SOF Vision
- SOF Concepts
- Joint Concepts

- Title X Wargames
- SOF Wargames
- Joint Wargames
- Joint Experiments
- SO Research Support Element

- SOF/Conventional Integration
- Lessons Learned
- Training Assessment/Certification

- Transformation Roadmap
- Capability Based Analysis
- Long Rang Plans



# Joint SOF Body of Knowledge (J7)

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- **Develop Joint special operations doctrine and tactics, techniques, and procedures**
  - **Facilitate integration of SOF doctrine into joint and service institutions**
- **Develop a comprehensive education strategy that complements component, Service, and PME programs**
  - **Provide support to JSOU**
  - **Expand educational opportunities for SOF**
- **Execute USSOCOM's Lessons Learned Program**
  - **Provide recommended solutions to observations**
  - **Integrate Lessons Learned into joint doctrine and education**



# Joint SOF Training (J7)

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- **Execute the SOF Language Program**
  - Strategy, prioritization and program management
- **Provide training oversight**
  - Develop training policy, identify and validate training requirements
- **Manage CJCS Joint Training System for USSOCOM**
  - Develop and maintain JMETL
  - Develop joint training plans, policies and publications
- **Develop and conduct specialized courses**
  - Military Liaison Element Seminar
- **Oversee Mission Training & Preparation Systems (MTPS)**
  - Training simulations, planning, preview & mission rehearsal



# Warrior Preparation (J7)

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- **Ensure USSOCOM's readiness to perform its warfighter tasks**
  - **Plan, coordinate, and execute a comprehensive internal exercise program designed to enhance the effectiveness of the deployable battlestaff (ABLE WARRIOR and ABLE FOCUS)**
  
- **Assess command support to GCCs and training events**
  - **Coordinate support to the Joint National Training Capability (JNTC) exercise program**
  - **MRX participation, JSOTF training**
  - **SOF participation, scenario development, exercise management and assessment**



# Strategic Visioning & Joint Concept Development (J9)

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- **Lead creation of a compelling SOF Vision of the future**
  - **Develop joint SOF-specific and Joint Operating Concepts IAW the “USSOCOM Future Concept Development Campaign Plan” to mature the Vision**
  - **Synchronize concept development with Joint community, DOD, and interagency**
  - **Sponsors concepts and associated capabilities within SOF for Joint experimentation**
  - **Develop future SOF capabilities supporting the War on Terror**
  
- **Develop USSOCOM Transformation Roadmap**
  - **Design long-range strategy and vision implementation plan**



# Wargaming and Experimentation (J9)

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- **Lead USSOCOM's Wargame and Experimentation activities IAW approved Wargame and Experimentation Campaign Plan**
  - **Design, develop, and publish detailed external wargame plans to guide, measure, and validate objectives based on SOF concepts**
  - **Ensure data collection/analysis plans are developed for analytically sound wargame results**
  - **Identify SOF capability gaps as candidates for experimentation**
  - **Provide DOTMLPF change recommendations from experiment results**
  - **Manage and prioritize activities of the SORSE**



# Capabilities Based Assessment (J9)

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- **Develop, Coordinate, and Maintains USSOCOM Long Range Planning Process**
  - **Integrate futures requirements into command resourcing and planning processes**
  - **Manage USSOCOM and Component Joint SOF Future Concept related Joint Capabilities Integration Development System Analysis**
- **Manage USSOCOM Capability Evaluation Process**
  - **Develop and maintain USSOCOM Prioritized Capability List**
  - **Coordinate solutions to capability gaps**
  - **Coordinate S&T and Acquisition proposals**



# Summary

- **SOKF integrates the *J7* and *J9* to *conduct SOF Combat Development***
- **Responsible for *SOF training standards, doctrine, lessons learned, SOF language programs, education programs, exercises, interoperability, future concepts, experimentation, wargames, and integration of future requirements* into command resourcing and planning processes**

**SOKF supports the education and training of the SOF warfighter of today, while shaping and preparing USSOCOM for the warfight of tomorrow**