MCTP ORIENTATION BRIEF

MCTP Orientation Brief
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Agenda

- Mission
- MCTP Organization
- MCTP Senior Mentors
- Planning and Synchronizing a WFX
- DATE and WCOPFOR
- Warfighter Model
- OC/Ts and ECG
- Key Observations
- FY 17-18 Exercise Life Cycle Calendars
MCTP supports the collective training of Army units as directed by the CSA and scheduled by FORSCOM to provide Commanders and Leaders the opportunity to train Mission Command in Unified Land Operations.

MCTP Contributions to the Army

✓ Leader Development
✓ Readiness
   ❑ METL focused Training Objectives
   ❑ Objective “T” assessment
✓ Building Expeditionary Capabilities

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MCTP OPSGRPs Mission Set

- Operations Groups A and D: Train Division/Corps/ASCCs
- Operations Groups B and F: Train Functional and Multi-Functional Brigades
- Operations Group C: Trains National Guard Brigade Combat Teams (select F/MF BDEs)
- Operations Group J: SOFCFI3 and Special Operation Forces Headquarters
- Operations Group S: Trains Sustainment Brigades, TSCs and ESCs
- Operations Group X: Develops and provides Mission Command for exercises

MCTP Mission Statement:
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HQE-SMs (Senior Mentors)

- **GEN (R) McKiernan**
  - AR
  - ISAF CDR
  - 59 Day
- **LTG (R) LeMoyne**
  - IN
  - CDR INF School
  - 59 Day
- **LTG (R) Campbell**
  - AR
  - CG, III Corps
  - 130 Day
- **LTG (R) Huggins**
  - IN
  - CG, 82 ABN
  - 59 Day
- **LTG (R) Hogg**
  - AR
  - US MIL REP NATO
  - 130 Day
- **LTG (R) Tucker**
  - AR
  - CG, First Army
  - 59 Day
- **MG (R) Golden**
  - AV
  - DCG (O) 8 Army
  - 130 Day
- **MG (R) Fontaine**
  - LG
  - CG, USA SB CMD
  - 59 Day
- **MG (R) Longo**
  - FA
  - DCG 7 Army
  - 130 Day
- **MG (R) Richardson**
  - LG
  - CG, MSDDC
  - 130 Day
- **MG (R) Boozer**
  - FA
  - CG, USARJ
  - 130 Day
- **MG (R) Couch**
  - LG
  - CG, 316th SC (EXP)
  - 130 Day
- **BG (R) Weber**
  - AR
  - DCG(S) 3 ID
  - 59 Day
- **BG (R) Wolf**
  - AV
  - 11th AV BDE
  - 59 Day

- **BG (R) Thomas**
  - AV
  - DCG(S) 2 ID
  - 59 Day
- **BG (R) Lehr**
  - IN
  - CG, JTF North
  - 59 Day
- **BG (R) Akin**
  - LG
  - CG, 3d ESC
  - 130 Day

- **LG**
  - DCG 7 Army
  - 130 Day

- **FA**
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  - 59 Day

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  - 59 Day

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  - ISAF CDR
  - 59 Day

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  - 59 Day

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  - AR
  - 130 Day

- **CG, MSDDC**
  - LG
  - 130 Day

- **CG, 82 ABN**
  - IN
  - 59 Day

- **CG, First Army**
  - AR
  - 59 Day

- **USARJ**
  - FA
  - 130 Day

- **316th SC (EXP)**
  - LG
  - 130 Day

- **3d ESC**
  - LG
  - 130 Day

- **US Army Combined Arms Center**
  - SOLDIERS AND LEADERS - OUR ASYMMETRIC ADVANTAGE

- **Current MCTP HQE-SMs**
MCTP Exercise OPTEMPO

- **5 x Multi-Echelon, Multi-Component WFXs per Year**
  - 1-2 x Corps HQs
  - 8-9 x Division HQs
  - Approximately 22 x F/MF BDE HQs
  - 10 x Sustainment BDE/ESC HQs
  - 1-2 x SOF HQs

- **5 x ASCC Exercises per Year**
  - Vibrant Response / Ardent Sentry
  - Ulchi Freedom Guardian
  - Judicious Response
  - Saber Junction
  - Austere Challenge
  - Lucky Warrior
  - Talisman Sabre / Pacific Sentry
  - Lion Focus

- **6 x NG Brigade WFXs (BWFX) per Year**

- **Exercise Life Cycle**
  - 3 x Planning events per exercise (IEP, MEP, FEP)
  - 1 x Four/Five day Mission Command Training seminar per Training Audience

"MCTP is the Army's primary CTC for Mission Command Training."
Source: AR 350-50 para 1-5 e. (1)
MCTP designs Decisive Action focused exercises, incorporating aspects of the Army Operating Concept to enable units to build METL focused readiness and support leader development through Mission Command.

**Core Competencies**
- Shape the Security Environment
- Set the Theater
- Project National Power
- Combined Arms Maneuver
- Wide Area Security
- Cyberspace Operations
- Special Operations

**Operational Environment**
- Increased momentum of human interaction
- Capable, elusive enemies
- Potential overmatch
- WMD proliferation
- Importance of cyber & space
- Dense urban areas
- Tech transfer
- Ubiquitous media

**MCTP’s Decisive Action WFXs support the AOC in that it provides and integrates:**
- Multi-echelon (Corps, Divisions and BDEs)
- Multi-component (Active, National Guard and Reserve)
- Joint Enablers, Joint Functions and SOF
- ASCC exercises offer opportunity to train Corps/DIV HQs as JTF/JFLCC HQs
- Corps/DIV HQs are exercised w/ multiple subordinate BDEs within a very complex AOC OE
- Coalition Partners
- Inter Agency Partners
- Free thinking Near Peer Hybrid Threat within a complex OE
- WMD-E Operations
- Integration of Cyber and Space Operations
- Media
Exercise Design / DATE

WFX in Decisive Action Training Environment

- **MET Focused:** Training focused on developing core warfighting competencies ICW unit training objectives
- Three separate Operating Environments (Caspian Sea, Korea and Pirtuni) with tailorable PMESII-PT and METT-TC
- Operational Environments adjustable to matching current, emerging threats and conditions
  - 80% Simulation / 20% MSEL
  - Free-thinking hybrid threat (Conventional, Cyber, and IO)
- Austere theater of operation (Forcible entry, undeveloped logistics infrastructure and LOCs)

Operational Environment Criteria

- Hybrid, peer/near-peer threat created through dynamic combinations of regular and irregular forces, criminal elements; capable of conducting conventional and unconventional operations
- Threat attack combinations: physical destruction + EW + cyber network attack
- Robust improvised weapons and niche technologies
  - EW, Cyber, C-UAS
- Substantial threat information gathering capabilities
  - SOF, UAS
- Capable of employing WMD
- Population with values, beliefs, norms and behaviors foreign from US culture
- Fragile nation state(s) requiring international response
- Complex physical terrain
- Substantial media controlling narrative issues (friendly/neural/advserarial)
- Anti-access, area denial (A2AD) activities
  - SA-20, SA-18
A *hybrid threat* is the diverse and dynamic combination of **regular** and **irregular forces** and/or **criminal elements** all unified to achieve mutually benefitting effects. – TC 7-100: *Hybrid Threat*, Nov 2010

**OPFOR**
- Accredited annually, TRADOC G2
- Exercise Design IAW TC 7-101
- Competitive, Peer / Near-peer, Free Thinking
- White Cell w/ Exercise Director adjusts OPTEMPO

**Hybrid Threat**
- Regular Military Forces
- Para-Military
- Irregular Forces
- Criminal Elements

**Mission Command**
- DPs ★ in time, space, at echelon
- Corps v. Division v. Brigade Fight

**Intel**
- Logical Narrative
- UAS, C-UAS
- Collection

**Fires (Shaping)**
- Lethal, Non-Lethal
- Target HVTs
- Anti-Access Capability (SA 20, SA 18)
- 1 x FA BN / BTG
- 1 x FA BDE / DTG
- 1 x SHORAD BDE / DIV
- 2 x AVN BDEs / Corps
- 1 x Dedicated AF Division (Composite – Fighter, Bomber, Ground Atk, Lift, SPF, Recon, EW)
- Electronic Warfare
- Deception
- Chemical

**Movement and Maneuver**
- Multiple BTGs and DTGs
- ABN, Light IN, Mech, AR
- Enablers
- Irregular Forces
- SOF

**Protection**
- Target HVTs, HPTL
- M, C-Mob, Survivability

**Sustainment**
- SPF, Irregular disrupt logistics
**Event Life Cycle**

**Initial Event Planning (W-330)**

- Training Objectives

**Main Event Planning (W-210)**

- Scenario

**Final Event Planning (W-100)**

- Structure

**WFX Academics**

- Mission Command Training (MCT) (CORPS: W-75) (DIV: W-60)

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- If CORPS TA with AC DIV TA (CORPS: W-60) (AC DIV: W-45)
- If CORPS TA with NG DIV TA (CORPS: W-75) (NG DIV: W-60)
- If only AC DIV TA (AC DIV: W-45)
- If only NG DIV TA (NG DIV: W-60)

**WFX (W-Day – W+10)**

**Unit Responsibilities**

- Provide exercise training objectives
- Assist developing scenarios to support training objectives at all echelons
- Review exercise scenario (playbook, competitive zones, areas of interest, etc.)
- Develop and issue operations order to subordinate units
- Identify and source required response cells
- Confirm tactical MTOE and provide UBL
- Resource MC systems, update software, and coordinate compatibility

- Conduct the exercise
  - Establish, man and conduct CP operations
  - Execute battle rhythm
  - Synchronize subordinate operations
  - Provide tactical C4I architecture
- Commander retains option to retrain tasks based on formal AAR feedback
- 8 days of training, with two formal AARs
- 24/7 continuous operations;
- Scenario follows OCONUS Unified Land Operations construct; seize, retain, exploit the initiative to gain and maintain relative position of advantage through Decisive Action—combinations of Offense, Defense and Stability tasks
- Modified to fit Commanders Training Objectives and desires
- Dynamic Scripting of Scenario
Observer Coach/Trainers

- LTC/Senior MAJs OC/T: Branch qualified, CGSC graduate, extensive field experience

- SFC-SGMs NCO OC/T: Battle Staff Course and United States Sergeants Major Academy Graduate

- Personally selected by Commander, MCTP and Chief of Operations Group (COG)

- Certified through a rigorous training program

- Subject Matter Expert (SME) on doctrine and in their specific Warfighting Functions

- Trained in providing feedback using the After-Action Review process

- Located at Unit CP’s/TOC’s to observe operations process