Defense Strategies Institute (DSI) Special Operations and Irregular Warfare Symposium 2017 is Coming Up Fast! Don't Miss It!

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Back in August, DefenseReview (DR) published a quick heads-up piece on the Defense Strategies Institute's 6th Annual Military Tactical Communications Summit, which was held in September. Well, DSI has a very interesting military SOF (Special Operations Forces) symposium coming up in early December called the DSI Special Operations and Irregular Warfare Symposium that's being conducted with the goal of "advancing SOF capabilities in support of multi-domain operations", a worthy goal, no doubt. The specific dates for the symposium are December 5-6, 2017 (so it's coming up fast), and it'll be held at the Mary M. Gates Learning Center in Alexandria, Virginia.

Here's the skinny on the event, from the DSI website:

"The 2017 Special Operations and Irregular Warfare Symposium allows members of the Special Operations Community, regional combatant commands, Department of State, Intelligence Community, industry, academia, and other critical partners to come together in a town-hall forum to discuss the operational, strategic, and tactical needs required to conduct missions involving SOF and irregular warfare. This program will incite discussion surrounding the role of Special Operations Forces in our country's defense force, and the impact USSOCOM and its partners have in achieving a global military advantage.

Why you should attend this year's Symposium:

This educational symposium will bring together members of the Special Operations community, regional combatant commands, Department of State, Intelligence Community, industry and academia to discuss the current and future direction of SOF missions as well as the strategic significance of conducting Irregular Warfare missions.

The objective of this year's symposium is to emphasize the unique and crucial role Special Operations Forces have in attaining and achieving national and international security while protecting US interests. Given rising political tensions, it is crucial to prevent military aggression and prepare for future threats. This symposium will deliberate on effective methods to equip and train the most prepared and strategically ready warfighters to accomplish these unconventional and unique missions.

This symposium will feature senior level discussions surrounding updates and new developments ranging from strategic capabilities required for Irregular Warfare to the methodologies of countering the proliferation of WMD. This program will also highlight the resources needed to have a ready and winning SOF, the significant benefits

Unconventional Warfare has in achieving victory over adversaries, and lastly, how to effectively conduct and win in grey-zone conflicts.

Topics to be covered at the 2017 Symposium:

– Overview of current and future requirements needed to support SOF missions
– Enabling unconventional warfare to address grey zone conflicts
– Efforts to counter violent extremists and preventing and countering groups from becoming radicalized
– Providing training and assistance to foreign government to aid their national security and secure US interests
– Developing and enhancing a hybrid of irregular and regular capabilities to challenge stability of regions
– Policy and oversight of strategic capabilities and resources for Special Operations
– Objectives towards multilateral, regional, and bilateral defense relations with all foreign governments assigned

At our Symposium you will have the ability to:

– Gain Education & Insight: Walk away with knowledge gained from our senior level speakers on some of the complex challenges facing special operations forces.
– Build Partnerships: The agenda is designed to allow for ample networking opportunities and the ability to engage in constructive dialogue among all in attendance.
– Influence: Help foster ideas! Share your own insight and knowledge during our interactive sessions. All attendees are encouraged to address our speaker faculty and each other with their questions, comments or ideas."

Defense Review really wishes we could attend this one ourselves, since it's right up our alley. However, it snuck up a little too quickly for us. However, if you can make it, it reads really interesting.

Click here to check out all the details on, and requirements for, attending the DSI Special Operations & Irregular Warfare Symposium. Hurry, you don't have much time.

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