

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

FM 3-0 Operations

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.

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