



Origins of the Counterinsurgency Center

In 2006, U.S. Army Combined Arms Center Commander, LTG David Petraeus, and the Marine Corps Combat Development Center (MCCDC) Commander, Lt. Gen. James Mattis established the Counterinsurgency Center in response to a need to better educate and train all U.S. ground forces on the principles and practices of counterinsurgency, and to integrate counterinsurgency efforts among the services. Another key task was to facilitate the implementation of FM3-24 *Counterinsurgency*, through educational seminars, training teams, conferences, research, outreach, collaboration, and collection and dissemination of counterinsurgency lessons learned.

Since its establishment, the Counterinsurgency Center has expanded to focus on successful counterinsurgency doctrinal practice in Iraq and Afghanistan as well as study and analysis of current and emerging insurgencies worldwide.



What the Counterinsurgency Center Contributes

Counterinsurgency training and education

- BCT Counterinsurgency Seminars
- Integrate into Combat Training Center scenarios
- Counterinsurgency related Leader Professional Development packets

Counterinsurgency doctrine and techniques

- Revise FM 3-24
- Monitor and control FM 3-24.2 (Techniques) and update Wiki

Information Sharing

- Webcasts on counterinsurgency topics
- Participation in Umbrella Week visits to returning units
- Integrate information from Center for Army Lessons Learned, Counterinsurgency Advisory and Assistance Team-Afghanistan, academia, and the operational force

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Combined Arms Center



The Counterinsurgency Center



U.S. Army Counterinsurgency Center

The Counterinsurgency Center is a subordinate organization of the Army Irregular Warfare Fusion Cell and the Mission Command Center of Excellence, U.S. Army Combined Arms Center. Its mission is to

provide Doctrine, Organization, Training, Materiel, Leader Development and Education, Personnel, and Facilities (DOTMLPF) solutions applicable to counterinsurgency environments in order to improve ground forces' capability to execute and succeed in counterinsurgency operations globally.



Counterinsurgency Center Lines of Effort

Education and Training: Provides seminars for deploying, ground-holding Brigade Combat Teams (BCT) to assist unit leadership in gaining doctrinal understanding of fundamentals of counterinsurgency, insurgency, operational environment, approach, and operational framework. Counterinsurgency Center conducts conferences and workshops for a wide counterinsurgency audience and includes top theorists, academicians, and practitioners.

Doctrine: Revise and maintain counterinsurgency doctrine (FM3-24) and techniques to support operating force efforts globally. Promote mastery of counterinsurgency fundamentals.

Counterinsurgency Center Lines of Effort (continued)

Integration: Conducts collaboration with other institutions within the Army, other services, interagency, academia, research entities, and foreign armies which ensures consistency of doctrine, training, and education and application of counterinsurgency worldwide.

Research: Reviews and analyzes relevant literature to include unit after action reviews, key leader interviews, studies, monographs, articles, scholarly papers and military and government directives and policies with respect to counterinsurgency to ensure that DOTMLPF products are substantiated with solid analytical foundation.

Counterinsurgency Center compiles selected lesson learned. See Counterinsurgency Center public website (Lessons Learned link).

Outreach: Counterinsurgency Center hosts public forums on a variety of counterinsurgency and irregular warfare topics 1 – 2 times monthly using Defense Connect Online, allowing input and questions from participants. Meetings are recorded and briefing slides posted to the Counterinsurgency Center public website.

To add your name to the Counterinsurgency Center distribution list to receive alerts of upcoming webcasts and the Irregular Warfare Newsletter, send your name and contact information to coin@conus.army.mil

The Colloquium: An on-line journal for authors to publish their research on counterinsurgency or related irregular warfare topics. Journal is linked to a public discussion board which enables interaction between readers and the author. Authors may submit topics or articles to the Counterinsurgency Center for review and publication. See <http://coin.army.mil> (Colloquium link).

Counterinsurgency Big Ideas What is Counterinsurgency?

“The set of political, economic, social, military, law enforcement, civil and psychological activities with the aim to defeat insurgency and address any core grievances.” (JP3.4.4)

End-State of Counterinsurgency

“Victory is achieved when the populace consents to the government’s legitimacy and stops actively and passively supporting the insurgency.” (FM 3-24)

Counterinsurgency Main Objectives

- Legitimize the Host Nation’s government
- Eliminate the prerequisites for an insurgency
- Achieve unity of effort across multiple lines of operations
- Isolate the insurgent from the people

In a counterinsurgency, host nation forces and partners operate to defeat armed resistance, reduce passive and/or active opposition, and establish or re-establish the legitimacy of the host nation’s government.

