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CONFÉDÉRATION INTERALLIÉE des SOUS-OFFICIERS de RÉSERVE (CISOR) EARLY WARNING FOR THE INVITATION TO THE 6. Arctic Education Course 17.-21.2.2027 in Rovaniemi, Finland. WEDNESDAY 17 February 2027 – SUNDAY 21 February 2027 ADMIN/COORDINATING INSTRUCTION

General

1. **Introduction**. With the kind permission of CISOR President, Sergeant Major Minna Nenonen, the Finnish CISOR team will host the CISOR Arctic Education Course 17.-21.2.2027 in Rovaniemi, Finland. at the Lapland Air Wing, Louhikkotie, FI-96100 ROVANIEMI.

2. **Objective**. Arctic Education training focuses on the demanding winter conditions of Lapland, and typical topics of the courses include:
   • Maintaining functional capacity in the cold: Dressing (layering), taking care of fluid and energy balance in very cold conditions, and preventing frostbite.
   • Arctic emergency accommodation: Building snow shelters, such as a kiepi or snow cave, as well as setting up a guerrilla tent/semi-team tent and using a stove in winter.
   • Winter fire-making: Making a fire in a snow project with temporary equipment and wet or icy wood.
   • Ice rescue: Many Arctic courses practice concrete rescue from an opening using crampons and the activities afterwards.
   • Moving in deep snow: Activities on skis or snowshoes with equipment (sled).

Arctic Education Course: Be able to maintain effective operational and combat capability despite severe frost and snow.

The curriculum and objectives are divided into three categories: Understand (know), Remember (know) and Attitude.

1. Operational capability and physiological survival (Understand / Know)

• Shelter (Accommodation): The course participant can build emergency accommodation in winter conditions (such as a snowmobile, snow cave or temporary shelter) and is proficient in the correct erection of a guerilla tent and the safe use of a stove.

• Fire: The course participant can light a campfire in a snowdrift and in cold terrain using temporary and emergency equipment (without matches) and utilize different types of campfires effectively.

• Nutrition and water: Obtaining water from snow or ice cleanly and ensuring adequate energy and fluid intake in freezing conditions.

• First aid and body care: Identifying, preventing and treating cold injuries and frostbite. Proper layering to avoid sweating and the resulting chill.

2. Basic tactical and technical skills (Remembers / Knows)

• Movement and orientation: Understanding the challenges of winter terrain, orienteering in snowy terrain, as well as skiing techniques and pulling a sled with equipment.

• Being found and signaling: What to do if you get lost or become isolated from your group. The course participant remembers the basics of how to make yourself visible to searchers or rescue helicopters.

• Rescue from ice: The course participant understands safe operations on ice and knows a concrete operating model (including the use of crampons) if you fall into a crevasse.

3. Mental edge and attitude to circumstances

• Utilizing the cold: Learn to see winter and snow as an ally instead of an enemy (e.g. snow as insulation and protection).

• Stress tolerance: Continuing to function and making rational decisions when tired, hungry, and in cold conditions.

3. Coordination instructions

Travel. Participants are responsible for their own travel to Finland (Rovaniemi). All delegates are recommended to book flights via Helsinki-Vantaa or directly to Rovaniemi International Airport.

Transportation between Rovaniemi Airport and Lapland Air Force will be arranged by the organizer.

Please inform the office manager or CISOR chairman of your arrival time by sending a completed event registration form. Registration begins in early December 2026.

There are parking spaces for those arriving by car. Parking is possible at the barracks.

When participants arrive, a registrar will be present at the gate.

➢ Participants must always have their passport or ID card with them.

Accommodation. Participants will be accommodated at the Lapland Air Force barracks upon arrival and departure.

Meals. Most meals will be prepared in the field. Please inform us of any allergies in advance.

Participation fee. The participation fee for CISOR/CIOR/CIOMR members is 400 euros/person.

Dress code. All participants should bring the following clothing:

(1) Travel, visiting and personal time - Smart casual, civilian clothing

(2) Your own combat uniform

(3) Please also bring your own towels and swimwear.

Event program. The meeting schedule and program will be published in the official invitation.

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Registration. Each delegation is requested to register via the link 12/2026 (open until January 17) and pay the participation fee online. One ticket entitles one person to participate.

Link for registration
Fill in the information of each participant separately

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RSVP. All recipients are kindly requested to register the "event registration form" by 17 January 2027. If you can't make it to the course, we also ask for a short answer.

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