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Warfighters' Forum (WfF)

Update for the 4th Annual AOKM Conference

28 October 2008

WfF...a turning point for how we train and prepare for war!

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Purpose

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Provide a brief overview of the purpose, organization, and “way-ahead” for the Warfighters’ Forum (WfF) initiative

Recognizing the value to our Army of the “community” that was evolving among Stryker BCTs, in January '07, CG FORSCOM directed that Cdr, III Corps and Cdr, XVIII Airborne Corps develop similar communities for HBCT and IBCT formations.

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Agenda

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- Background / Concept
- Army Command Level Overview
- “Report Card” / Trends
- Specific Forum Presentations
- Panel Discussions and Q & A

WfF is accelerating the pace of change and decision making by creating a more dynamic and responsive nexus between the Operating and the Generating force.

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“Warfighters’ Forums”

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What are they?

- This is fundamentally a strategy for *teaching, training, and collaboration*.
- Designated Commanders serve a *senior mentor* function and *enable* their communities. Senior Leaders, Commanders and staffs provide the hierarchy needed to ensure that *disciplined processes* enable knowledge sharing.
- The concept potentially crosses many domains and command lines (e.g. BCT WfF cross FORSCOM, EUCOM, PACOM and R/C) and mandates the “buy in” and support of the operational and generating forces.
- WfF is less about infrastructure or physical “centers” and more about *developing capabilities*. It is the *networking and connectivity* required to effectively collaborate within and among respective communities.
- A *phased* evolution, an *iterative* and *parallel* process, driven by a deliberate *MDMP* approach. Evolving emerging forums to fully enabled “Total Army” reach requires an integrated and resourced Army-wide effort...ultimately extending to *Joint and Interagency*.

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WfF Background

Recognized Parallel Efforts Across the Force

An Epiphany!

**Stryker
"U"**

**Vision
to Expand
to all BCT:
"Communities
of Practice"**

Jan 07

**Initial
Mission
Analysis:
WfF WG**

May 07

**BCKS
Link-up:
"Communities
of Purpose"**

Aug 07

*KM in Corps
Design*

**WfF 4-Star
Exec Council:
Stock-taking &
Azimuth for
Ph. III**

Dec 08

*Increasing
Joint &
Interagency
Integration*

**ACOM WfF
Ph. II
Implementation**

Jan 08- Present

**BCT WfF
Ph. I
Implementation.
Brief FORSCOM
Cdrs' Conf.
12 Dec**

Aug-Dec 07

WfF WG: Creative, innovative, and believe in the power of this.



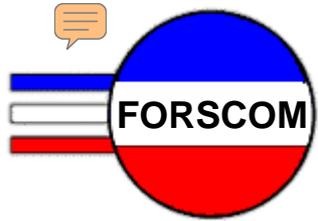
Trends

- This is powerful. WfF has an integrating quality that is forging unity of effort across the Army in new and compelling **Transformational,**

- Transcending traditional command and control forums. WfF is a Command and Control network:

- *Acutely focused* on training, readiness & leader development
- Enables *collaboration* and a rapid exchange of ideas
- For **Everyone wants to transform...** *solution*
- Requiring **provided THEY don't have to change!** change the Army."
- A *Lean Six Sigma* quality to this

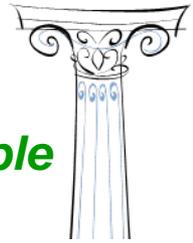
WfF is a true water-shed and is proving to be the catalyst for a new dimension of cooperation, partnership and collaboration across all commands.



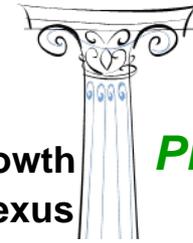
Report Card

How Are We Doing?

People



- A viable and working CoP
- An operational arm for Army KM
- Burgeoning command interest / growth
- Operating and Generating Force Nexus



Process

A vision without resources is a hallucination!

Not iterative parallel & converging development

Refine requirements

Program of Record



Technology

- Lacking coherent systems architecture
 - Search capability
 - Synchronous collaboration
- Content & capability underdeveloped
- Must create an Enterprise solution

WfF...Must create interdependent, linked, and mutually supporting capabilities across commands!



Vision for WfF

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- A WfF with capabilities the field wants, enabled by a seamless Enterprise driven architecture. Optimized to *train as we fight!*
- A Web 2.0 approach with *interdependent capabilities* that support virtual collaboration across the Army (ultimately Joint and Interagency).
- Uses the *“best of breed”* across networks...not redundant.
- Can *personalize WfF* as easily as MySpace and use it similarly.
- We *do not stifle* WfF with bureaucracy, organization, hierarchy, and rigor...*no wiring diagrams!*

It's not so much what we call what we are building, who builds it, or who runs it. It does matter that WE BUILD IT and make it work for our Army

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WFF Navigation

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- ACOM Home Page**
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-  **IBCT WfF**
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-  **Transition Teams**
-  **AMEDD**
- Common WfF Links**

Welcome to Army Warfighters Forum >>>

CG FORSCOM	CG TRADOC	CG AMC
		
<p>"This initiative shows the potential for exponential growth. The Warfighters' Forums will revolutionize the way we train, prepare for war, and adapt our practices to cope with dynamic change. I strongly encourage your participation as we inaugurate and further develop this important capability for our Army." GEN Campbell</p>	<p>"Warfighter Forums are a significant step into the future. I encourage the continued dialogue between the operating and generating forces to ensure that we develop capabilities and provide solutions to common problems across the Total Army. Participation in these forums will foster accelerated leader development, assist with adapting force-structure designs and rapidly changing doctrine to prepare Soldiers to accomplish their missions." GEN Wallace</p>	<p>"The BCT Warfighter Forum is a big step forward towards improving the coordination of our support to the warfighter. As we develop this concept, we must ensure we have the tools and organization to implement continuous process improvement Army-wide. This can only help to improve the service, at all levels, to our ultimate customer, the Soldier. This is an important concept. It's up to all of us to make it work." GEN Griffin</p>

WFF:
 Soldiers, leaders, units, and organizations with a common sense of purpose (mission) and common interests and problems, who learn by collaborating, sharing ideas, innovating, and finding solutions.

WFF Media Gallery >>>

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WFF Announcements

- 26 Jun 2008 13:45 GMT**

Click the link below for access to valuable Army Medical Department (AMEDD) on-line resources, to include:

 - Warrior Transition Unit (WTU) Training
 - AMEDD Lessons Learned
 - AMEDD Deployment Readiness
 - Medical Knowledge Network

Check out the NEW AMEDD Link in the WFF Navigation Channel.

» AMEDD On-Line
- 25 Jun 2008 16:51 GMT**

This is the warfighter's link to quicker learning for adapting more rapidly than our adversaries.

WFF provides a wealth of information sources common to Army forces and links Active and Reserve Component BCT warfighters to each other and experts in the field.

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The links, below are in four groups. Click on the group/folder name to expand the group and find the following sets of links:

- Functional Nets** contains COIN, Fires Knowledge Network, Mounted Maneuver, and Protection Net.
- Leader Nets** contains Leader Net, NCO Net, Warrant Officer Net, Plt Ldr Net, and Co Cdr Net.
- Staff Nets** contains S1 Net, MI Net, S3-XO Net, Log Net, and LandWarNet.
- Selected Links** contains miscellaneous other links.

Warfighters' Forum Links

-  [Professional Forums - Functional Nets](#)
-  [Professional Forums - LEADER Nets](#)
-  [Professional Forums - STAFF Nets](#)
-  [Selected Sites](#)
-  [Army Battle Command Knowledge System \(BCKS\)](#)
-  [Warfighters Forums WorkGroups](#)