1. Course Title

UHF TACSAT Basic

2. Identification Number (ID)

0037

3. Purpose of the Course

The purpose of this course is for current and future operators of TACSAT radios and is designed to prepare the students for duties governing the maintenance and operating procedures for the current NATO AN PRC 117F radio.

In detail to be able to:

1. Set up and identify the AN/PRC 117F Controls, Indicators and connectors. In this section we will also cover the embedded encryption within the AN/PRC 117F and external fill devices. And will also cover other types of operation that the AN/PRC 117F can perform.
2. Programming of the AN/PRC 117F radio. The exercises consist of hand programming the radio and establishing voice communications using line Of Sight (LOS) settings.
3. Understand the general principles of satellite communications and emphasises on the aspects that directly affect the communication link. In this subject we will hand program the radio for dedicated satellite communications as per MIL STD 188-181B and operate the radio using an actual satellite channel or satellite simulator.
4. Understand the Demand Assigned Multiple Access (DAMA) waveform and be able to program and operate in both voice and data over a DAMA network. As per MIL-STD 188-183 and NATO STANAG 4321 ED4 (IV).
5. The use of DATA applications both High Performance Waveform (HPW) and V-Mail (Data Applications) at the end of the student will be able to explain when the options are required and confidently operate both.

4. Learning Objectives

Upon completion of the course, the qualified student will gain the necessary knowledge to operate and maintain the equipment of the AN/PRC 117F.

- Explain UHF satellite communication procedure in detail in both Voice and Data.
- Demonstrate UHF satellite communication procedure both in voice and Data.
- Carry out basic troubleshooting on the PRC 117F.
- Carry out basic procedures within a lab in accordance with safety procedures, and external practices as directed.
- Understand the computer applications required for UHF TACSAT data transfer.
5. Qualification

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6. Student Criteria

- Be assigned to a NATO or national signal establishment with the role of technician or operator.
- Met the background knowledge prerequisites for the course.
- Have successfully completed a national or civilian course in basic communications systems.

7. Rank

- Officer
- Enlisted
- Civilian equivalent

8. Language Proficiency

According to STANAG 6001: English SLP 3232

9. Security Clearance

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10. Course Length

5 working days

11. Special Instructions

Students will be issued all relevant course material.

12. Class Size

- Maximum
- Recommended
- Minimum

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13. Nomination Procedures

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14. Pre-course Study Material

N/A

15. Location

The course is conducted at the NATO Communications and Information Systems School (NCISS), Latina Italy.

16. Background Knowledge Prerequisites

Preferable:

1. Previous experience in basic communication systems (e.g. SATCOM, VHF, UHF, HF, LOS.)
2. Basic knowledge of computer operating systems.