

## Petra Malm

The World's First Special Forces Female Soldier

Petra Malm is a former Swedish Special Forces operative and was the first woman to join the ranks in her native country as well as the world's first Special Forces female soldier.

Petra served in the Special Operations Group for 10 years, where her identity had to remain a complete secret. She said that the secrecy of the role—because she was a woman—added intense physical and mental pressure.

Petra recently stepped down from active military service and now presents guest lectures about her involvement in the Swedish Armed Forces, explaining how she kept her life secret from the rest of the world for such a long period of time.

She can be seen in the TV-show *SAS Who Dares Wins* on Channel 4 in the UK. The series takes place in Chile at 3,000 metres above sea level, 25 civilians are trying to make the tests for the special association SAS. Petra went in as a mole in order to inform the instructors about the recruits.

Her specialty in the Special operations Group was human gathering and she is a trained interrogator, making her an expert on behaviors and personalities.

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