

# Unified Operations – Underlying Logic Version 9.2

### Anticipated Operational Environment

- US must project power into region, opposed
- US must seize at least one base of operations (maybe more)
- Threat of WMD will require dispersal of US forces and decentralized operations
- Size of theater (space and population) will exceed US ability to control

To cope with these, we must...

### Unified Action

Central idea: synchronization, coordination, and/or integration of the activities of governmental and non-governmental entities with military operations to achieve unity of effort (JP 1)

### Unified Operations

Seize, retain, and exploit the **initiative** to gain and maintain a position of relative advantage in sustained land operations in order to create the conditions for favorable conflict resolution

Executed through...

#### Full Spectrum Operations

Offense Defense Stability

By means of...

#### Army Core Competencies

Combined Arms Maneuver Wide Area Security

Guided by...

#### Mission Command

### Terms

**Campaign** - a military action, consisting of two or more related operations, designed to achieve a strategic objective

**Operation** - a military action, consisting of two or more related tactical actions, designed to achieve a strategic objective, in whole or in part

**Tactical action** - a battle or engagement, employing lethal and/or non-lethal actions, designed for a specific purpose relative to the enemy, the terrain, friendly forces, or other entity. Tactical actions include such widely varied activities as an attack to seize a piece of terrain or destroy an enemy unit, the defense of a population, and the training of other militaries to assist security forces as part of building partner capacity.

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To do this, we must...

1. Develop operations characterized by integration within Unified Action, lethality, adaptability, depth, and synchronization

#### Tenets of Unified Operations

Integration  
Lethality  
Adaptability  
Depth  
Synchronization

2. Cognitively link tactical actions to strategic objectives

#### Operational Art

The pursuit of strategic objectives, in whole or in part, through the arrangement of tactical actions in time, space, and purpose

3. Organize effort within a commonly understood construct

#### Operations Structure

Provide a broad process for planning and executing operations

#### Operations Process

Army Design Methodology  
MDMP  
TLP

Prep/Execute/Assess

Provide basic options for visualizing and describing operations

#### Operations Framework

Decisive-Shaping-Sustaining  
Deep-Close-Security  
Main-Supporting Efforts

Provide intellectual organization for common critical tasks

#### War Fighting Functions

Mission Command  
Movement and Maneuver  
Intelligence  
Fires  
Sustainment  
Protection