



# SPECIAL OPS OPSEC

Joseph Hough was a US Marine for 27 years. He was trained on Parris Island in the summer of 1978 and spent his first five years in the Infantry. He was deployed throughout the Pacific through the late '70s and early '80s. He played a role in Operation Eagle Claw, the abortive special operations raid on Iran on 24 April 1980 to rescue American hostages held in Tehran.

In 1983 he changed his Military Occupational Specialty to Interrogator-Translator, an intelligence MOS, and became a Russian and Polish linguist and area expert. He deployed throughout the world in both in large units and small teams on various missions. In the early 2000s he became an Intelligence Chief deploying to Djibouti. Ultimately, Joe achieved the rank of Master Gunnery Sergeant, the highest senior enlisted rank. Retiring in 2005, Joe served as a defense contractor for about seven years and assisted in the early training of what would become MARSOC, Marine Special Operations Command, and assisted in the training of SOF and SEAL units.



He worked at the Marine Special Operations School, MSOS, for almost three years (June 2010 to March 2013) as the Lessons Learned Specialist. During that time I worked within the S-3 Operations shop with government and contractor personnel in the planning and scheduling of all courses then offered by the MSOS but also with the sections to travel and directly observe that training.

Joe now works as a licensed broker in his wife's real estate business.