Concept for Cognitive Joint Force Entry

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Purpose / Outcome

**Purpose** - Present an overview of the concept of Cognitive Joint Force Entry (CJFE).

**Outcome** - Common framework on the argument for CJFE and its application to Campaigning.

*CJFE Challenge* - How do we achieve decisive influence in an environment that is increasingly ill-structured and intractable; yet is informationally interconnected --locally, regionally, and globally; but is shaped by complex factors of the Human Domain?
• CJFE Framework
• Cognitive Depth
• CJFE Outcomes
• CJFE Elements
• Way Ahead
CJFE addresses new challenges of the FOE and how we maximize relative combat power when we consider the physical, cognitive, and moral aspects within the Human Domain.

CJFE is achieved through persistent engagement, developing deep knowledge to create persistent influence and achieve decisive influence.

Not just a SOF task or Phase 0 (Zero) Shaping activity.

CJFE shapes the environment through persistent influence to achieve relative positional advantage to maintain and/or advance U.S. interests.

**End-State of CJFE**

- Achieve decisive influence to create conditions favorable for US activities.

Our challenge in an ill-structured Human Domain centric FOE is to shape the environment through persistent influence to achieve relative positional advantage to maintain and/or advance U.S. interests.
**ARSOF 2022**

**U.S. Army Special Operations Command**

**FOUNDATIONAL CONCEPTS FOR ARSOF**

**USASOC generates two different but mutually supporting forms of special operations**

- **Special Warfare**
  - UW
  - FID
  - PSYOP
  - CIMO
  - "When in doubt, get it out..."
  - Units capable of conducting sabotage, subversion, suspense, and surprise activities for extended periods in denied areas and surprise, assisting and training partner
  - UNCSS & Special Operations.
  - "Get to squeeze out uncertainty..."

- **Surgical Strike**
  - CT
  - CP
  - DA
  - Recovery Operations
  - Form of special force with the world's best trained and educated special operations soldiers capable of addressing uncertainty.

**ARSOF 2022 PRIORITY 1: INVEST IN HUMAN CAPITAL**

USASOC fields a diverse, regionally expert force with the world's best trained and educated special operations soldiers capable of addressing uncertainty.

**ARSOF 2022 PRIORITY 2: OPTIMIZE SOF/CJVM INTERDEPENDENCE**

**ARSOF 2022 PRIORITY 3: OPERATIONALIZE THE CONUS BASE**

- Regionally expert forces provide continuous, proactive, and responsive support to forward-deployed forces.

**ARSOF 2022 PRIORITY 4: DEVELOP SOF CAPABILITIES AT OPERATIONAL LEVEL**

USASOC forces provide expertise to enable operational-level headquarters in their efforts to tactically capabilities to regional or national strategies.

**FUTURE FORCE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS**

- USASOC develops the future force through mutually supporting processes that are fully integrated into broader Army and USSOCOM processes.

**USASOC Commander's Vision**

- Provide our nation the world's premier special operations units, capable of prosecuting the most sensitive special warfare campaigns and executing the most difficult surgical strike operations, while providing seamless and persistent special operations support to joint-force commanders worldwide.

**FUTURE THREATS**

- Persistent Challenges
- Unconventional Challenges

**EMERGING CHALLENGES**

- Unconventional Warfare
- Nontraditional Defense
- Stability Operations
- Counter-insurgency
- Support to MOC
- Counter-terrorism
- Combating WMD

**SPECIAL WARFARE**

- USASOC generates for a segment of the U.S. Army's Range of Military Operations

**DISCO MASTERS**

- THOUGHT LEADERS
- PROCESS MASTERS

**G9**

- ARSOF 2022
- Vision
- Priorities
- Capabilities
- ARSOF 2022
"By adopting the Three Warfares as an offensive weapon, the Chinese have side-stepped the coda of American military science. Our institutional apparatus and intellectual traditions are focused on a different phenomenon when we speak of, or think of, war."

- Office of Net Assessment

"The United States will pursue a new approach to Security Sector Assistance (SSA), and will strengthen its own capacity to plan, synchronize, and implement SSA through a deliberate and inclusive whole-of-government process that ensures alignment of activities and resources with our national security priorities."

- Presidential Policy Directive - SSA

"The diffusion among non-state and sub-national groups of advanced weaponry, and of information and communication capabilities historically held by nation-states will significantly increase the threat posed by irregular forms of warfare. The decline of the regulated nation state order and the increased prominence of Violent Extremist Organizations (VEOs) suggest that over the next few decades, individual empowerment may prove critical."

- National Intelligence Council

"The momentum of human interaction is reaching unprecedented levels; enabled by generational leaps in personal communication technologies and an associated social-media explosion,"

- United States Special Operations Command, Special Operations Forces Operating Concept
USASOC is Proponent for a Unique Set of Military Capabilities - Applicable Across the Range of Interagency Activities and Military Operations.

**Human Domain**

- Interagency Capabilities / Competencies Under Title 22 & 50
- Army Special Operations Force Core Competency
- Emerging ARSOF Capabilities / Competency

**Land Domain**

- Army Conventional Force Core Competency

**Framing ARSOF's Role Within the DIME Construct**

**DimE**

- Political Warfare
- FID / UW / CT / CP

**DiMe**

- Combined Arms Maneuver

**DIME**

- COIN / SFA / FID

**National Strategic direction provides Strategic Context** for the employment of the instruments of national power and defines the strategic purpose that guides employment of the military instrument of national power as part of a global strategy. (Joint Pub 3-0)
Generational Challenge:

- Local, regional, global influences
- Depth of time in cognitive terrain
- Complexity of the Human Domain

“The existence of these follow-on echelons gives the enemy a strong grip on the initiative which we must wrest from him and then retain in order to win.” - General (Ret) Donn A. Starry

We see a future environment with strategically gifted regional competitors - and their increased positioning in the cognitive space - and we see an environment defined by influence in its broadest application.

The next and following generations afford a marked advantage to those who control and influence them. Our challenge is to seize the operational initiative in the cognitive key terrain.
Our challenge in an ill-structured Human Domain centric FOE is to shape the environment through persistent influence to achieve relative positional advantage to maintain and/or advance U.S. interests.
Cognitive Joint Force Entry is a proactive, Human Domain-centered strategy that synchronizes and employs all components of the global information environment to predispose populations of a foreign country or countries to favorably view U.S. activities or operations.

Cognitive Security is described as a condition in an operating environment where favorable opinions and perceptions within a populace reduce risk to the force and to the mission. It is characterized by a non-hostile, neutral, or supportive disposition for current and future US activities. It is one aspect of security in its broadest form and specifically relates to the cognitive realm of opinion and perception.

Cognitive Resiliency is an internalized resistance within individuals and populations against opposing influences, which provides a reflexive rejection of adversary, threat, and competitor influence and information efforts.

Cognitive Depth is a dimension of the operating environment encompassing a populations' realm of perceptions, beliefs, opinions, and attitudes. It can have a global scope and includes the dimension of time.

Cognition is a general term of the higher mental processes by which people acquire knowledge, solve problems, and plan for the future. Cognitive functions include attention, perception, thinking, judgment, decision making, problem solving, memory and linguistic capability.
CJFE Way Ahead

U.S. ARMY SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND

- CJFE is not just a Phase 0 (Zero) task: applies across the ROMO and continuum of conflict
- Not a SOF-unique activity, includes IA
- Panning integration and campaign design: establish persistent presence and engagement to develop deep knowledge to create persistent influence and achieve decisive influence
- Address requirements: people, organizations, capabilities - to succeed
- Determine how an operationalized CONUS base can support
- Revisit doctrine, both service and joint
- Develop enhanced interdependency with all stakeholders
Comments

Questions

(CJFE White Paper:  [www.soc.mil](http://www.soc.mil) under AUSA)
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