

## **Gouge from the Course Chief**

**Scope:** *This program of instruction is intended to develop the leadership, decision-making capability and proficiency of Infantry Sergeants. The course exercises critical thinking, supports cognitive development, and challenges the leader's ability to solve problems. Students will be placed in a succession of scenarios progressing in duration and complexity. The scenarios will be executed as tactical decision games, sand table exercises, case studies, and field training and/or live fire exercises. Instructors will coach and mentor while providing objective, doctrinally-based assessments. Peers will be required to provide additional assessments on fellow students while participating in after action reviews to maximize the learning experience and to assist in removing subjectivity from the assessment. Training is based on individual infantry training events executed in a collective environment. This environment enhances the development of the combined arms capabilities and technical and procedural proficiencies of small unit leaders*

ISULC is a course that will challenge your decision making ability. You will not be taught technical skills as you would at one of our advanced courses – you are expected to have mastered your MOS specific skills prior to coming to ISULC. Here, you will be evaluated on your ability to make timely, accurate decisions based on various inputs, coupled with your already honed technical skills. You will be placed in various environments (classroom, field, simulated, live-fire...) that will test your mental agility and physical strength. You will be challenged with decision points that will force you to make a decision, and either reap the rewards or suffer the consequences of that decision.

The course will take place over 6 weeks, evenly spread between field classroom environments. You will participate in challenging physical training during your time here. You are expected to participate in guided discussions on topics ranging from ethics to ROE to Warfighting and leadership. You will not take any written tests while attending ISULC. You will however write several combat orders that you will execute during a field exercise.

Preparation for this school is important. Ensure you are in top physical shape, have all your personal issues squared away. You need to have more than just a basic knowledge of infantry skills such as Warfighting, observation techniques, fires and battlespace geometry, orders process, communications, and land navigation.

**Students will need to have the following items with them at all times:**

- water source
- note taking gear
- MCDP-1 Warfighting
- mouth guard

**\* Marines coming from outside the CLNC area will be issued CIF gear on TD-1**