



# ARMY WARFIGHTING CHALLENGES

Enduring First Order Problems, the Solutions to Which Will Improve Current and Future Force Combat Effectiveness

## 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

How to maintain an agile Institutional Army that ensures combat effectiveness of the total force, supports other Services, fulfills DoD and other agencies' requirements, ensures quality of life for Soldiers and families, and possesses the capability to surge (mobilize) or expand (strategic reserve) the active Army.

## 5. Counter Weapons of Mass Destruction

How to prevent, reduce, eliminate, and mitigate the use and effects of WMD and CBRNE threats and hazards on friendly forces and civilian populations.

## 6. Conduct Homeland Operations

How to conduct homeland operations to defend the Nation against emerging threats.

## 7. Conduct Space and Cyber Electromagnetic Operations and Maintain Communications

How to assure uninterrupted access to critical communications and information links (Satellite communications; Positioning, Navigation and Timing; and Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance) across a multi-domain architecture when operating in a contested, congested and competitive operating environment.

## 8. Enhance 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.



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## **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, leading and assessing operations in complex environments and against adaptive enemies.

## **11. Conduct Air-Ground Reconnaissance**

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

## **12. Conduct 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) in coordination with other military and civilian capabilities to protect forces, populations, infrastructure, and activities necessary to shape security environments, consolidate gains, and set conditions for achieving strategic and policy goals.

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

How to integrate Joint, Interorganizational, and Multinational partner capabilities and interagency campaigns to ensure unity of effort and accomplish missions across the range of military operations.

## **15. Conduct 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 maneuver and 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 operating to achieve missions across the range of military operations.