

OLYMPUS FIRES 21-1



DS Success Story

DS TAT Equips SOCCENT with Fires Warfighting Function <https://DoDIAC.dtic.mil>

Customer:	Headquarters, Special Operations Command Central (SOCCENT)
Challenge:	Headquarters, Special Operations Command Central (SOCCENT) required development of a fires warfighting function in order to attain Joint Task Force-capable certification as directed by Headquarters, United States Special Operations Command (USSOCOM) as well as to serve as Target Engagement Authority as directed by Headquarters, United States Central Command (USCENTCOM). Booz Allen Hamilton was tasked to develop a Joint Targeting and Fires Program to include a creation of a recurring exercise program, a recurring proficiency training event, plus development of a Fires Standard Operating Procedures publication and Target Engagement Authority training materials.

<p>Approach:</p>	<p>Booz Allen Hamilton led subject matter experts from Special Operations Forces (SOF) and Targeting/Fires communities in the design and execution of OLYMPUS FIRES 21-1 (OF 21-1), the fifth iteration of this large-scale, multi-week exercise since the program's Booz Allen Hamilton-led inception in March 2019. OF 21-1 included two days of Kinetic Strike staff academics, a Target Validation Board, Joint Targeting Working Group, Joint Targeting Coordination Board, and Special Intelligence Targeting staff academics, culminating in 16 hours of virtual kinetic strikes over two days of strike windows. Deployed Joint SOF headquarters provided operational-level fires control of armed MQ-9 remotely piloted aircraft flown by North Dakota, Iowa, and Tennessee Air National Guard squadrons in the Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL) Networked Integrated Tactical Exercise (NITE) virtual environment. The exercise included prosecution of static and mobile targets, facilities, and fires supporting both Personnel Recovery and Maneuver. SOCCENT commander led execution of the fires in support of Personnel Recovery scenario with a deployed Joint SOF headquarters, serving as both Target Engagement Authority and Personnel Recovery Task Force launch authority.</p> <p>Booz Allen Hamilton led development of a comprehensive biweekly fires proficiency training program, APOLLO FIRES, enabling the SOCCENT Commander to certify the fires warfighting function with full operational capability. Furthermore, Booz Allen Hamilton created a Fires Standard Operating Procedures publication and Target Engagement Authority training materials which further professionalized the joint targeting and fires command staff.</p>
<p>Value:</p>	<p>OLYMPUS FIRES 21-1 provided SOCCENT with the first opportunity to exercise both Fires and Personnel Recovery simultaneously in a single scenario leveraging a virtual environment.</p> <p>Booz Allen Hamilton's development of the OLYMPUS FIRES 21-1, APOLLO FIRES proficiency training program, and myriad Fires foundational products enabled SOCCENT's readiness to serve as a Joint Task Force-capable organization capable of executing Target Engagement Authority. SOCCENT became the first Theater Special Operations Command in USSOCOM history to attain a fully operational fires warfighting function.</p>

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