



# Technical Diving Symposium

## 23-24 August 2016

SOF Combat Diving sought to identify Training, Planning, and Equipment used by world class divers to accomplish long duration missions in deep and/or cold water, impediments for SOF executing similar missions and applicability for SOF Diving. SOFWERX invited 14 industry participants and 22 Government & Military personnel.

## Event Outcomes

- The techniques used to minimize disturbance can be of great benefit to SOF Combat Divers.
- Planning constraints differ between the SOF Combat Divers and Tech Divers due to the contingency planning approach.
- Slight increased standardization of equipment use and configuration by divers was identified to aid in problem resolution and communication paramount for cold water.
- Evaluate effectiveness of Tech Diver training as a “pilot” program for use only by SOF.
- Establish an organizational structure to support risk identification and risk mitigation strategies to execute missions requiring operation in deep, long, & cold environments.
- Standardize diver equipment & procedure for use with cold water missions.