ARCTIC LOGISTICS IN CONTESTED ENVIRONMENTS

SUSTAINING OPERATIONS IN A CHALLENGING AND COMPETITIVE ENVIRONMENT

This course provides security practitioners, planners, and decision-makers to assess and respond to logistical challenges in the Arctic's demanding and contested environment. The course examines the operational realities of sustaining forces, communities, and missions in a region characterized by extreme environment, vast distances, limited infrastructure, and evolving geopolitical competition. Through historical and contemporary case studies, the course explores how environmental, operational, and strategic factors intersect; emphasizing "grey zone" disruptions such as cyber, electronic, and information operations that can hinder logistics below the threshold of armed conflict.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Participants will gain critical knowledge and skills to:

- Analyze Arctic logistics successes and failures.
- Assess grey zone threats to logistics in the Arctic.
- Apply strategic and operational planning principles to contested logistics scenarios.
- Evaluate the impact of environmental change, infrastructure limitations, and policy constraints on sustainment operations.
- Develop adaptive strategies to ensure operational resilience in the Arctic

LEARNING EXPERIENCE

- 3-Day (~21 hours) synchronous live sessions
- Expert-led panel discussions and case studies.
- Interactive problem-solving exercises.

AUDIENCE:

- U.S. military personnel involved in Arctic Operational planning.
- Government agency personnel involved in logistics, emergency response, or infrastructure planning for high-latitude operations.
- Graduates of ARSOC or other Ted Stevens Center courses.

WHY IT MATTERS

The Arctic is rapidly growing in strategic importance as environmental change and great-power competition reshape operational realities. Logistics in this region face extreme weather, limited infrastructure, and vast distances, conditions that make any disruption far more consequential. These challenges are intensified by grey zone tactics that can delay or degrade supply chains without triggering open conflict. To safeguard national and allied interests, practitioners must be able to anticipate, detect, and respond to these pressures. Understanding Arctic-specific risks enables leaders to develop adaptive strategies that protect supply lines, preserve freedom of movement, and ensure mission success in an increasingly contested environment.

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