

## SOF in Competition â?? Special Project

### Description

Episode 112 is the launch podcast for the SOF in Competition Special Project.

*The Irregular Warfare Initiative proudly announces the SOF in Competition Project. The intent is to coalesce the community of SOF policy makers, researchers, and practitioners to understand the role of SOF in addressing contemporary and future national security challenges.*

There already exists a global community of SOF researchers and practitioners poised to explore these questions to advance the profession. The SOF in Competition Project provides a platform for this community to coalesce, to explore the role of SOF, and to invest in leaders and the broader community. If you are a SOF professional, this is your platform. We very much welcome article submissions, ideas for events and partnerships, podcast topics, and volunteers to join the community. Reach out to [adam.darnley-stuart@irregularwarfare.org](mailto:adam.darnley-stuart@irregularwarfare.org) to explore how to get involved.

Brigadier Brett Chaloner entered the Australian Army via the Defence Academy in 1991 and commissioned in 1994. Originally an Infantry Officer, he completed Commando selection in 1997 and served in the 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment (Commando). He subsequently completed Special Air Service Regiment selection, serving in a range of command and operations appointments. His primary command appointments include the Counter Terrorist Unit, Tactical Assault Group-East, the 2nd Commando Regiment in Sydney and the 13<sup>th</sup> Brigade in Perth. He is currently Director General Implementation for the Strategic Review in to the ADF's Reserve System. Brett has had multiple overseas operational tours as a Troop Commander in East Timor, and a Commander, Advisor, Planner and Liaison Officer in Afghanistan and Iraq spanning twenty years. He had the privilege of operating across a range of other countries as a planner and advisor, contributing to regional security and stability. He has been fortunate to undertake a two-year posting as an embedded planner and liaison officer in the US Joint Special Operations Command, as well as a yearlong course at the Higher Defence College of India.

[Clementine Starling](#) is the Director of the Forward Defence Program at the Atlantic Council. In her role, Clementine shapes the Center's US defense research agenda, leads the Forward Defense team, and produces thought leadership on US security strategies and the evolving character of warfare. Clementine's piece [Stealth, speed, and adaptability: The role of special operations forces in](#)

[strategic competition](#) is the focus for this podcast.

Director SOF in Competition Adam Darnley-Stuart and Podcast Host Katherine Michealson are the hosts for this podcast. Please reach out to Adam and Katherine with any questions about this episode of the [Irregular Warfare Podcast](#).

The [Irregular Warfare Podcast](#) is a production of the [Irregular Warfare Initiative](#) (IWI). We are a team of volunteers dedicated to bridging the gap between scholars and practitioners in the field of irregular warfare. IWI generates written and audio content, coordinates events for the IW community, and hosts critical thinkers in the field of irregular warfare as IWI fellows. You can follow and engage with us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [YouTube](#), or [LinkedIn](#). Subscribe to our monthly [newsletter](#) for access to our written content, upcoming community events, and other resources.

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