Director’s Corner

On 01 AUG 2015, CALL celebrated its 30th anniversary of providing lessons and best practices to the U.S. Army and our unified action partners.

CALL has a newly designed website with enhanced search features; please visit us at:  http://call.army.mil or send us a note.

We look forward to supporting you — the Warfighter — in the current fight, Force 2025, and years to come.

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JLOTS 15 Exercise

CALL deployed an analyst to the Republic of Korea (ROK), vicinity Anmyeon Beach, to conduct a collection of the Joint Logistics Over the Shore (JLOTS) 15 exercise. A CALL analyst teamed with lessons learned personnel from United States Pacific Command, U.S. Transportation Command; United States Forces, Korea (USFK); and the 7th Transportation Brigade–Expeditionary to collect observations and best practices. Over the course of the exercise, the analyst observed an amphibious assault by a ROK Marine Battalion, the laying of a ship-to-shore petroleum pipeline, and the off-loading of equipment over a Trident pier. Very good observations from the tactical to operational levels were collected. The 7th Trans Bde (EXP) Commander and the Expeditionary Strike Group THREE Deputy Commander were interviewed as part of the CALL collection. A newsletter will be written ICW USFK, the 19th Expeditionary Sustainment Command, and the 7th Trans BDE that will detail highlights of the exercise as well as lessons and best practices and will also feed our work on Set the Theater.

Conference of American Armies

Formed in 1960, the Conference of American Armies (CAA) is designed to promote cohesion, improve hemispheric security, and strengthen inter-American friendships on an army-to-army basis. The CAA conducts a two-year cycle of specialized conferences and exercises hosted by member armies. Accomplishments throughout the cycle are reviewed and presented to the army commanders at the end of the cycle at the Commanders Conference. The CAA agreements that come out of the Commanders Conference, although not legally binding, are highly respected by the commanders of the 20 member armies.
The CAA members are Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Peru, Trinidad and Tobago, United States, Uruguay, and Venezuela. The five observer armies of the CAA are Barbados, Belize, Guyana, Jamaica and Suriname. Two international military organizations also enjoy observer status. They are the Conference of Central American Armed Forces and the Inter-American Defense Board.

CALL will participate as an observer at the CAA in order to produce the first ever holistic publication dedicated to illustrating the critical importance of the Permanent Executive Secretariat of the Conference of American Armies program to the U.S. Army and its partner nations in the Western Hemisphere. All publications will be translated in Spanish and Portuguese and will be readily available to U.S. Army South partner nations.

United States/Jordan Regional Lessons Learned Conference (14–21 AUG)

COL Reese, CALL Director, led a CALL team to co-host the second annual United States/Jordan Regional Lessons Learned Conference, 14–21 AUG, in Amman, Jordan. Building from last year’s success, the conference generated increased global interest as seen in the 20-plus nations and organizations that attended.

Topics for this year’s conference were more focused on current operations (i.e., setting the theater, adaptive leadership, interoperability, and airspace management) and were presented by a panel of subject matter experts from various proponents and/or units currently operating in the United States Central Command and Africa Command theaters. Participation in this conference supports the Army Service component commands’ security cooperation efforts while expanding CALL’s international network for future collections and projects.

Unified Quest Historical Lessons Learned Workshop

CALL attended the Unified Quest Historical Lessons Learned Workshop hosted by the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory at its Collaborative Analysis Center in Laurel, Md. This three-day workshop, sponsored by the Army Capabilities Integration Center, assembled distinguished historians and national security experts to analyze recent armed conflicts. The intent of the workshop was to gain a richer understanding of the operating environments, missions, and underlying political contexts of these conflicts and to identify historical lessons that may have relevance for future Army force design. A CALL analyst researched, wrote, and presented a peer-reviewed historical lessons learned paper on Operation Cast Lead for the Greater Middle East panel. Another CALL analyst participated on the North Africa and Beyond Panel, and in this role was able to highlight CALL’s work with regionally aligned forces and Army Service component commands.

Talisman Saber 15

CALL recently collected and analyzed lessons learned and best practices in Australia at the Talisman Saber ’15 (TS ’15) exercise, with I Corps as the primary training audience. TS ’15
provided a great opportunity, and model, to simultaneously collect at a combined, joint, and multi-echeloned training event, with CALL teams at the coalition forces land component commander (CFLCC) headquarters in Brisbane (Australian augmentation to I Corps) and at the “Australian NTC” (Shoalwater Bay Training Area). The event included the 25th Infantry Division Tactical Operations Center and separate U.S. and Australian brigades augmented by a New Zealand infantry company.

Interoperability was a primary theme on this dual-purpose collection. CALL focused on three distinct areas of interoperability: joint, with an actively participating 7th Fleet as the JTF and other Active Component commands; multinational (U.S., AUS, NZ); and civil-military, with the groundbreaking introduction of an embedded Australian-U.S. Crisis Response Coordination Group. The collection informed the annual American, British, Canadian, Australian and New Zealand Armies’ Program Lessons Review Board and U.S. Army Lessons Learned Forum. It also contributed to a pending CFLCC Initial Impressions Report.

Joint Readiness Training Center

The Joint Readiness Training Center’s opposing force unit assisted in training and integrating Senegal forces to support foreign security force and regionally aligned force training goals. Senegalese Soldiers conducted training in reception, staging, onward movement, and integration; rotational briefings; and the military decisionmaking process prior to entry operations. The Senegalese Soldiers then shadowed U.S. Soldiers while working with host nation security forces operating in training area Dara Lam. Training culminated with the rotational training unit and the Senegalese conducting link-up in preparation for unilateral and bilateral operations. Upon the completion of after-action reviews, the Senegalese and Vermont National Guard Soldiers conducted a cultural day.

National Training Center

NTC continues to conduct tough, realistic, unified land operations with our unified action partners to prepare brigade combat teams and other units for combat. With the support of CALL, the NTC Operations Group is now disseminating lessons learned and best practices after each rotation to the rest of the Army. Previously, the lessons learned were distributed via hard-copy publications compiling lessons from a group of rotations. While these hard-copy publications will continue, the lessons learned now will also be available via the Joint Lessons Learned Information System (JLLIS) after each rotation.

Joint Multinational Readiness Center

JMRC Rotation 15-06, Allied Spirit II, featured 4,061 personnel and included units from eight countries – The United States (Army and Marine Corps), Canada, Czech Republic, Georgia, Italy, Serbia, and the United Kingdom. The Czech 7th Mechanized Infantry Brigade fielded an operational headquarters. Georgians used the training as a mission rehearsal exercise before deployment to Afghanistan. Czechs rail-loaded T72M4CZ tanks and employed them in the training area. The rotation featured night-time joint and partnered parachute drops.

Embedded Liaison Officer (ELNO) Program

CALL is offering the opportunity for Soldiers to serve in contingency locations in Kuwait and Africa as an embedded liaison officer (ELNO).

CALL is looking for quality officers and non-commissioned officers (MSG-SGM; WO2-WO5; CPT-LTC; COL [by exception]) to volunteers to fill ELNO positions. Tours are generally 365 days in duration and open to Soldiers in the following categories: AC, ARNG, USAR, IMA, and IRR.

CALL ELNO duties include (but are not limited to):
• Serve as the “face” of CALL to the supported command
• Integrate into the supported command’s staff functions to collaborate and integrate CALL’s support capability.
• Collect and disseminate lessons learned and best practices between lessons learned organizations
• Conduct focused collections for both CALL and the supported command.
• Serve as a subject-matter expert to teach coach, and mentor units in their collections of lessons learned.

If you are interested in applying for a position, you can call 913-684-9515 (DSN: 552) with questions or for additional information.

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