



ARMY WARFIGHTING CHALLENGES

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Enduring first-order problems, the solutions to which improve the combat effectiveness of the current and future force.

1. Develop Situational Understanding

How to develop and sustain a high degree of situational understanding while operating in complex environments against determined, adaptive enemy organizations.

2. Shape the Security Environment

How to shape and influence security environments, engage key actors, and consolidate gains to achieve sustainable security outcomes in support of Geographic and Functional Combatant Commands and Joint requirements.

3. Provide Security Force Assistance

How to provide security force assistance to support policy goals and increase local, regional, and host nation security force capability, capacity, and effectiveness.

4. Adapt the Institutional Army and Innovate

How to improve the rate of innovation to drive capability development and deliver DOTMLPF-P solutions to the warfighter at a pace that meets operational demand within the existing constraints of the acquisition and budgeting processes.

5. Counter Weapons of Mass Destruction

How to prevent, reduce, eliminate, and mitigate the use and effects of weapons of mass destruction (WMD) and chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and high yield explosives (CBRNE) threats and hazards on friendly forces and civilian populations.

6. Conduct Homeland Operations

How to operate across multiple domains and with multiple partners to defend the homeland and mitigate the effects of attacks and disasters.

7. Conduct Space and Cyber Electromagnetic Operations and Maintain Communications

How to assure uninterrupted access to critical communications and information links (satellite communications [SATCOM], positioning, navigation, and timing [PNT], and intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance [ISR]) across a multi-domain architecture when operating in a contested, congested, and competitive operating environment.

8. Enhance Realistic Training

How to train Soldiers and leaders to ensure they are prepared to accomplish the mission across the range of military operations while operating in complex environments against determined, adaptive enemy organizations.

9. Improve Soldier, Leader and Team Performance

How to develop resilient Soldiers, adaptive leaders, and cohesive teams committed to the Army professional ethic that are capable of accomplishing the mission in environments of uncertainty and persistent danger.

10. Develop Agile and Adaptive Leaders

How to develop agile, adaptive, and innovative leaders who thrive in conditions of uncertainty and chaos and are capable of visualizing, describing, directing, and leading and assessing operations in complex environments and against adaptive enemies.

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11. Conduct Air-Ground Reconnaissance and Security Operations

How to conduct effective air-ground combined arms reconnaissance and security operations to develop the situation rapidly in close contact with the enemy and civilian populations.

12. Conduct Joint Expeditionary Maneuver and Entry Operations

How to project forces, conduct forcible and early entry, and transition rapidly to offensive operations to ensure access and seize the initiative.

13. Conduct Wide Area Security

How to establish and maintain security across wide areas (wide area security) to protect forces, populations, infrastructure, and activities necessary to shape security environments, consolidate gains, and set conditions for achieving policy goals.

14. Ensure Interoperability and Operate in a Joint, Interorganizational and Multinational Environment

How to integrate joint, interorganizational, and multinational partner capabilities and campaigns to ensure unity of effort and accomplish missions across the range of military operations.

15. Conduct Joint Combined Arms Maneuver

How to conduct combined arms air-ground maneuver to defeat enemy organizations and accomplish missions in complex operational environments.

16. Set the Theater, Sustain Operations, and Maintain Freedom of Movement

How to set the theater, provide strategic agility to the joint force, and maintain freedom of movement and action during sustained and high tempo operations at the end of extended lines of communication in austere environments.

17. Integrate Fires

How to coordinate and integrate Army and JIM fires, and conduct targeting across all domains to defeat the enemy and preserve freedom of maneuver and action across the range of military operations.

18. Deliver Fires

How to deliver fires to defeat the enemy and preserve freedom of action across the range of military operations.

19. Exercise Mission Command

How to understand, visualize, describe, and direct operations consistent with the philosophy of mission command to seize the initiative over the enemy and accomplish the mission across the range of military operations.

20. Develop Capable Formations

How to design Army formations capable of rapidly deploying and conducting operations for ample duration and in sufficient scale to accomplish the mission.

Army Warfighting Challenges Online:

- Public site (not requiring a CAC or password) at: <http://www.arcic.army.mil/Initiatives/army-warfighting-challenges.aspx>
- Learn more at the NIPRNet milWiki site: <https://www.milsuite.mil/wiki/AWFC>
- Collaborate at milBook at: <https://www.milsuite.mil/book/groups/army-warfighting-challenge-awfc-group>
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