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ASIA PACIFIC CENTRE FOR MILITARY LAW COMMAND AND STAFF OPERATIONS LAW COURSE 4–14 OCTOBER 2011

Introduction

1. Nominations are sought for the Command and Staff Operations Law Course to be conducted by the Asia Pacific Centre for Military Law (APCML) at HMAS PENGUIN, Sydney, during the period Tuesday, 04 October 2011 to Friday, 14 October 2011. Given the Australian Defence Force's (ADF) current operational commitments, the issues covered by the course are of critical relevance to Commanders and their Staff.

Background

2. The APCML is a collaborative initiative of Defence Legal and the Melbourne University Law School. The Charter of the APCML is to facilitate cooperation amongst military forces of the Asia and Pacific regions in the research, training and implementation of the laws governing military operations. Further information regarding the APCML is available at <http://www.apcml.org/>.

Course objectives

3. The principal objective of this two-week course is to raise the awareness of commanders and their staff about key operations law issues that affect contemporary military operations. The course will familiarise participants with the law applicable to the conduct of a wide spectrum of operations and with the planning tools that assist with mission success in compliance with the rule of law. The three modules of the course are conventional operations, operations other than war, including peace operations, and training.

4. A subsidiary objective of the course is to provide an opportunity for ADF officers to engage with their counterparts from the Asia Pacific Region for the benefit of future coalition operations. Consequently, the course concept is that about half the participants will be ADF officers and half officers from regional armed forces.

5. The specific topics to be covered on the course include:

- Laws of Armed Conflict
- Law of Targeting
- Maritime Zones and Naval Operations
- Air Operations
- Rules of Engagement
- Law of Weaponry
- Command Responsibility
- Peace Operations
- Information Operations
- Law of Occupation
- Status and Treatment of Detainees
- International Organisations and Non-Government Organisations
- Civil-Military Cooperation Doctrine

Eligibility

6. The course is intended for ADF officers, Australian Public Service civilian staff, and officers of regional armed forces at the rank of O-4 (MAJ equivalent) and above who are employed, or expect to be employed, in operational areas.

Funding

7. Service accommodation and messing have been arranged and will be funded by the APCML. ADF attendees will require their parent organisation to fund all applicable travel and allowances associated with their attendance.

Nomination

8. Interested persons should complete the nomination form in [annex A](#) and submit to:

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By close of business Friday, 09 September 2011

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Annex:

A. [Command and Staff Operations Law Course 4-14 October 2011 HMAS PENGUIN New South Wales](#)

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Reason for nomination

Financial approval for travel and allowances (unit funded and actioned):

Commanding Officer endorsement

Supporting Comments		
Signature	Printed Name	Rank
Telephone	Email	

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