



Infantry Warfighters' Forum

Information Brief to AOKM Conference

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What is the IWfF?



One of several BCT “Communities of Practice”

→ More precisely defined as “Communities of Purpose.”

→ **IBCT Leaders with IBCT Command Emphasis working issues with key stakeholders in the Institutional Army**

What It is:

- **Network and connectivity** required to effectively collaborate
- Mandates “buy-in and support” of operational/ generating forces
- A strategy for **teaching, training and collaboration.**

What It Isn't:

- Not merely a collection of web-sites, links and blogs
- **Not an attempt to suggest a level of training and readiness oversight**
- **Not duplicative** of TRADOC/AMC programs or systems



IWfF Mission



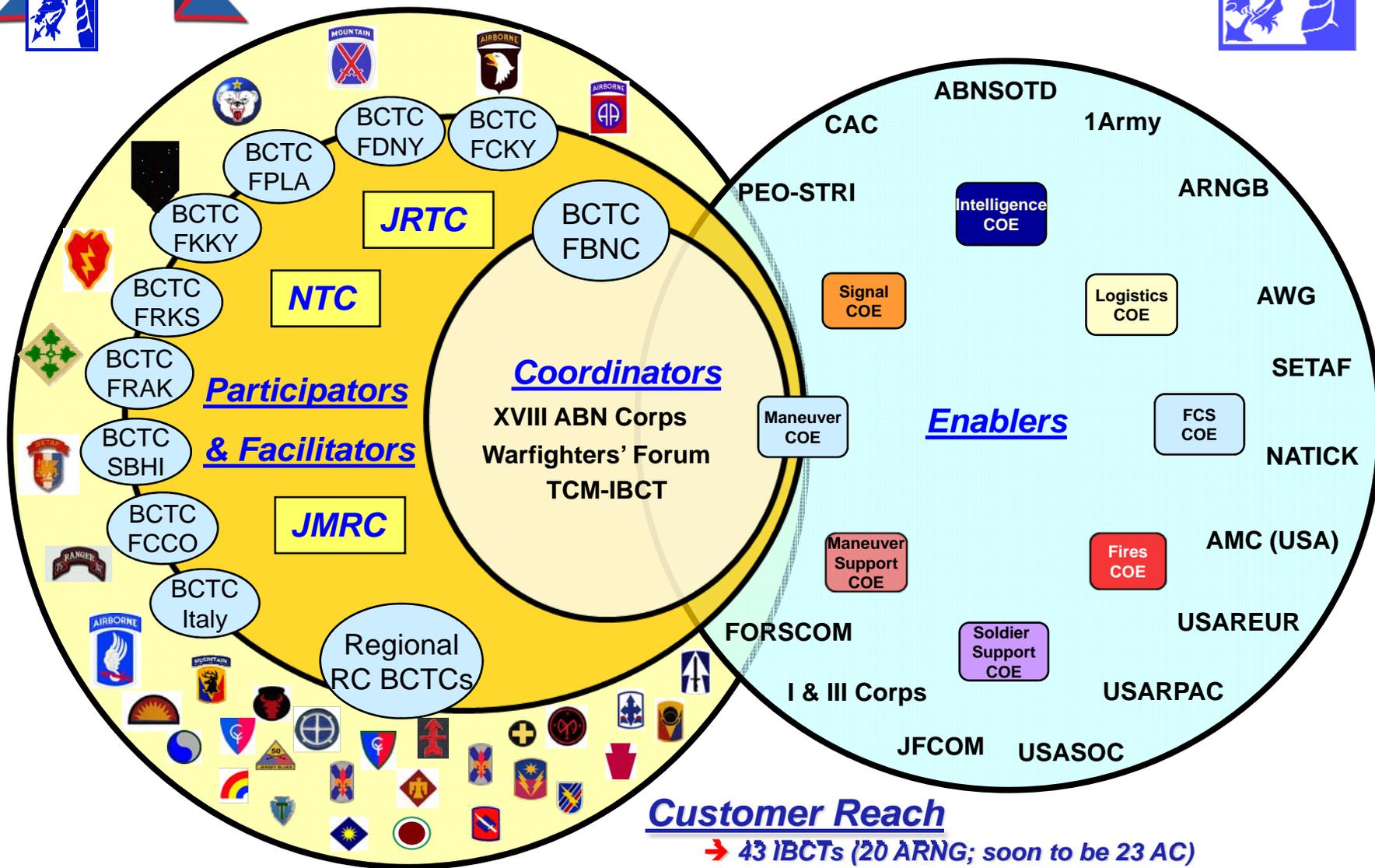
Create a Community of Purpose

among AC/NG Infantry Brigade Combat Teams; Division/Senior Commanders and State Adjutants General with IBCTs; TRADOC's Maneuver Center of Excellence; and numerous other installations, organizations and activities routinely working DOTMLPF issues.

Synchronize an effort

to support training and leader development; collaborate and share ideas; and find solutions to common problems across the Total Army.

IBCT Community of Purpose



Customer Reach

- ➔ 43 IBCTs (20 ARNG; soon to be 23 AC)
- ➔ 14 Divisions (8 ARNG; 6 AC)
- ➔ 24 NG TAGS
- ➔ 8 Centers of Excellence



Collaboration & Engagement Methods

“Within the scope of its mission, the three WfFs are authorized direct liaison (DIRLAUTH) with all FORSCOM, TRADOC and AMC organizations, offices and agencies, as well as others in the Department of the Army, Joint, DoD, Interagency, State, and local offices, and within academia for the purposes of: dialogue, collaboration, coordination, fact finding, clarification of issues and general subject matter, and requesting and securing training resources on behalf of BCTs.”

BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM (BCT) WARFIGHTERS' FORUM CHARTER



Enhanced SIPR Capabilities



- **Real-Time Deployed Unit Data**
 - OPSUM, INTSUM, SIGACTS
- **Classified BLOG Capability**
- **Pre-MOB “Right Seat Ride” Coordination**
- **Links to Theater Unit Portals**



Portal Challenges



- ❑ Global-User Connectivity
 - Theater units operate predominantly SIPR
 - NG units have limited SIPR access
- ❑ Local DOIM Restrictions
 - Inconsistent permission policies between installations
- ❑ Single Sign-On
 - Centralized approval process is slow
- ❑ Remote Access
 - Army policy restricting log-on to .mil sites from non-government PCs
 - CAC reader requirements



Senior Mentor Symposiums



- **Senior Mentor Symposiums hosted by LTG Austin and conducted quarterly**
- **A venue for IBCT-owning Division Cdrs and IBCT Cdrs to collaborate, discuss lessons learned, and raise issues that affect the IBCT Community**
- **To date we have held two Symposiums**
- **Generally 100 participants from all Active Component and National Guard IBCT-owning Divisions and IBCTs**
- **We encourage discussion during these sessions (“chat” & audio)**
- **Next Senior Mentor Symposium scheduled for 13 Nov 08**

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<http://www.wwd.army.mil/wwd/wwdmain.asp>
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Newsletter Summary

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- [Portal Access Update](#)

Quarterly Symposium with IBCT Senior Mentor Scheduled for 14 August 2008

The IBCT Warfighters' Forum (IWFF) continues its momentum setting as an agent for change and facilitating leader involvement for the IBCT Community.

We will host the second IWFF Senior Mentor Symposium on 14 Aug 08 from 1600Z to 1730Z. Participation in the last Symposium was phenomenal! I was especially pleased to see participation from all 14 AONIG IBCT-coming DIVs as well as most IBOTs. Thanks also to the participants from the many IBCT Enablers of our Generating Force. I encourage everyone to again participate. Invite a friend to join you at this event!

In this next Symposium, we will discuss the concerns and issues of our IBOTs, as we did in May. But, I've asked the IWFF staff to schedule more time for Cdr discussion than was available before.

We will again have a lesson learned portion that spotlights a recently redeployed unit. Then, BG Perry Wiggins, Cdr, LID will update us on Transition Team Operations. After his presentation, I've asked our new TCM-IBCT, COL Bill Simari, to present some breaking news on the TRADOC BOT Holistic Review and provide more information on the FCS

spinouts referenced in this newsletter.



Finally, we will devote time toward the examination of some topics that have come to the forefront. I hope to get some open and honest feedback from each of you on these topics.

I look forward to talking with you on 14 Aug at our second IBOT Symposium. Address any further questions you may have on the event to the POCs listed on the back of this newsletter.

IWfF Working Issues -- UPDATE

Two new issues were put forth this past month, bringing the IWFF total to twenty-four. These new issues deal with a need for Special Weapons Exploitation Teams and an organic Precision Indirect Fire Capability for IBCTs.

All issues are advancing IAW our IWFF 4-step process. Three are considered CLOSED. Thirteen issues are now in a WORKING status. These include five issues announced in our June Newsletter plus the

following: *Remedy the field misconception concerning the size of the MG Crew. Status: USAIC will relook contradictory working in FM 5-21.8 and FM 5-22.65. *Identify the "Top Five" training enablers needed for home-stations. Status: Div G5 AOWGs have prioritized the list for further action. *Offer INTEL training for small unit leaders. Status: See page 2 of this Newsletter. *Procure TIGR for BDE-FLT info sharing. Status: TRADOC assessment continues in theater. 8 more BOTs (4 IBOT) will receive equipment in CY08.

*Four issues concerning organizational change will be addressed at a TRADOC BOT Holistic Review which began on 29 Jul 08 and concludes in Dec 08.

Four issues still remain in an EMERGING status on the [IWFF Portal](#) for additional discussion. We hope you will take the time soon to add your comments to those of others.

The final four issues are in the POTENTIAL status pending our further fact-finding and analysis.



- Newsletter published monthly
- Areas of interest to IBCT Cdrs and their staffs
- Interactive – links to portal



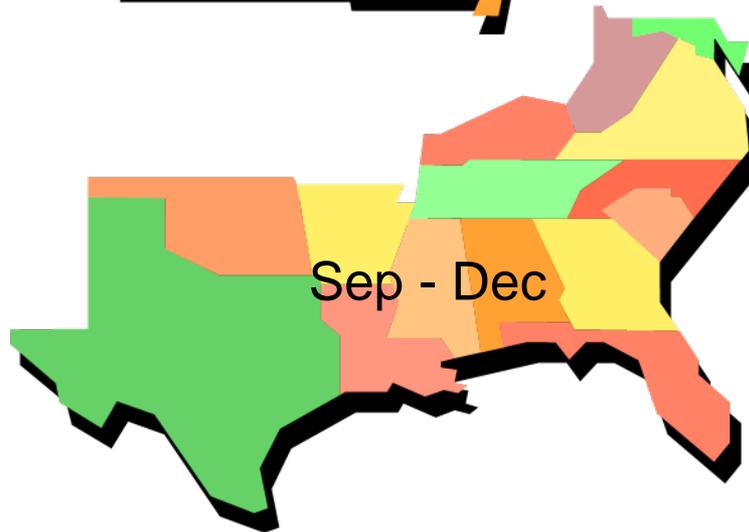
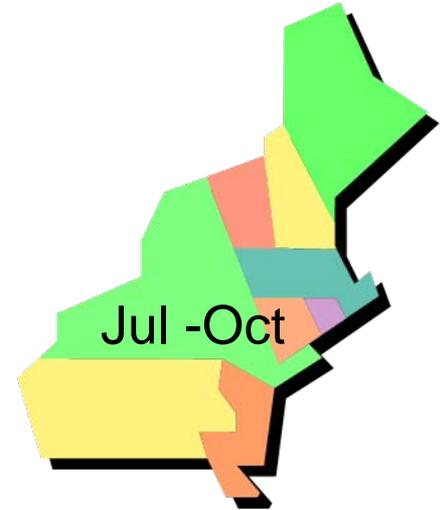
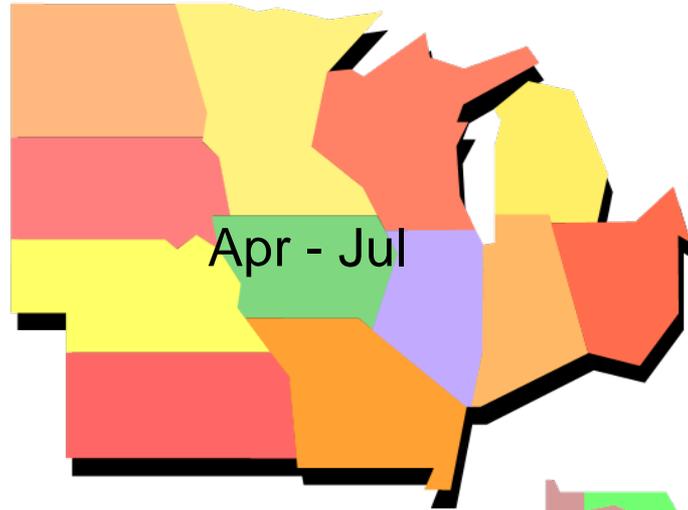
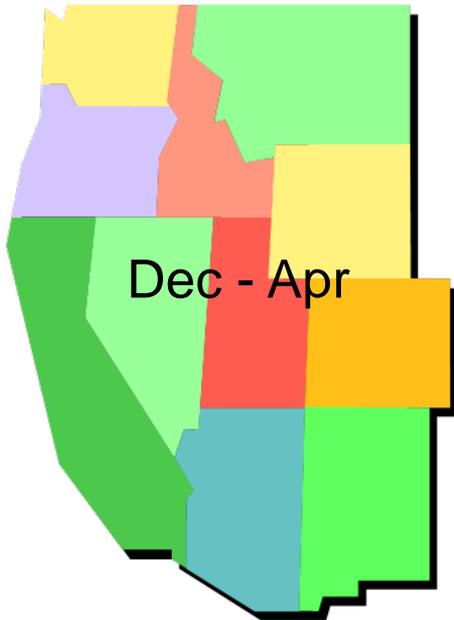
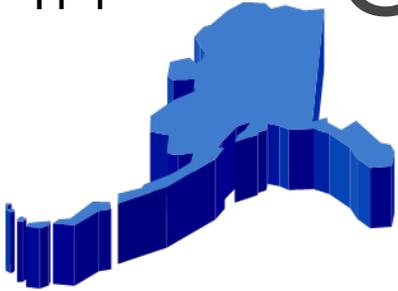
Unit Visits - Purpose



- To market IWfF capabilities
- To conduct train-the-trainer instruction on how to use IWfF Portal & ADOBE Connect collaboration tools
- To gather lessons learned and issues from unit leaders
- To inform unit leaders a status on working issues
- To conduct post combat surveys ICW USAIC

Geographical Regions

Yr 1



Yr 2

Yr 3





IWfF Issue Tracking

“A Synchronized Effort
to Implement Change”

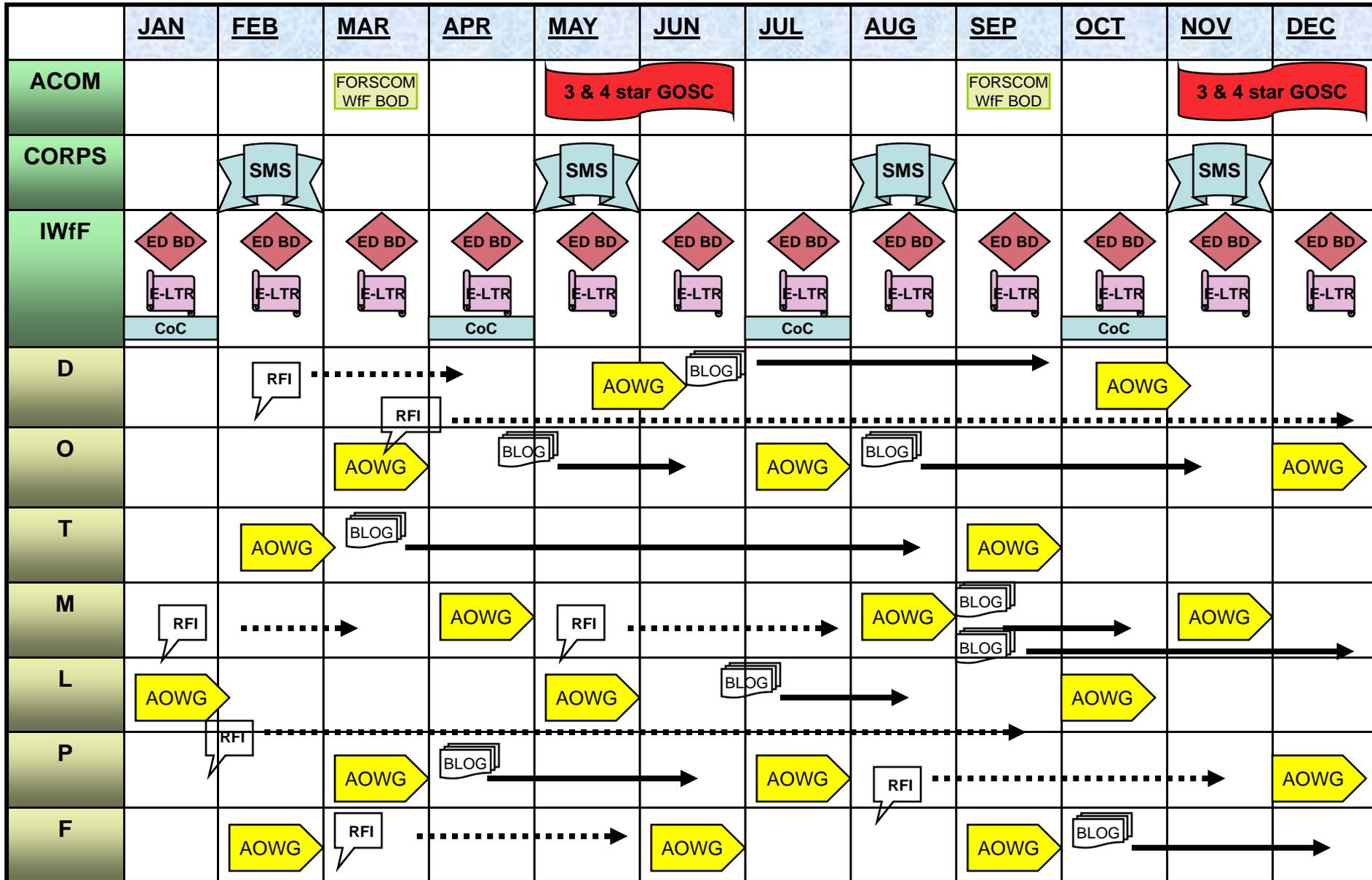


How Issues are Received



- **From a Portal User**
- **Via e-mails or phone calls from Key Leaders**
- **From a Staffing Document (ONS, Memo)**
- **From an “Enabler” Agency**
- **Via IWfF Symposium or WG Discussion**
- **Command Directed**
- **During Visits with Units**

WfF Battle Rhythm





Current CoP Activities



AOWGs

- BCT Holistic Review
- Home-station Training Enablers

RFIs

- TIGR Requirements
- Review Recon Sqdn CATS tasks

BLOG

- Precision Indirect Fires
- Scan Eagle UAVs
- Mobile Training Teams
- Special Weapons Exploitation Teams



Success Stories



MRAP Training

- Symposium Topic - *May*
 - Part of broader TNG issue
- Portal Discussion - *Jun*
 - “Your Feedback Requested”
- AOWG - *Jul*
 - CoP “buy-in” to priority
- CoP “Enablers” Informed - *Jul*
 - @ Bi-Weekly MRAP VTC
- Sr. Mentor Action - *Aug*
 - Operational Needs Statement
- ACOM Action - *Aug*
 - COA analysis
- HQDA Action - *on-going*
 - Sourcing solutions
- Resourced - *2QFY09*
 - 604+ MRAPs to be made available to pre-mob sites

CO Intel Support Tms

- Professional Forum - *Apr*
 - Infantry Magazine article
- Symposium Topic - *May*
 - Discussed need to revisit IBCT organizational design
- Portal Discussion - *Jun*
- HQDA Action - *Jun*
 - “BCT Holistic Review” tasker
- TRADOC Action - *Jul*
 - Decision to use WfFs to speed the review process
- AOWG - *Sep*
 - CoP reviewed prelim analysis
- COA Analysis - *on-going*
- Sr. Mentor Update - *Nov*
 - Symposium discussion in advance of TRADOC decision brief in Dec



Questions?